

WILDCARE POLICY



PREAMBLE

The Northern Territory is fortunate having a wildlife rescue service co-ordinated by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. The Commission works in conjunction with the Territory Wildlife Park and the Alice Springs Desert Park to ensure the care and rehabilitation of rescued native wildlife for return to the wild.

Wildcare is designed to foster greater community involvement and appreciation of native wildlife by establishing a community based voluntary network whose principal aim is to rescue, care and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife for eventual release back into the wild.

POLICY

1. The Parks and Wildlife Commission endorses the implementation of the Wildcare program
2. Volunteers shall participate in a wildlife care training course run by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.
3. Volunteers shall possess permits to hold wildlife for rehabilitation and release.
4. Volunteers shall record details of all wildlife cared for.
5. Wildlife will not be released into the wild without prior approval from the Parks and Wildlife Commission to ensure the rehabilitation criteria are met and appropriate quarantine measures have been undertaken.
6. Recovered wildlife unsuitable for release may be held by the carer subject to the approval of the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Recovered wildlife of scientific or educational value may be kept by appropriate organisations subject to the approval of the Parks and Wildlife Commission.
7. Any wildlife deemed unsuitable for recovery and or release will be disposed of in a humane manner.
8. Conditions of holding wildlife will be within guidelines of ethics and humanity and must conform to the *Animal Welfare Act (2000)*.

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