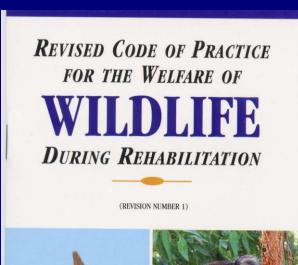
Wildlife rehabilitation training programs

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Training - why?

- Caring for wildlife requires skill & knowledge
- Complex trauma/disease complex solutions
- Improve quality of care and carer





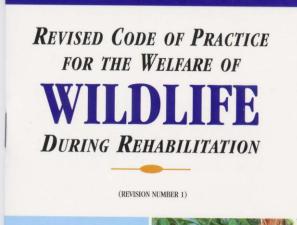






Principle Number 8

"A wildlife rehabilitator should strive to achieve high standards of animal care through knowledge and an understanding of the field. Continuing efforts must be made to keep informed of current rehabilitation information, methods and regulations. Membership of animal welfare and wildlife rehabilitation organisations is encouraged.











Skills

- 1. Clear understanding of the objectives of rehab
- 2. Accurate ID of species
- 3. First aid for injured wildlife
- 4. Husbandry
- 5. Avoidance of disease transmission
- 6. Basic understanding of wildlife ecology & population dynamics
- 7. Ability to access specialised information
- 8. Handling techniques

Victorian System

- Wildlife Shelter permits (Mentor)
- Foster carers (Trainee)
- Potential for bad practices to be passed on
- Non standard approach to education

Standard training

- Seminar/lecture based
- Expert presenters and lecturers
- Up to date information, products & techniques
- Better quality of care and carer

- Seminars & field trips
 - Bats
 - Birds
 - Possums
 - Kangaroos
 - Koalas
 - Wombats
 - Monotremes
 - Reptiles

- Workshops
 - Wildlife first-aid
 - Wildlife rescue and equipment
 - Oiled wildlife

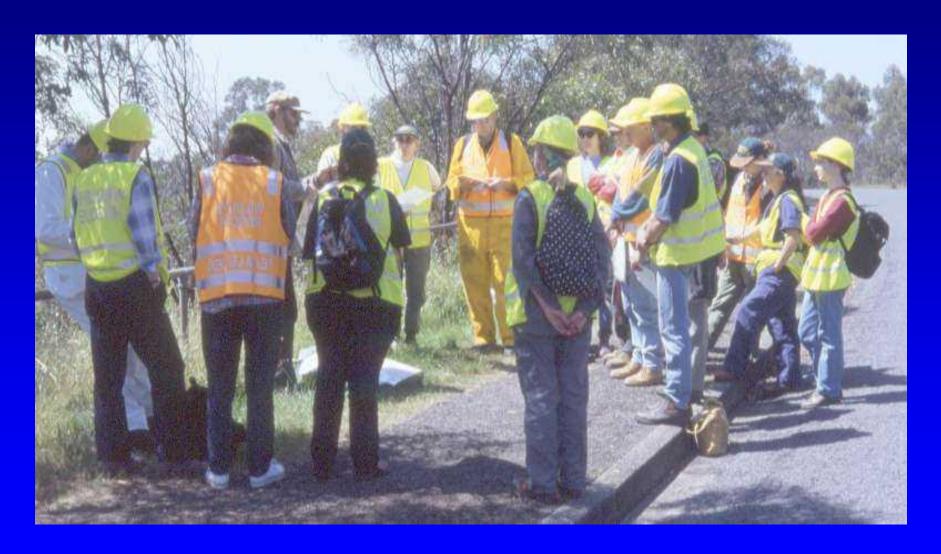
- Victoria University Course (Basic)
 - Intro to rehab what is it all about?
 - Law wildlife act and regulations; the shelter system
 - Ecology
 - Biology of animal groups (anatomy, digestion, taxonomy etc)
 - Animal health

- Husbandry
- Rehabilitation and release (procedures/techniques)
- Hand rearing
- First-aid
- Rescue
- Field biology (Zoology professionals)

Wildlife first aid



Training in coordinated disaster rescue



Training in oiled wildlife procedures



Equipment and rescue training workshops



National accredited course

• WV advocates a standard and formalised approach to training wildlife rehabilitators across Australia