

ACT Wildlife



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Land Rover Club ACT

Bugger!- What was that and What do I do now?

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Introduction

- ▶ Who is ACT Wildlife and what do they do
- ▶ Hit or have Found an Animal
 - ▶ Things to Carry
 - ▶ First things First
 - ▶ The harder things - Pouches
- ▶ Questions - Though ask anytime



ACT Wildlife

Injured, sick or orphaned wildlife
call our 24/7 Hotline
0432 300 033

- ▶ We are the only wildlife care group in the ACT that rescues, rehabilitates and releases native animals. As a not-for-profit and charity we rely on donations to support the work of our volunteers



Things to Carry



- ▶ “A towel, [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy] says, is about the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have.” Douglas Adams



First Things First - So you have hit or found an Animal

- ▶ Always STOP and CHECK (IF SAFE- otherwise CALL)
 - ▶ Your Safety comes first
 - ▶ Remember - animals can bite, scratch and kick
 - ▶ Other road users are not always thoughtful
 - ▶ If the Animal is "Larger" & injured - CALL
 - ▶ Pull well off the road and turn on hazard lights
- ▶ NO to BATS and SNAKES



First Things First

- ▶ Know your location and time
 - ▶ Notebook time
 - ▶ Very important information for care and future release
- ▶ Know your Animal - Will it potentially have a pouch
 - ▶ Check for signs of Life - your safety first
 - ▶ If safe to do so remove the animal well off the road
 - ▶ Potentially has a Pouch - Will discuss shortly
- ▶ Once you have contained the Animal
 - ▶ QUIET - DARK - WARM
 - ▶ Radio off, Window Closed etc.
 - ▶ Ring the local Wildlife group or nearest Vet



► Pouch

► No Pouch

► Just NO - CALL



The Harder Things

▶ Pouch Checks

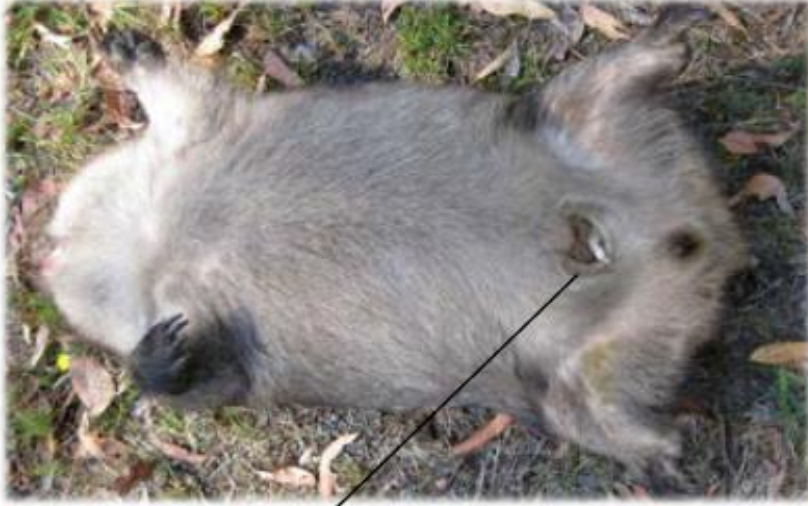
- ▶ Firstly, does it have a pouch - look for testicles
- ▶ Escape Proof - Here's where your Towel will help
- ▶ Locate and Open the pouch
 - ▶ Torch - Check to the bottom
 - ▶ No Joey - Check the condition of the teats - May indicate the joey has been thrown from the pouch or was at foot



The Harder Things

Check for an elongated teat

If the animal has one teat longer than the other it usually means that it is a nursing mother and a joey may be nearby. Joeys can sometimes be thrown up to 100 metres from the pouch on impact.



An 'active' wombat pouch
An elongated teat indicates that this wombat is feeding a joey



An 'inactive' wombat pouch
This wombat does not have a nursing joey

An 'active' kangaroo pouch
One teat longer than the other indicates that this kangaroo is feeding a joey. Wallabies and possums look similar.



The Harder Things

- ▶ So... you have found an occupied pouch
 - ▶ Is it a “Pinkie”, a Velvet (haired) joey, or at foot
 - ▶ Removal - Depends on stage of development
 - ▶ Scissors and safety pins!!
- ▶ Contain - WARM, DARK, QUIET



Can I do More?

- ▶ <https://actwildlife.net/>
- ▶ Sponsor a species
- ▶ Buy a Calendar

