Who do I contact?

If you find a sick, injured or orphaned animal, call a wildlife rescuer, carer or shelter. Call 136 186 or scan the QR code.

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- **All wildlife can carry disease**
- **Handling wildlife can cause stress or injury to the animal and people - contact a trained wildlife rescuer.**
- **If safe, you can transport the animal to the nearest vet.**
- **Marine animals require specialist assistance (see contacts). Take only photos and do not approach, keep a safe distance for you and the animal.**

Can I look after sick, injured or orphaned wildlife?

Wildlife can only be cared for legally by DEECA authorised Wildlife Shelters and Foster Carers.
Wildlife requires specialist care and treatment.
It is illegal in Victoria to keep sick, injured or orphaned wildlife as a pet.

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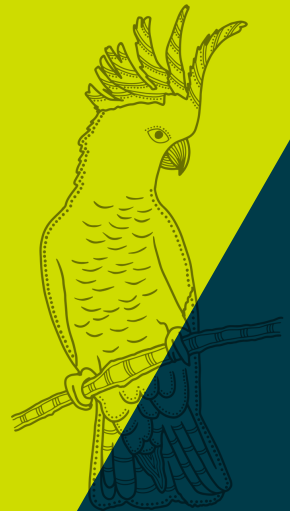Need more help or not what you were looking for? call 136 186

CAUTION WILDLIFE IN THIS AREA

Living with Wildlife
Sick or injured wildlife

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How can I help?

- Observe injured wildlife from a distance.
- If safe to do so, transport to a vet.
- For larger wildlife, do not approach or attempt to catch it. Chasing or catching injured wildlife may result in a worse injury and unnecessary stress for the animal.
- Call for assistance on 136 186 or via the Help for Wildlife Tool.
- Keep pets away.
- Do not give wildlife food or water.
- Do not touch the animal. It can carry diseases and should only be handled by a trained and vaccinated rescuer

Did you know?

In Victoria, native wildlife is protected under the Wildlife Act 1975. Under the Act, it is an offence to kill, take, control or harm wildlife in Victoria without appropriate authorisation.

You can't take wildlife home.

Other contacts

Zoos Victoria, Marine Response Unit for Seals, turtles and marine birds - 1300 245 678

Whale and Dolphin Emergency Hotline - 1300 136 017.

If you suspect a wildlife crime, make a report to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000

Mange Management: mangemanagement.org.au