

# Minton Farm

ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE

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



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At just \$19 each, Take 9 Movie Cards will save you over \$200, allowing you to see nine great movies at only \$9 a session. You get two free movies plus a bag of Fruchocs to boot and a chance to win a Wallis Gold Pass! And you're supporting Minton Farm with over half of the proceeds donated helping us to continue our free community service. Just fill in the order form (overleaf) and we'll send you the cards.



### NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2012

Hello to you all in 2013!

We've had a busy Summer season with many interesting and rewarding rescues and releases since our last newsletter. The Centre has had the addition of large new hay shed, with the help of Rosalie Howard after she saw a segment on the "Can we help" program aired in Canberra about Minton Farm's animal rescue work, when she kindly decided she wanted to assist the Centre. We are very grateful to her.

Many koala rescues have been performed and the new microscope has been invaluable to ascertain their kidney function. Many have been put to sleep, one of which was a very old male who had worn his teeth out and couldn't digest the leaf matter anymore. A little girl koala from Reynella was happily released into suitable habitat one weekend and has been doing well once again after being found on the ground at a local school. Several koalas, adult and babies came in with dehydration. Please put out shallow bowls of water for them to drink and/or sit in and put the sprinkler on like we do for our red roos, birds, pigs and poultry. It can really make the difference between life and death for our wildlife in extreme heat!

A boobook owl came in from Rose Park Vets, with a massive headache from concussion. It could only open its eyes halfway. After a week of R & R here, it was eating two chicks at a time and rearing to go home flying high into the 30' flight cage with great enthusiasm! When the weather was cooler we took her back into her territory once again.

A baby sparrow hawk arrived covered in downy fluff. He looked like a mini adult with a short tail in such a short time, only a matter of 2 weeks. If I hadn't been feeding him and watching him grow, I would not believe it was the same bird. He went home to his family being able to rip his own food up and fly like a hawk.

A segment on Minton Farm went to air on March 27th and featured our wedgetail eagle, 'Miru' and her adventures! The show called BTN Extra on ABC3 which is sometimes channel 23 on digital TV also featured the Farm.



There have been many more cat and dog attacks again. A mother ringy died and a tiny 40 gram baby had blood stained urine and died from internal injuries too. Another ringy baby the same size came in during the night riddled with cat tooth holes and its mouth full of dirt from being dragged around during the night. He's on antibiotics and trying to survive. A brushtail possum was crushed by a lady's dog and was DOA with a pinkie attached to its teat in her pouch. She has some bruising on her back leg so we will see if there is internal damage. The last few months have been off the scale with ringtail possum babies and birds attacked and tortured by cats that are outside "playing" in the warmer weather. Several died within minutes of arrival after suffering long hours of pain and suffering just to amuse the cat. Please keep cats inside especially in the warm evenings when the wildlife is already under stress trying to cope with dehydration.





An echidna was brought here from Meningie after being hit by a car and left spinning on its back, until a semi drove over the top of it and the wind flipped it back onto its feet!!! It has some broken spines, but recovered quickly to be able to dig over the entire enclosure overnight. It was driven back to Meningie and released into a safer spot within a week.



A delightful little sleepy lizard was found next to his deceased mother on a road. He was in intensive care with fluids and vitamins, and on heat and a UV light. He gradually gained strength and a fine membrane of skin flaked off his body. I think he was probably born early as a result of his mother's demise. He has befriended 4 other lizards and basks happily in the sun with them in an outside tank.



I had a swamp harrier here to strengthen his flight muscles in our 30 foot long shade cloth lined flight cage for a fellow rescuer. He had been hit by a car and a vet mended the broken wing with a s/s pin. After 2 weeks of flight time in our 30' shade cloth lined flight he was flying well having built up his flight muscles again. The vet removed the pin from his wing and he was driven home where he took off enthusiastically up into the trees to his family.



A western grey joey which weighed 280 grams, tried valiantly to survive after its' mother was killed by a train. Unfortunately the bruising and damage to his throat prevented him from swallowing and he passed away overnight. At least we gave him a chance greater than lying on the hot railway line.



A dear little ringtail was electrocuted on the powerlines and received burns to all 4 legs. Her feet were bandaged and treated daily to the point that she had recovered so well that I was able to put her into an aviary out of intensive care after weeks of rehab. She's looking good.

Our beautiful marambas, gentle giants, love their brush from our grandkids and volunteers. We haven't lost a single creature to foxes since we've had them.

Sincere thanks to all who donated seed and cereal for the recent Minton Farm Food Appeal. The produce is invaluable with a high volume of rescues needing housing here at the moment.

The Appeal was a huge success thanks to the support of Mark Burns from Blackwood L J Hooker. He was the instigator of the appeal and deserves your support. Should you be considering buying/selling your home I can recommend his integrity. Thanks everyone for your involvement and support.

Grants for seniors financed PVC café blinds to be installed on both sides of the volunteer lunchroom. These will enable us to open the area up to let the breeze through on a hot day and then close it in to keep us warm and dry in the winter. We have ordered them through Australian Outdoor Living who I can recommend as they have given us a great deal to help us out.



This young Falcon was hit by a train at Callington. He broke a leg and ruptured an eye, but after lots of pain relief and strapping he is able to stand on both legs and can even lie down and then stand up on his own. He had been balancing on one leg and using his tail to hold him up all week, but is eating well. Nature truly is amazing!

We're thrilled at the generosity of our WHO Adelaide supporters who are running a WHOopons deal to raise money for us. Thanks to Jo for printing this newsletter and to Andy Scott for collating its contents.

I have been sending birds and marsupials to Roseworthy University for the 4th and 5th year students to have experience in handling, examining and anaesthetising these species. During March and April my wonderful volunteers have dedicated their time to driving 7 to 8 specimens to Roseworthy and back a total of seven times. They are are doing a wonderful job producing skilled vets capable of treating wildlife in the future.

On the subject of volunteers, we'd like women for our Thursday program, and men for our Tuesday program. Please consider trying it out. We work in a team of 10 on both days from 10am to 2pm. There is much laughter, and coffee drinking in among a very productive, satisfying day. Just give me a call on **0422 938 439** to book in.

Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre has been fortunate enough to be accepted as a Channel 9 Telethon Charity. We are participating in the Take 9 Movie Card offer to raise funds for our rescue centre. Please consider buying one or two of these marvellous cards for only \$19 (order form below) which will save you over \$200 and allow you to see 9 great movies at only \$9 a session. You get two free movies, a bag of Fruchocs plus a chance to win a Wallis Gold Pass! Cool huh! And you are supporting us with over half of the proceeds donated to Minton Farm helping us continue our free community service.



On behalf of little Pinkie (above) thanks so very much for all of your interest and support. Bev Langley.

*Minton Farm has rescued over 8,600 injured and orphaned native animals and birds; from wombats, kangaroos and koalas to kookaburras, owls and eagles. The aim is to rehabilitate and release wildlife back into their territories as soon as possible as a free community service. The Centre operates solely on donations, volunteers and goodwill. Money raised from purchasing a Take 9 Movie Card will assist Minton Farm to purchase much needed equipment for their Intensive Care Unit.*

## Sponsor an Animal

Annual sponsorship of an animal costs just \$35. Please send your contact details, cheque or money order and the type of animal you wish to sponsor to:

Minton Farm Animal Rescue  
455 Cherry Gardens Road  
Cherry Gardens SA 5157  
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Hospital fund donations can be made to Bank SA:

BSB: 105 078  
Account number: 056 591 840

Account name:  
Minton Farm Rescue Centre  
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