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WORLDWIDE



Inspired and Supported by
STEVE IRWIN



About Wildlife Warriors Worldwide Ltd

Wildlife Warriors Worldwide Ltd was established in 2002, initially by Steve and Terri Irwin as a way to include and involve other caring people to support the protection of injured, threatened or endangered wildlife – from the individual animal to an entire species.

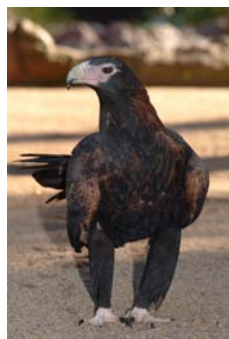
Steve and Terri remain involved as patrons and significant supporters and advisors, but the charity now operates independently of them.

Wildlife Warriors Worldwide's Objectives

- To protect and enhance the natural environment
- To provide information and education to the public and raise awareness of wildlife issues
- To undertake biological research
- To research, recommend and act in the protection of threatened or endangered species.
- To enter into cooperative arrangements with like-minded organisations

Wildlife Warrior Programs and Projects (2005)

- Australian Wildlife Hospital
- Species and Habitat Conservation (Asia)
- Crocodile Rescue and Research (International)
- Community Education (International)
- Emergency Wildlife Response (including Tsunami project)





Steve's Message

My heart beats for wildlife and wilderness conservation - it's my mission in life. Terri and I are determined to make sure we do everything we can to safeguard Australia's - and the world's - wild animals and their habitats. That's why we have set up Wildlife Warriors.

We want to do our bit for the environment. We have been called Wildlife Warriors and I reckon that pretty much sums us up. We're fighting to make a massive difference to wildlife and wilderness conservation, and we want to make people aware all over the world about the environment and just how precious it is - all of it!

Terri and I have been lucky to meet a lot of people in our travels and I come across people all the time who are concerned about what's happening to our planet. So I'm hoping through Wildlife Warriors people can get involved, support our wildlife work and share in our dream.

Thanks,
Steve Irwin



Steve and Terri

Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Worldwide

Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Worldwide (formerly Steve Irwin Conservation Foundation) is growing into a new era of local and global wildlife preservation. Our name has recently changed to better reflect the mobility and reach of our small but highly motivated organisation. It is also indicative of the broad group of people, corporations and foundations who will be supporting the exciting conservation programs we are developing.

Steve and Terri Irwin are now involved with Wildlife Warriors as our patrons. In our case, this means that we are lucky enough to receive support from Australia Zoo to cover all of our administration costs. A generous contribution such as this allows Wildlife Warriors to apply 100% of all public donations we receive directly to the conservation and preservation of wildlife.



Australian Wildlife Conservation

Urban Wildlife Management

A team of Wildlife Warriors Worldwide animal experts, including researchers and veterinarians, have provided advice and services to respond to situations that are placing wildlife in jeopardy.

The team has most recently been active in saving a starving kangaroo population in Brisbane, working closely with the RSPCA and Brisbane City Council to relocate kangaroos likely to be impacted by land clearing and recommending strategies on overpopulations of species in congested areas.

Educational Campaigns

A series of advertising and promotional activities are currently in development and will be released during the first half of 2006. The simple message will be to *'value our wildlife'* and to *'live a little on the wild side'*. Stay tuned for this.

Safe Habitats

Working in collaboration with our patrons Steve and Terri Irwin, we are supporting a number of projects in sanctuaries that have been purchased to prevent further loss of habitat. To date, almost 90,000 acres are now wildlife safe havens in southern and western Queensland thanks to the Irwin family.

Taking responsibility for wildlife during land clearing

Another patient at the Australian Wildlife Hospital – the effects of land-clearing are obvious

Currently in Queensland, and most other states in Australia, loopholes in the law allow the clearing of land with little regard for the consequences to wildlife. Many wild animals are killed or injured when bulldozers clear vegetation, and sadly most are never found or rescued for veterinary treatment and care.

Wildlife Warriors Worldwide Ltd, in an innovative project funded by Voiceless, is working to remove loopholes in Queensland legislation and tighten up regulations to ensure that wildlife is much better protected. One of the major components of the project is the preparation of a Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals (Wildlife) that will provide strict guidelines designed to avoid or minimise the impacts of land-clearing on our native wildlife. The successful completion of the project and adoption of the Code of Practice will have profound benefits for both the conservation and welfare of our unique and valuable Australian wildlife.





Global Ambassadors

Being a country rife with unique species, wildlife conservation is an issue at the forefront of many Australians' minds. We are fortunate enough to have some very passionate Australians lending their name to our cause. These influential personalities are living a little on the wild side and helping us to spread the word.

Jimmy Barnes

Some know him as the lead vocalist of Cold Chisel, some know him as the most successful Australian rock singer, many know him as an Aussie battler and most know him as Barnesy. Now we can stick another description on him – Wildlife Warrior!

Barnesy has joined our team of Ambassadors to help raise the profile of wildlife in need. Australia Zoo has long been a favorite holiday destination of his and now he has taken his passion for wildlife to the next level. Good on ya, Barnesy!



<http://www.jimmybarnes.com>

The Veronicas

Twin sisters Jess and Lisa Origliasso are The Veronicas, and are the hottest thing in Australia right now. Since the release of their debut album “The Secret Life Of...”, these young superstars have taken the Australian music industry by storm and their star is quickly rising overseas as well, seeing them feature in a US national tour with Ashlee Simpson.



Along with writing and performing their hit songs, Jess and Lisa also have a passion for wildlife, so upon visiting the Australian Wildlife Hospital during some downtime in Oz, they felt compelled to do something to help. Their involvement will help bring wildlife awareness to young people.

<http://www.theveronicas.com>

John Williamson

He holds to his name more great songs than is fair for one man to have written and defines the Australian character. His successful music career has spanned over 35 years. He has released 35 albums and won 23 Golden Guitars from the Country Music Awards of Australia. He is the Australian spirit and he is a Wildlife Warrior.



Over the past two years, John has made significant donations to Wildlife Warriors to help our Australian Wildlife Conservation projects, including the Australian Wildlife Hospital. This man is undoubtedly true blue.

<http://www.malleeboy.com>

Jamie Dunn

In a previous life he was a bit of an animal himself, playing the voice of Agro on Channel 7's 'Agro's Cartoon Connection'. Now Jamie Dunn is a popular breakfast radio host on the Sunshine Coast's Zinc FM. Jamie has been an active ambassador thus far, participating in our Corporate Jungle by raising \$1000 in one hour and showing off his artistic flair by contributing to our mural at the official launch of Wildlife Warriors at Australia Zoo in April. Zinc FM are also supporters of Wildlife Warriors and help us out with local promotion.



<http://www.zinc96.com.au>



Australian Wildlife Hospital

Located near Australia Zoo at Beerwah in Queensland, Australia, the Australian Wildlife Hospital was opened in March 2004, inspired by the memory of Lyn Irwin (Steve's mum) who was a pioneer in wildlife care in Queensland. It was her dream to establish a wildlife hospital, and unfortunately this was not realised until after Lyn had passed away.

Lyn's dream now provides a lifeline for nature's innocent victims – her work lives on.



The Australian Wildlife Hospital and Rescue Unit collects sick, injured and orphaned koalas and other wildlife, and provides care and rehabilitation before releasing them back into the wild.

Since opening in March of 2004 more than 6000 animals have passed through its doors.

The facility treats all sick, injured and orphaned wildlife free of charge, each Australian native animal regardless of the species receives a full clinical workup, which may include x-rays, pathology, ultra sound and surgery.

The Australian Wildlife Hospital works with a vast wildlife rehabilitator and veterinary network that is expanding each day as we work towards the humane and compassionate treatment of our Australian native wildlife, wildlife rehabilitators are a vital and valued part of our team.

The unit includes a veterinary facility with an intensive care room and laboratory, and separate holding facilities for males and females, and diseased and non-diseased koalas. There is also an orphan enclosure designed specifically to allow hand-raised koalas to develop climbing skills and for less contact with human carer's before being released back into the bush.

The Australian Wildlife Hospital begins construction of the new hospital in September of 2006. The facility is an environmentally constructed facility that will enable the staff to not only aid more of our precious wildlife but also expand our teaching and research abilities. It will be the largest straw bale facility ever constructed.

The Australian Wildlife Hospital and Rescue Unit has three full-time and two part time veterinarians on board as well as a Hospital Manager, four vet nurses and volunteers to provide first-class care for sick, injured and orphaned animals.

The hospital also undertakes research into koala diseases, migration patterns and wildlife health management, which includes a Code of Practice for Wildlife Spotter Catchers.



Crocodile Conservation

They are misunderstood, they are an apex predator with only themselves and people to fear, and they are dangerous. But they are also ecologically important.

Crocodiles and alligators provide a direct link to this planet's past; they are our modern-day dinosaurs whose biological capabilities have seen them survive when other species have disappeared. Unfortunately, today



even they are under threat from the only race with the power to wipe out an entire species - humans. With human populations encroaching into crocodile territory, the conflicts between crocodiles and people has led to tragedy. Many species of crocodiles and alligators are classified as vulnerable or extinct.

Wildlife Warriors Worldwide is working on important research programs in Queensland (Australia) with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the University of Queensland to better understand the movements and habits of crocodiles, in an effort to facilitate the planning of community developments and potential animal relocation. The results from this research are already re-writing text books and will help to protect both crocodilian and human populations.



Crocodile rescue teams from Wildlife Warriors are also deployed from time to time to help relocate crocs that have strayed into public areas, as well as providing community education on living with these prehistoric giants.



Research

Increasing our knowledge of species and the issues that are threatening their survival is a vital part of our work. Our team is at the forefront of groundbreaking research in the field of wildlife conservation, and our techniques and results have made significant impact throughout the world. These are some of our most recent research projects.

Crocs in Space

A project in collaboration with Queensland Parks and Wildlife, University of Queensland, our patron Steve Irwin and the team at Australia Zoo; this three-year study has been tracking the movements and habits of crocodiles in far north Queensland. The study has covered the distances that crocodiles will move, their ability to return to their habitat after relocation and a revolutionary soon-to-be released study on their ability to remain submerged.

Koala chlamydiosis projects

This broad project involves collaboration with research teams at the Queensland University of Technology, University of Sydney and the University of Queensland. Its aims are to determine the most effective treatments for chlamydiosis in koalas; to determine the role of the koala retrovirus (KoRV) in the development of chlamydial disease, and to provide better prognostic indicators for clinicians treating the disease. Chlamydiosis is a serious and sometimes fatal disease that is endemic in most koala populations in Australia. It causes a variety of diseases including blindness, infertility, urinary tract infection and pneumonia. Nearly one half of all admissions of wild koalas to rehabilitation centres are due to chlamydial disease.

As one of the key threatening processes affecting the survival of koalas in the wild, a better understanding of this debilitating disease is a high priority for conservation research.



Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors World Wide and the Australian Wildlife Hospital is an organization that I am truly proud to be a part of, the people the passion and their commitment to the natural environment and the animals that reside in it is outstanding.

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