

Minton Farm

Animal Rescue Centre

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

Newsletter

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Howdy!

We've kept ourselves busy during the cold, wet winter, cementing pathways through to the birds of prey enclosures and the poultry runs as well as completing the fundraising shed with a concrete floor and lovely new shelving for books, clothes and bric a brac! We are in the process of displaying goods ready for a garage sale which we will hold in warmer weather. We'd welcome any items in good order that you would like to donate to raise funds for the animal rescue centre.



Possum magic!

We had a Mum ringtail possum with two tiny, pink pouch young. She came in from Blackwood Vet with a split bottom lip and was taken back to her territory and released after a week of R & R here. She would have been happy to scamper off into the bushes in her own territory again to raise her twins. Another adult ringtail possum was brought here in a very debilitated state, with pale gums and blood in his mouth. He absolutely blossomed whilst here, putting on weight, growing beautiful fur, eating well and being very active. He looked a picture of health in no time and was returned home during lovely mild weather to fulfil his role in our environmental biodiversity. Good luck to him. A set of ringtail twins were also returned to their territory, as well as a juvenile brush tail possum this week, after they met with misadventure!



The brawny Tawny!

I had a tawny frogmouth come in that I took to the vet for an X-ray because of a swelling in one wing. It wasn't hanging down but the bird couldn't fly. The wingbone was broken and had calcified together while I had it strapped. She started flying up onto perches and across the aviary once the strapping was removed, so it looked like the bones had calcified and strengthened the break. Amazing!!! In another week she was strong enough to go home to her family!



Where's my mum?

A tiny and frozen cold koala came in weighing 850 grams, so I'm just warming it up before we treat it. She was found on the ground with no mum and very unhappy with her ears down low, which means she was miserable. What a night it was to be out in the cold alone!



I'd never had such a starving baby koala before!

Matilda bit, tore and ripped at the teat to get the formula as she was soooooo hungry and took 20mls without stopping. I gave her another feed about 11pm. She slowly felt better after a feed, toileting and feeling warm and safe snuggling on her teddy. I reckoned it would take a while to get her confidence and calm her down to feel safe again. I hate to think what hell this little one had been through! She was a different creature within 2 days, happily munching leaves and eagerly drinking her bottle and she hasn't looked back!

Mandy's growing

Well koalas are full of surprises!!! Mandy who came in at 400 grams and now weighs 2kgs, had a tummy ache and was quite unwell just out the blue, and the koala in our hospital was running around his cage after demolishing his gum as if nothing was wrong with him after severe concussion from a car impact!!! You just never know!!!!???

I was able to analyse her urine under our microscope and take a photo of it to send off to the Zoo Vets. They confirmed there was blood in it which indicated a urinary infection. 4 days of treating Mandy seemed like a month of struggle, but after one day on antibiotics she gained weight, and was almost keen to see her bottle and keen to take critical care and gum paste. I was exhausted...an emotional roller coaster ride but we were winning the battle! She decided she didn't want her formula in a bottle with a teat anymore for some reason and now happily drinks it straight from a syringe. Go figure? Whatever makes them happy.

Brave little koala

I had a little boy koala come in last night that was hit by a car. The jaw was very swollen and the mouth blood filled, so I had it x-rayed at Blackwood Vet. Luckily he had no broken bones or skull damage so we kept him on anti inflammatory injections until he felt better, then got him eating and on the road to recovery with confidence. He was a very lucky little boy to go home unscathed after a remarkable recovery. The swelling was gone, he was eating well and his attitude had returned!



The floating echidna!

Animals sure do some strange things! A little echidna climbed into our kangaroo enclosure, over a 6' fence with an outrigger for fox proofing! It then climbed up into a water trough and fell into the water and was found lying on its back floating in it! At least it had a snorkel to breathe! It was 'dried out' and rereleased in the bottom of our property a couple of days later. Wouldn't believe it if I hadn't seen it.

Happy tortoises

Best invention ever! Equi-thane super fast hoof repairer that I had mailed in from Perth! A tortoise was brought here after being run over by a car. It had holes drilled through the shell and wire twitched through it by a Vet. After pain killers and antibiotic treatment, I removed the wire and replaced it with material which seals the wounds and strengthens the shell immediately. She went home again to a lovely dam in Oakbank and the old shell will be shed when its ready.

We received another tortoise with a fish hook in its mouth from Frank Smith dam. We removed the hook and gave it antibiotics for a couple of days then took it back and released it into the most idyllic home a tortoise could have! My husband and I followed it up by sharing chips with the seagulls watching the sunset at Sealcliff, then watched the moon eclipse on the way home!

Please check pouches

We received a tiny kangaroo that was found in its' dead mothers pouch locally. He had his mother's blood dried over his face, and was very cold, indicating that he was there for quite some time. He fed well, but had bruising on his hip and was breathing heavily, indicating internal damage and pain. The bruising came out overnight, and unfortunately he passed away. Please check the pouches of roos you may hit or see lying on the roads. Early intervention will prevent pneumonia and lower stress levels in the joey.

Knocked out frogmouth

A Tawny Frogmouth came in with severe concussion after being hit on a road at Edithburgh where he was probably chasing mice from the plague in a cars' headlights! He fully recovered after a week of r & r and he was returned to his home, away from the road.

Koala in water again!

We received this koala a couple of days ago after it fell into a swimming pool, was retrieved, then fell in again! It was sodden to the bone and very angry! She pulled up well and was super keen to be home again in the sunshine today. We put her in some beautiful gums a street away from the pool in the hope that she has learnt her lesson!

Male koala's and cars!

We took the old boy koala home that came from the Stirling exit after being hit by a car. He had some head injury and was here for a week or so on pain killers. He was pretty angry about it all and blamed me when he fell from the branches with a dizzy head for a while! Eventually he accepted that I was a friend and allowed me to enter his space and assist him to hold the leaves I gave him. Eventually he was able to climb and demolish all that I gave him, so we took him to a quiet cul-de-sac surrounded by beautiful gums and allowed him to quietly climb a gum in his own time. He did so with ease and immediately reached out and pulled the fresh gum leaves toward his mouth. Just marvellous!

Rested kookaburra

A male kookaburra had been hit by a car and was then being attacked by a magpie, as they do. A neighbour caught it and brought it up for some r & r. After some pain killers and a night in the warm, he progressed to a flight aviary where he flew beautifully. I took him home and as the body language shows he was quite indignant and abusive for our troubles, then flew like a rocket up into the gums!!!

Yellow Tail Black Cockatoo

We took a beautiful young Yellow Tail Black Cockatoo home to Hahndorf after a week of feeding up. She couldn't wait to fly off from my hands, not stopping to even perch on the tree branch! She flew off strongly to the sounds of her family calling her in the nearby trees, even though we couldn't see them. Just marvellous!

Channel 9 Telethon

Thank you to everyone that supported the Channel 9 Telethon Distinctive Home and Land Lottery last year. It was a huge success and a major fund raiser to support the Animal Rescue Centre. This year we will be selling the Channel 9 Telethon Distinctive Home and Land lottery tickets again for a furnished home at Playford Alive, valued at over \$450,000 or \$250,000 cash. Donated by Distinctive Homes, Playford Alive, Taste Furniture and Supreme Kitchens. Second Prize; \$20,000 cash. Book Buyers Prize; \$10,000 cash.

At Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre we assist all species of wildlife needing to be rescued, rehabilitated and released. Recently we have had a large volume of koalas coming into care. Consequently, this year we are fundraising to improve our facilities for koalas. We hope you are able to assist us with this much needed, worthwhile cause.

Why not buy your tickets online at www.mintonfarm.org/channel-9-telethon-distinctive-home-and-land-lottery.html

Thank you for your support! Bev x



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