

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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About Minton Farm

Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre has run since 1992 as a free community service to assist native animals. Over the years the work the Centre has done with koalas has increased exponentially. Being such a unique and specialized species their care and rehab is often time consuming and intense. We aim to raise funds to assist the koala rehabilitation and the intensive care unit to buy medical equipment. This will be used to assess injuries to koalas, echidnas, birds, possums and more! With your help we can assess the viability of their rehabilitation and guarantee a successful outcome for released injured wildlife. What a blessing for 1,000's of creatures, which you have personally helped by your donation. We've had a busy start to the year with our first Indiegogo crowd funding campaign raising \$7,900 toward a new hospital facility, and involvement with the Sampson Flat fires through SAVEM Inc.

Blue Tongue

After months of rehab at Minton Farm, our lovely blue tongue lizard has gone home again. It arrived with a gaping cavity completely through its body to the other side, full of maggots of varying ages. How it pulled through is a miracle, and worth every minute! Another has arrived with its jaw infected and rotting away. I treated it for a fungal infection and he has improved amazingly, with all the pale blotches on his scales disappearing within a week!

Hello Possums!

An adult ringtail possum came in from Blackwood Vet one night with a bone through its arm and the foot dead and dried up. We had the arm removed and got some medications into it and it is looking good. Just imagine the hell it had been through for the past few weeks. She recovered from the operation well and managed to climb along branches and live a good quality life in captivity. Three little girl ringtail possums arrived, the smallest no bigger than my thumb, at 45 grams and feeds like a fish!! The middle sized (59 grams) eats apple like a pro and the largest (95 grams) ran up a man's leg in the middle of the night!!! They have all survived their setbacks.

Close call for a Koala

With koalas competing with urban sprawl their reasons for coming into the Centre are so varied: some are orphaned, victims of fire, hit by cars, kidney failure, disease, sarcoptic mange, dog attacks, loss of habitat and the list goes on. On 16th November late in the evening, a very distressed member of the community called the Centre to say they had unfortunately been unable to stop for a koala on the road, and could they bring it to us. We were expecting the worst and to our surprise instead of the koala having been run over by the car, it had rolled up into the cars' grill! The koala was conscious but clearly in distress and in some discomfort after the severe impact. Fortunately after an extensive check-up, she had not sustained any breaks (which was a miracle in itself!), but had many abrasions and inflammation. She underwent a week of treatment at the Centre and was strong, fit and hungrily eating the fresh juicy gum leaves we gave her. (juvenile eucalypt leaves are like koala chocolate!) She was returned to her territory unscathed by the experience, thanks to Minton Farm. These stories are what makes the work so worthwhile. Our wildlife have to compete with so many pressures today and it is such a pleasure to be able to give these animals the second chance they deserve.

Onsite Hospital Facility

I am absolutely ecstatic to announce that the hospital facility has been erected onsite and we are now fund raising to purchase shelving to store the medical supplies and linen kindly donated by you! Thank you so very much! I look forward to an exciting and fulfilling year ahead working with you, and for you, as we strive to improve our wildlife's quality of life.

Baby Galah

A baby galah from an oil spill was bathed (so has the cupboards, floors, glasses and me!!) and recuperating on heat with activated charcoal, antibiotics and vitamins. I think I will have a shower and get dry too!!!! He did a good job flapping in the water to remove the oil as you can see by the color of the water afterwards! He was rereleased a week later when he was strong, eating and flying. His family were waiting for him to return and welcomed him home!





Mandy

I visited my dear koala Mandy now at Cleland for Easter. Oddly enough after raising her from 400 grams for over the past year and at the risk of being anthropomorphic, I felt I should take her flowers or chocolates or something?????? (Just like visiting my elderly parents in their nursing homes!) She jumped over to the branch near me. She quietly gazed deep into my eyes for a while. I rubbed her lovely little pot belly, held her hand and sang a Rod Stewart song to her and she folded her arms into her belly and lowered her head in complete oneness. There were no words, just to be was enough and irreplaceable! (Despite my husband's voice saying "Now I've seen everything- unbelievable!"). I'm so glad she is safe, warm and well fed particularly with the current weather conditions.



Help our Aussie wildlife

Monies donated will not be used for any other purpose - there are no admin costs etc that can consume donations, as I do it myself with the help of volunteers. There is a Trust Fund set up for the specific purpose of achieving our goal, receipts are mailed to you with regular newsletters throughout the year for donations \$35 or more. There is a PayPal account, direct debit to BSB 105 078 ACCT 056591840, and eftpos is available too! It is as easy as possible to help you to help our Aussie wildlife to survive in our not so wildlife friendly world.



Rainbow Lorikeet

A rainbow lorikeet, fell twice from his nest and was covered in ants. Luckily I was just unpacking some donated medications and found exactly what he needed! He warmed up in an incubator and vacuumed down some toot sweet oral sucrose. Talk about good timing!! The little fella has a slight head tilt. I reckon he landed on his head when he fell from the tree!!! Doesn't stop him eating though!



Community Lottery

We are thrilled to announce the first tickets available online for the early bird buyers of the People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery. 100% of sales by Minton Farm is returned to us. You can buy them online by visiting www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/minton-farm-animal-rescue-centre

Support us on myCause

Please sponsor us through MyCause. Click on the link to visit my Fundraising Page where you can donate and leave a message. Thanks for supporting my efforts in raising money for this cause!

<http://tinyurl.com/mintonmycause>

Water Bird

We received a little black chick water bird several weeks ago, from the Adelaide Koala Hospital that was supposed to be a coot. I was advised by a keeper at Cleland that it was actually a Dusky Moorhen. As it has grown, its legs and toes became longer and more slender and its body has become purple!!...it grew into a beautiful Purple Swamp Hen after all!! I released him back at Memorial drive where he was hatched. Dicken' he didn't know where he was and how to behave in the wild. He couldn't wait to get into the water and absolutely vanished in seconds into the reeds! There was a family of them grazing on the banks. Wouldn't it be amazing if that was his family as well?

Make a difference

If you just can't contribute, that doesn't mean you can't help: you can donate goods to support the animals: The kangaroos and wombats need hay, chaff, goat meal, goat pellets, apples, carrots, corn, weetbix, rolled oats and muesli. The birds need small parrot mix or cockatiel seed. The possums need any tinned fruits and vegetables, fruit bars and sweet baby foods like apples, custards, yoghurts.

Sampson Flat Bushfires

I was able to help out at the recent Sampson Flat Fires with SAVEM Inc. We were able to rescue several ringtail possums and kangaroo joeys from the burnt areas. The majority of them recovered fully at Minton Farm and were released back into their territories in unburnt vegetation successfully. Little Willow, a western grey joey, has decided that Huey (a red kangaroo here) is her protector and companion. She feels right at home digging a hip hole to bask in the sun with him. Arthur (a cheeky western grey kangaroo here) delights in taking Brooke and Willow into secluded spots to share some quality time with the kids!??

Bank SA Loan Partnership

If you've been thinking about a better rate or it's just time for a change then using your home loan to support Minton Animal Rescue Farm is a great option:

- BankSA will pay 0.20% upfront commission at settlement of the home loan
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