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Centre News

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No one could say we don't have an interesting life! In between feeding a Western Grey Joey, a Tawny Frogmouth, a Blue Tongue lizard, and a Kookaburra in one day we also received a tiny Rainbow Lorikeet complete with its tree trunk home; a tiny newly hatched tortoise with a puncture wound and a pathetically debilitated ringtail possum wet and chewed by a dog! All in a days' work!



One of our recent successes involved a baby Sulphur Crested cockatoo. He was brought to us after being attacked by a Wedge Tailed eagle. He arrived with puncture wounds on his chest and wing from the eagle's talons. He slowly recovered after receiving pain relief and antibiotics and eventually progressed to a large aviary for several weeks until he was able to fly strongly again. The rescuer collected him and released him back home to his territory where he flew off strongly into the trees.



A lovely Echidna was found hiding in a carport corner for two days, suffering with concussion and bruising. She had broken spines and a bubbly nose. After medications, rest and rehabilitation she rallied and completely dug her enclosure over. She's now been returned to a safe adjacent gully to continue her journey.

We also recently had several miracle recoveries! A Wattlebird with no bodily control recovered with anti - inflammatory medication and warmth, in the ICU overnight. It was flying the next day and was able to be immediately released. A Rainbow lorikeet with a damaged foot recovered all mobility and was also re-released. A tiny Brushtail possum Joey arrived at the Centre, lifeless and icy cold. After gently warming her, she began moving and trying to feed. It constantly amazes me how they come "back to life" with a bit of warmth. Finally, a lovely male Kookaburra was brought here after being taken to a vet who said there was nothing wrong with it and to let it go. The

rescuer attempted to release it, but unfortunately, the poor thing fell over, onto its face. We placed him on heat, gave anti - inflammatory medications and placed an orthotic on his damaged foot.



He began eating nicely with extra vitamin D and calcium. After 3 weeks he was able to fly up and back in our 30' flight cage. During this time he was wearing the orthotic to prevent the foot clenching and fortunately, when it was removed the toe stayed in place. He was successfully released back with his family at Beaumont by the rescuer, who filmed him flying into the trees, singing for his mate who appeared from nowhere. The rescuer said they both sat together singing their lungs out together.

A tiny roo Joey was thrown from his mums pouch when his mum was hit by a car and killed. The rescuers were advised to put the baby back into the dead mums pouch to die. However, they witnessed crows pulling it back out of the pouch - hence the masticated tail that you can see in the picture. If you find a pinkie in this situation please take it to a vet or responsible rescuer to put it out of its misery humanely, rather than leaving it to a long, slow

death of starvation and hypothermia. Thanks.



I could cry when a tortured creature flinches the first time you try to offer formula because they are so traumatized from being played with all night by a cat. One such little Ringtail possum climbed up the metal frame of a person's sliding door trying to escape the attack and was then brought here at 11pm. Last year a University of SA project tracked 428 unconfined pet cats for up to two weeks each. All of the cats roamed in the brief period in which they were tracked. Many of them routinely crossed busy roads. 177 of the cat owners told the researchers they kept their pets 'inside at night' - but "we then checked the night-time home-ranges of these cats and found that many of them (39%) had night-time home-ranges over one hectare." The Cat Tracker project is now being rolled out nationally, but (in my view) there is already an irrefutable case that roaming pet cats pose terrible risks to wildlife and to themselves, and that confinement laws should be a priority for all Australian jurisdictions. For more information (and to view the full results), visit:

<http://www.discoverycircle.org.au/projects/cat-tracker/>

A collared sparrow hawk with a damaged wing was brought in from Immanuel College (see picture in header on page 1). We strapped the wing for two weeks, then, gradually increased the area of exercise until he progressed to the 30' flight cage. I was feeling really elated at how well the sparrow hawk flew off so

strongly into a great leafy canopy, much to the dismay of some grazing Galahs. However, I did wish we could have had the round raptor flight cage built in time for him.

Please go to our website to support one of our many fundraising options to help these birds in the future? www.mintonfarm.org

Fundraising



Thank you so much to the students from the disability unit at Murray Bridge High School for the beautiful pouches they have made for the animals. I can say without hesitation that they are the softest, best pouches we have ever received!

Thanks also to a great bunch of kids in the Eco Club from Belleview Heights **Primary School**. They raised money to go toward the round raptor flight cage by doing odd jobs for neighbours. Great job!



Thank you also to the ECH residents for the beautiful pouches they have made for our orphaned animals.

We are also deeply grateful to the Westpac Bank volunteer teams for getting an incredible amount of projects completed!! Retaining wall posts concreted, fencing removed, and wombat holes filled in!! Well done team 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Once again, we have been participating in the MyGivingCircle where people can vote for us to win a share in prize monies offered periodically. The last round didn't win us a place in the top 10 but we did receive \$700 from the donations people sent in, which also added one vote per dollar donated. Thank you to all who participated and please keep voting, sharing and donating as it all adds up and does benefit the Centre.

You can also support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment Book from Minton Farm. The books are \$70, and 20% goes back to fundraising for the raptor flight cage!. Order online here:- <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9a29076>

Donations to the Rescue Centre can be made directly to the Minton Farm Rescue Fund, Bank SA, BSB: 105 078 Account: 056 591 840. We can also take credit card payments at any time. You can also sponsor an animal, such as birds of prey, wombats, kangaroos, kookaburras, koalas, lizards, owls etc. Payment may be made online through the www.mintonfarm.org sponsorship page with PayPal; by direct debit to BSB 105 078 Account 056 591 840; by mail to 455 Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens, SA, 5157, or sending credit card details to mintonfarm@adam.com.au

Thank you for your assistance to continue our free community service. Sincerely, Bev. Langley 0422938439