

Policy 1.28 Temporary care animals.

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Introduction

From time to time WIRES is asked to care for native animals that have been removed from a previous owner or carer. These animals are in the jurisdiction of the Court system, NSW Police, National Parks or RSPCA and when WIRES accepts the temporary responsibility of the exhibits, in our case the animals, it is then responsible for their welfare and safe keeping.

This policy sets out the conditions and expectations of the temporary holding of these animals.

POLICY

1. WIRES Inc. will create a central register of court exhibit animals in its care. Each animal will have its own unique identification number.
2. When an animal is passed to a WIRES Branch for temporary care the carer in charge and Branch secretary will ensure registration of the exhibit animals with WIRES Inc. for inclusion in the central register of court exhibit animals and note the matter in the minutes of the next Branch or BMC meeting.
3. All reasonable costs involved with the temporary care of the animals will be refunded by WIRES Inc. WIRES Inc. will attempt to recover costs from the court system.
4. All correspondence with the Police, Court, National Parks or other interested parties must be entered into the central register, and in the minutes of the next Branch or BMC meeting.
5. No decisions can be made about the outcome of the exhibit animals without approval of the Police, Court or National Parks, any requests or decisions to be noted in the central register and in the minutes of the next Branch or BMC meeting.
6. At finalisation of the Court matter the recording of the outcomes of the exhibit animals is to be entered into the central register and in the minutes of the next Branch or BMC meeting.

Procedure

At the earliest opportunity the Branch member involved should contact WIRES Inc. rescue line to register the animal on the central exhibit register held in the rescue office. A log of all reasonable costs involved with the care of the animals, including food, vet., and housing should be kept. The account should be submitted to the Branch for payment, as a normal reimbursement of costs, claimed against the identification number. These costs will be claimed as a one hundred percent subsidy.

If an exhibit becomes a WIRES animal by way of the Court, the animals may be transferred to the WIRES general licence, decisions would then be made about the outcome of the animal.

An excerpt of Policy 1.17 Transfer of Animals: See below

Transfers from another Organisation to WIRES General Licence

1.17.16 The transfer of an animal from another organization to WIRES must be handled in the same way as described in all the above to ensure that the combined statistics of the organisation do not show unexplained duplications in animal caring activities. The WIRES Animal Report Form will detail the reasons for the transfer and should make cross reference to the organisation from which the animal came. Foster Carers involved in the transfer should ensure that the WIRES Animal Report Form shows this detail.

1.17.17 Reports to NPWS should accurately reflect these transfers.

1.17.18 In general WIRES will accept transfers from other organisations, subject to the following:

- All NPWS directives concerning the animal have been met
- The animal is not subject to legal proceedings
- The animal is released solely into WIRES General Licence
- The Branch Coordinator consents to the transfer