

PETS AND WILDLIFE

Sharing your life with animals can be wonderful. Dogs and cats and other animals make fantastic pets, and you probably share your life with wildlife too.

"HOW CAN YOU
MAKE SURE YOUR
PETS LIVE IN
HARMONY WITH
LOCAL WILDLIFE?"



Keep cats and dogs indoors from dusk to dawn

Remember, a lot of wildlife are more active at night than during the day.



Control pets during the day

If your pet is disturbing wildlife, move it away from the area and secure it.



Desex your pet

Desex your pets to reduce roaming, territorial behaviour and unwanted litters.



Provide a good habitat for wildlife

Build possum or bird boxes high up in trees, so the animals can hide and nest. Ensure bird baths are out of reach of your pets.



Train your dog not to attack wildlife

If you see or hear your dog barking at or worrying wildlife; correct its behaviour.



Pet food

Don't leave uneaten pet food outside. The smell of pet food attracts wildlife which can make them vulnerable to attack.

First Aid for Wildlife

We know that accidents can happen. An important part of responsible pet ownership is taking responsibility for these accidents and ensuring the animal receives appropriate care asap. Be careful as an injured or scared animal may try and bite or claw you. REMEMBER - injured animals are in pain, scared and don't know you are trying to help.

**For wildlife emergencies call our
24 hour hotline on 0412 433 727.**

Frankston and surrounding suburbs volunteer wildlife rescue, education and rehabilitation organisation.



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