

Draft Code of Practice for Injured, Sick and Orphaned Protected Fauna

For public comment

You are invited to provide comments on the *Draft Code of Practice for Injured Sick and Orphaned Protected Fauna* (the Code). This document was prepared by the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) in partnership with an advisory group consisting of representatives of the NSW Wildlife Council, the RSPCA and Taronga Conservation Society.

The Code establishes a set of minimum care requirements that will help to ensure the welfare of rescued protected fauna. These requirements will apply to everyone who is authorised to temporarily hold injured, sick and orphaned protected fauna under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

You may comment on any part of the Code. You may choose to answer the questionnaire overleaf and/or provide a separate submission. **Please ensure you complete the personal details section of the questionnaire to assist us in identifying duplicate and spam submissions.** Your personal details will not be used for any other purpose and will be kept strictly confidential. Comments on the Code will be reported anonymously and will not identify the submitter's name or contact details.

Comments may be submitted by:

- Email to rehabcode.comments@environment.nsw.gov.au
- Post to:
Major Programs Unit,
PO BOX 1967, Hurstville BC NSW 1481
- Fax to 9585 6666.

Submissions close on the 31st of March 2010.



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Questionnaire on the Draft Code of Practice for Injured, Sick and Orphaned Protected Fauna

The Department is particularly seeking comments on the following questions:

<p>1. Have you been involved in fauna rehabilitation in the last 10 years? If yes, for approximately how many years?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
<p>2. Are there any important aspects of fauna rehabilitation that the Code fails to address?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
<p>3. The Code is not intended to be a complete guide to rehabilitating fauna, but contains general statements. Do you think the Code provides rehabilitators with useful information about their obligations?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
<p>4. Do you think it would be easy for rehabilitators to assess whether they were complying with the Code?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>
<p>5. Are there any expressions or jargon that could confuse or mislead people?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>

<p>6. If you have experience rehabilitating fauna, does the Code generally reflect the way you rescue, rehabilitate and release animals?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<p>7. If you have experience rehabilitating fauna, do you house animals in enclosures that are about the same size as those recommended in the Code (Appendix A)?</p> <p>If no, please specify whether your enclosures are bigger or smaller than those specified.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<p>8. Section 3.1 contains a decision tree for determining the appropriate action to take when an animal is encountered. Does the diagram accurately describe the factors you consider at an animal rescue?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<p>9. Section 5.1 describes the circumstances when euthanasia must be performed. Do you agree with these standards?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<p>10. Section 8 on Housing has categorised enclosures into three stages: intensive care, intermediate care and pre-release. Is this a useful way of presenting the rehabilitation process?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

11. Section 9.1 describes when an animal is suitable for release. Are there any factors that have been overlooked?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
12. Section 11 describes the provision of training. Should this section contain more detail about the structure, content and frequency of training courses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
13. Are there any other comments you would like to make on the Code?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

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