



24 Hour Wildlife Emergency  
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## **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING FOOD DROP FOR WILDLIFE IN FIRE AFFECTED AREAS**

Some animals have survived the recent devastating bush fires but their food source is no longer there. We can help those animals to stay alive and healthy under very specific guidelines.

Wildlife Victoria is supporting carers by providing food and advice.

...If we really care about our wildlife, we need to care just as much about the environment that supports it...

- Only feed on private land with the land owner's consent. Leaving food for wildlife in public land is prohibited by DSE due to the environmental and health risks involved.
- Using food with seeds and grains in it could spread environmental weeds into the forest, unbalancing the fragile ecosystem and therefore, affecting wildlife in the long term.
- We recommend kangaroo and wallaby pellets in combination with pasture replacement pellets, since processed food does not pose a risk of weeds spreading.
- Some animals will take a while to recognise this type of food, but eventually they will start eating it.
- For birds, use small seeds such as cockatiel mixed with fresh green and/or orange vegetables. Do not use sunflower seeds.
- Clean up feeding stations regularly to avoid health hazards.
- Feed away from roads and dangerous places for the wildlife.
- When natural food is available, start reducing supplementary food to avoid dependency.
- When using hay, be aware that Meadow and grass hay have seeds in them. Lucerne hay does not have seeds, but it may predispose macropods to lumpy jaw.

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