



Carers' Policy

- To be a wildlife carer with NRWC you need to be a minimum age of 18 years.
- You will need to attend training programmes conducted by NRWC or training approved by NRWC before becoming an active carer.
- Carers' premises will be inspected and facilities approved before receiving an animal for care.
- The foster carer will be willing to accept visits from the area or species coordinator or an authorised person from the committee at a mutually accepted time.
- NRWC reserves the right to withdraw authority from any foster carer if care, facilities or management become detrimental to the welfare of the animal and its eventual release.
- Carers are expected to attend training for the species they wish to care for every two years or their license can be downgraded.
- NRWC committee will have the final decision in any dispute regarding treatment, release or euthanasia of an animal in care. Arriving at a decision all views will be considered.
- NRWC will inform NPWS in the event that authority to care is withdrawn due to conflict of caring standards.
- Carers are to contact their coordinator within 24 hours of receiving an animal. Animals may be transferred to another carer.
- Carers are not to transfer animals to another carer without permission from the appropriate coordinator.
- Carers are expected to contact their coordinator before seeking veterinary advice.
- A record is to be kept on all wildlife taken into care showing name and phone number of caller, species, problem, treatment and outcome. The information is given to the coordinator upon receiving each animal.

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