



**NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT, 1974**  
**LICENCE TO REHABILITATE AND RELEASE SICK,**  
**INJURED AND ORPHANED NATIVE FAUNA**

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| <b>DATE:</b>        | 1 July 2009  |
| <b>LICENCE NO:</b>  | MWL000100221 |
| <b>EXPIRY DATE:</b> | 30 June 2010 |

Is hereby licensed, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 120, 132C and 127 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974 and subject to the conditions contained herein, to:-

1. harm (by means of capture and, where necessary, kill by means of humane euthanasia) and hold sick, injured and orphaned native fauna including koalas (except marine mammals) for rehabilitation purposes and to liberate or otherwise dispose of those fauna as provided in the conditions below;
2. harm (by means of capture only) and relocate native fauna causing distress to property owners;
3. hold, for educational and/or scientific purposes both living and preserved specimens of native fauna which were obtained in accordance with this licence; and
4. place tags, bands, other external markings or where implanted by a veterinary practitioner or experienced operator a microchip on protected fauna held under the authority of this licence for the purpose of individual identification of the fauna.

Authorised Officer  
Department of Environment and Climate Change

**CONDITIONS**

1. The licensee and the persons authorised by the licensee to operate under this licence shall at all times comply with the principles and requirements of the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change ("the Department") Rehabilitation of Fauna Policy, rehabilitation guidelines or standards issued by the Department and with any directives issued by any authorised officer of the Department.
2. The licensee may issue an authority to operate under the terms of this licence only to a person who:-
  - a) resides within the area defined as the Murwillumbah Management Area of the Northern Rivers Region of the Department;
  - b) is over the age of 18 years; and
  - c) has either undertaken appropriate and relevant basic and/or specialist training for the rescue and/or rehabilitation/hand-raising of the fauna that person will come into contact with, or has relevant previous experience that justifies the licensee exempting that person from relevant basic or specialist training.
3. The licensee shall issue individual rescuers and foster carers who may hold fauna on behalf of the licensee with a written authority referencing the licence number and date of expiry of this licence. If the licensee chooses to issue photo identity cards, those cards must include an expiry date of 30 September in a year that is not greater than five years after the date of issue of the photo identity card.

4. The licensee will maintain a record listing the full names and addresses of all persons who are authorised to operate under the terms and conditions of this licence. This record will be made available for inspection upon the request of any authorised officer of the Department. Copies of the list will be provided to the Manager of the local office of the Department and to the Wildlife Licensing and Management Unit of the Department as soon as possible, but within two months, of the date of this licence.
5. Should it be necessary for a person who is authorised to carry out activities under the authority of this licence, to be vaccinated or to receive any other medical treatment for a disease or infection, or as a precaution against contracting a disease or infection, it shall be at no cost to the Department.
6. The licensee will maintain an annual record (for each twelve months period commencing 1 July and ending on 30 June of the following year) listing the species, date, location of original encounter and purpose for the taking into care of all native fauna rescued or relocated, where housed and the date and location of release, euthanasia or other fate of that fauna within that 12 month period. This record will be made available for inspection upon the request of any authorised officer of the Department.
7. A summary report listing the total number of each species, or group of species, as may be determined by the Department from time to time, that were taken into possession (including carried forward from a previous annual record period) and the number that were released, shall be submitted to the Wildlife Licensing and Management Unit of the Department before 14 July each year.
8. To facilitate the registration and follow-up of the fate of each animal, the licensee shall make it a condition of all authorities issued by it to individual foster carers that they shall report, within seven days and in a manner determined by the licensee and to a person nominated by the licensee, the rescue or acquisition by any other means of every animal that comes into their possession for the purposes authorised by this licence.
9. To ensure that animals are not held by foster carers for an excessive period of time that may compromise their successful rehabilitation, or that unreleasable animals are not retained without the approval required under condition 14 of this licence, the licensee shall implement appropriate systems to regularly review the rehabilitation and record the fate of every animal that has been registered under condition 8.
10. In the interests of protection of genetic integrity of native animal populations and protection of the natural environment, a successfully rehabilitated or hand-raised animal must:
  - a) be returned to a suitable natural environment at the locality of the original encounter; but
  - b) not be released at a location from its original encounter site that is across a geographic or physical barrier that it would not normally cross.
11. Approval for the proposed release of fauna into an area that is managed by the Department, even if its original encounter was within the park or reserve concerned, must be sought from the Department's manager of that park or reserve.
12. If the locality of original encounter is not known, the animal must not be returned to the wild.
13. If an animal is handicapped with a permanent disability that will preclude it from leading a normal life and surviving in the wild, or is known to be, or suspected of, carrying a serious disease or a disease that is likely to be transmitted to the detriment of the habitat or other animals, it must not be returned to the wild.
14. Fauna that cannot be returned to the wild under the terms of this licence may:
  - a) in the case of species that are not listed in the Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995, be offered to a fauna park or zoo licensed under the Exhibited Animals Protection Act, 1986. (Note: In such cases it is the responsibility of the fauna park or zoo to seek appropriate approvals from the Department and NSW Department of Primary Industries);
  - b) in the case of species that are listed in the Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995, with the Department's prior written consent, be offered to a translocation project that includes captive breeding as part of its recovery approval, or to an appropriate research project, or to a fauna park or zoo licensed under the Exhibited Animals Protection Act, 1986;
  - c) with the approval of the Manager, Wildlife Licensing and Management Unit, be retained in permanent care by an appropriately and specifically authorised foster carer for the purpose of providing:
    - i) an essential companion animal to others of its species that are undergoing rehabilitation;
    - or
    - ii) an acceptable resource in an approved educational or scientific program.

(Note: Permanent care animals will be restricted to absolutely essential species and numbers and only in exceptional circumstances will the Department authorise the permanent retention of animals under this condition. Proposals justifying the retention of animals on an individual basis must have the written endorsement of the licensee, have completed the "proposal for the permanent retention of protected fauna" form and submit the information to the Senior Licensing Officer of the Wildlife Licensing and Management Unit. Each application will be considered on its individual merits. Except in the case of threatened species covered by a captive breeding and translocation approval, consent will not be given to retain animals for captive breeding and release of progeny);

- d) in the case of a bird of a species that is commonly kept as a pet, the Department may consider, on an individual basis, the granting of approval for its retention in captivity as a pet;
  - e) in the case of an individual bird, reptile or amphibian that is originally encountered well outside of its natural range and cannot be released under condition 12 of this licence, the licensee should assume that the animal is an escaped pet, or has been inadvertently transported from its natural range, and arrange for the transfer of the animal to an appropriate animal keeping organisation where it may be passed to an appropriate person to keep it as a pet.
15. Animals that cannot be returned to the wild, released, or retained in captivity as provided in conditions 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 shall be humanely euthanased.
16. The licensee shall maintain registers of:
- a) all animals that are transferred to fauna parks, zoos and other institutions, organisations or individuals as may be allowed by the conditions of this licence. This register shall contain details of the animal and when and to whom it was transferred;
  - b) all permanently held live animals. This register shall contain details of the approval granted by the Department for the permanent retention of each animal and the name and address of the person authorised under this licence who holds the animal in confinement ;
  - c) each preserved specimen of native fauna held for educational purposes. This register shall a detailed description of each preserved specimen and the name and address of the person authorised under this licence in whose possession the specimen is held. Each preserved specimen, or the vessel in which the specimen is contained, shall be permanently marked with the register reference number.
- These registers shall be maintained up-to-date at all times and shall be made available for inspection by any authorised officer of the Department. Copies of each of these registers shall be provided to the Wildlife Licensing and Management Unit of the Department in September each year.
17. The licensee shall maintain records of all animals that have been tagged, marked or banded. The record shall include details of the reason that the animal was taken into care, treatment provided and the date and precise location of the liberation of the animal. This record shall be made available for inspection by any authorised officer of the Department.
18. The licensee and the persons authorised by the licensee to operate under this licence must at all times comply with applicable statutory provisions relating to building and health requirements.
19. The licensee shall not permit any public viewing (including the carrying or feeding of animals in public places), display or exhibition for promotional, or any other purpose, of any live native animal that is held under this licence and is being hand-raised or is undergoing rehabilitation for release. This condition shall not apply to:
- a) the use of such animals (except for unfurred mammals, that should never be used) for the essential demonstration of husbandry techniques at a licensee-sanctioned rescuer or foster-carer training course; or
  - b) professional filming for promotional or educational or community interest purposes at the carer's rehabilitation facility or, with the local NPWS manager's consent, at any other location; or
  - c) animals being within the view of the public at the rehabilitation facility if the nature and location of the facility cannot exclude the animals from public view.

