

Minton Farm

Animal Rescue Centre



Our aim is to assist the conservation of the natural diversity of life on Earth.

Newsletter

December 2014

9400 Intensive Care Rescues

Another whirlwind Spring/Summer season has brought in a myriad of rescues from kangaroos, koalas, echidnas and possums, to lizards, ducklings and rosellas, bringing our total rescues handled in the intensive care unit to 9,400, plus an equal amount assisted via web, phone, email and Facebook rescues now days! Most have been impacted upon by humans, pets, cars, mowers etc. Young koalas are already presenting with kidney failure after only one hot day! If you can provide water for distressed koalas at the base of a tree you will be helping them to survive. We now have a blood testing facility that can diagnose the extent of kidney damage suffered, which has been fantastic to assist with the long term prognosis for these animals. The consumables needed to run these tests are zz expensive but in the best interests of each individual animal. I hope you have been able to follow the rescues progress on our Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre Facebook page and our website www.mintonfarm.org which is regularly updated by Mick Shaw. Thanks Mick.

Taronga Zoo Training

I recently attended a TACTIC training workshop at Taronga Zoo, demonstrating the value of educating animals to improve their quality of life. I was able to see first-hand the rescue work that was carried out as an adjunct to the Zoo work, and felt very privileged to be welcomed by the Vets and Staff.

A Special Thanks

Thanks also to the neighbours who have brought gum for the injured koalas- a never ending task! We have 4 in at the moment that consume a large amount between them. There is a 540 gram boy who was running along Kenihans Road heading toward Main South Road!; a young female with kidney issues; a young aggressive boy with an injured hind leg from a car impact; and little Mandy (400gms) now weighing in over 3.5kgs! Should you have some fresh gum available please cut the end tips about 2 or 3 foot long and place it immediately into a drum of water, otherwise the koalas won't eat it! Thanks.

Garage Sale

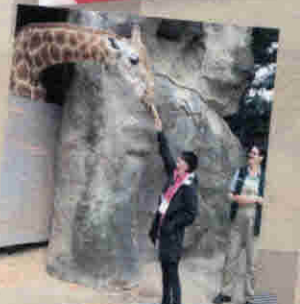
Thank you to all who donated, attended, supported our recent garage sale. It was a huge success. I am sorting books, clothes etc that were not sold, into a more organised fashion, so next year it will be easier to view the goods for sale! Should you wish to donate anything towards next years' sale, you are welcome to bring it anytime and we will store it in anticipation! Thanks.

Lottery

Many of you have bought tickets from us for the 2014 Channel Nine Telethon Distinctive Home and Land Lottery, and the Take Nine Movie deal in an effort to support our work. We are deeply grateful to you all for your investment and have found it to be a worthwhile exercise despite the workload that accompanies it! We have been granted charity mail status, but to avail ourselves of this we need a data base of at least 450 addresses to give to a mail centre to barcode the envelopes. I don't have the hours in the day to do this and need a person who is willing to enter my data onto a computer list. Can you help? In addition to this we need help to enter financial data onto a data base to be accountable for the collections for charitable purposes licence that we have been granted. Can anyone help please? Any

Bank SA Support

Bank SA have an exciting new program that they have offered to us in an effort to support the Rescue Centre. You can get a home loan that helps Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre. When you take out a new home loan or move your existing home loan to BankSA, mention the Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre and they'll give an agreed % of the settled loan amount as a commission to help support us. Speak to the local lending manager: Vicki Knuckey on 08 8370 5145 or email her on knuckeyv@banksa.com.au We are very excited to be asked to participate and look forward to your support in future years with this fantastic project.





Thanks again to Mark Burns from L.J.Hookers Blackwood, who is kindly collecting food for:

Christmas Cheer for our Animal Friends

For the Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre Christmas Appeal

Ever wondered what an injured kangaroo or galah wants for Christmas? You'll be surprised to find out that a few weetbix, some dry dog food or a cup of muesli would be on their list.

Kicking off this November local Adelaide Hills business, L.J Hooker Blackwood will run their Christmas Appeal to support the wholly volunteer team at Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre, located in Cherry Gardens.

This wonderful self-funded organisation works to support native and injured animals back to health. At this time of the year while we all enjoy our festive holidays, this team feels the pressure of an increased number of animal rescues, caused in part by the increased traffic on the roads.

Mark Burns of L.J Hooker Blackwood and Bev Langley of Minton Farm Animal Rescue announced this year's Christmas Appeal which will be the third with the goal of increasing the value of food donated to more than \$5,000 - or two ute loads! Last year the local community filled one ute load, so the challenge is now on.

Support Minton Farm by donating a range of various foods which are suitable for their sick or injured animals such as All Bran, Muesli, Rolled Oats, Weetbix, Dry dog food or bird seeds. Other useful donations include Canesten laundry disinfectant, strong garbage bags, detergent, baby wipes, tissues, face washers, t-towels, and hand towels.

Dry dog food makes welcome comfort for the bettongs, with muesli or weetbix for the orphaned kangaroo youngsters.

"L.J.Hooker are proud to again co-ordinate this year's Christmas Appeal providing a convenient drop off point under the Christmas Tree at L.J Hooker Blackwood during business hours. Bev and her team do an amazing job on a shoe string budget with no state government support. Every dollar we can save them on food over the Christmas break can be spent investing back in the Rescue Centre" said Mark Burns, Principal of L.J Hooker Blackwood

"After Christmas it's all hands on deck for our team as they care for injured animals and this valuable support makes our work easier by freeing up essential resources for the Rescue Centre" said Bev Langley of Minton Farm.

Anyone interested in donating food can drop them off at two collection points up till Christmas Eve:

- During business hours at L.J Hooker Blackwood, 227 Main Road, Blackwood, or
- Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre, 455 Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens (can drop off 24/7 in the drop off cages at the front of the centre)

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We wish you all a Happy, safe Christmas Season and look forward to providing our free community service to you next year, as we work together to conserve and improve the natural diversity of our beautiful location and beyond that we all call "Home".