



## Wildlife Carer Code of Ethics

**A wildlife Carer** should strive to achieve high standards of care for wildlife through knowledge and an understanding of the field. Continuing efforts must be made to keep informed of current rehabilitation information, methods, and regulations by attending ongoing training.

**A wildlife Carer** should be responsible, conscientious, and dedicated, and should continuously work toward improving the quality of care given to wildlife undergoing rehabilitation.

**A wildlife Carer** must abide by local, state, and federal laws concerning wildlife, wildlife rehabilitation and associated activities. A strong knowledge and total adherence of the requirements in the Code of Practice-Care of Sick, Injured or Orphaned Protected Animals in Queensland. *Nature Conservation Act 1992*

**A wildlife Carer** should establish and maintain safe working habits and conditions.

**A wildlife Carer** should acknowledge limitations and enlist the assistance of a veterinarian or other trained professional when appropriate.

**A wildlife Carer** should respect other Carers and persons in related fields, sharing skills and knowledge in the spirit of cooperation for the welfare of wildlife.

**A wildlife Carer** should place optimum animal care above personal gain.

**A wildlife Carer** should strive to provide professional and humane care in all phases of wildlife rehabilitation, respecting the wildness and maintaining the dignity of each animal in life and in death. Releasable wildlife should be maintained in a wild condition and released as soon as appropriate. Non-releasable animals have a right to euthanasia.

**A wildlife Carer** should when dealing with the public, friends or family always encourage other people to consider joining a wildlife group. The goal should always be to promote positive messages and give advice that supports the welfare of wildlife.

**A wildlife Carer** should consider the suitable habitat for wildlife when choosing a release site and when gathering food for animals during rehabilitation ensuring they are mindful of not over populating an area or removing too much flora from one particular area which can have a negative impact existing wildlife in the area.

**A wildlife Carer** should conduct all activities in a professional manner, with honesty, integrity, compassion, and commitment, realising that an individual's conduct reflects on the group and the entire field of wildlife rehabilitation.