CARING FOR BRUSHTAIL POSSUMS

FOR FEEDING
- Syringes - 5ml & 10ml in Glass or Plastic
- Bottles -10ml and 25ml
- Teats - Syringe Teats and Bottle Teats in Latex or Silicon
- Milk - For age Wombaroo <.8 >.8
- Supplements - Wombaroo High Protein Powder, Spark or Lectade
- Feeding bowls- Small and Large
- Wipes - Unscented for toileting
- Bottle brush - Small for little bottles
- Scales - for weighing

FOR HOUSING
- Insulated Bag
- Heat Pad
- Pouches
- Rescue Basket
- Small Cage
- Large Indoor Cage
- Outdoor Cage
- Aviary
- Open Possum Box
- Possum Box
- Perching
- Browse holders

HYGIENE
- F10
- Hand wash
- Nappy San
- Sensitive
- Washing Powder

WARNING SIGNS
- Diarrhoea
- Smelly poo
- If they are not alert
- Not drinking
- Behaviour changes
- Failure to gain weight

ADDITIONAL POINTS TO REMEMBER
- Wash your hands
- Check in with your mentor often
- Send through a list of the animals you have in care and their weights every week
- Weigh weekly
- Make up milk daily
- Collect fresh native Leaf/Browse daily or every second day
- Supplement feed is acceptable fruit and vegetables
- Must be vet checked after a rescue
- Check hydration daily
- Winter and Summer variations to husbandry
- Clean cages daily
- Keep them away from all domestic animals
- Minimise noise from children and music
- Feed them while they are in the pouch
- Toilet them in their pouch
- Social media consideration regarding appropriate animal pictures
- Social media conduct
- Read, understand and abide by the Code of Practice
  (Care of sick, injured or orphaned protected animals)
- Avoid heavily scented perfume
- Travel, Time and Food commitment
- Support people to help
- Be prepared to listen and learn
- We become their Mum/Dad
- What's best for them? They will be released
- When moving them outside make sure it's not windy
## BRUSHTAIL POSSUM REFERENCE SHEET

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Features</th>
<th>Number of Feeds</th>
<th>Time Between Feeds</th>
<th>Supplementary</th>
<th>Food Native Foliage</th>
<th>Housing</th>
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<tr>
<td>50g</td>
<td>No fur, eyes closed. Toothpaste consistency poo.</td>
<td>8 feeds/day</td>
<td>3 hourly around the clock. Syringe, teats.</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>In a pouch in Humidity Crib. Warmth 32-34°C.</td>
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<td>100g</td>
<td>Just getting fur, eyes open. Thick toothpaste consistency poo.</td>
<td>6 feeds/day</td>
<td>4 hourly around the clock. Syringe or bottle.</td>
<td>Offer fruit, grape, apple, banana, carrot, corn etc.</td>
<td>Start to offer tips of native vegetation to pouch.</td>
<td>Rescue basket, hang pouch inside. May need heat 30-32°C. May start to explore.</td>
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<td>150g</td>
<td>Fine soft fur, teeth. Thick tube like poo.</td>
<td>5 feeds/day</td>
<td>4 hourly. Syringe or bottle.</td>
<td>15g building up to 50g fruit &amp; veg</td>
<td>Offer a variety of native vegetation freshly picked.</td>
<td>Small cage with pouch and branches. May need heat.</td>
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<td>250g</td>
<td>Short dense fur. Darker tube like poo. Toileting not needed.</td>
<td>4 feeds/day</td>
<td>Milk 6 hourly – bottle.</td>
<td>50g to 70g fruit &amp; veg</td>
<td>Offer a variety of native vegetation freshly picked.</td>
<td>Large inside cage (1m x 1m x 1.2) with pouch, branches and rope.</td>
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<td>400g</td>
<td>Short dense fur. Soft pellet poo.</td>
<td>3 feeds/day</td>
<td>Morning, afternoon and evening.</td>
<td>From 70g to 100g fruit &amp; veg</td>
<td>Offer a variety of native vegetation freshly picked.</td>
<td>Large inside cage (1m x 1m x 1.2m). Very active at night.</td>
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<td>500-650g</td>
<td>Would still back ride. Pellet poo. Should be lapping.</td>
<td>2 feeds/day</td>
<td>Morning and evening</td>
<td>100g - 150g fruit &amp; veg</td>
<td>Increase native food. Large variety &amp; quantity.</td>
<td>Large cage protected outside. Box, food and water placed high. Reduce human contact with possum.</td>
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<td>900g</td>
<td>Fully independent</td>
<td>1 feed/day</td>
<td>Evening</td>
<td>100g - 200g fruit &amp; veg</td>
<td>Weaned 700g-900g or by pre-release stage. Eating native vegetation from release site picked fresh each day.</td>
<td>Walk in aviary, (3x2x2) water, branches, rope. Very active at night. Minimum human contact</td>
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<td>1100g to 1500g</td>
<td>No milk. May be ready for release</td>
<td>1 feed/day</td>
<td>Evening</td>
<td>100g - 200g fruit &amp; veg</td>
<td>Native food from release site – large variety picked each day. Supplement (unless hard releasing)</td>
<td>Attach a rope or branch from aviary to a nearby native tree for soft release.</td>
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### WOMBAROO FEED CHART

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<th>Milk</th>
<th>Age (days)</th>
<th>Tail (mm)</th>
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