

## **Wildlife Rescue Insurance Cover**

1. The Wildlife Rescue insurance policy provides for Public Liability up to \$20 million and for Personal Accident up to \$100,000.
2. The policy covers anyone engaged in animal rescues on behalf of Wildlife Rescue Inc, regardless of whether they are a member of WRI or not (provided, of course, the rescuer acts responsibly and with due care).
3. In the words of our insurance broker *“The [WRI] policy will respond to a situation where you have to turn to a member of the public to help out with the rescue of an animal. Even if this person is not a member of the organisation they would be classed as a volunteer for the exercise and therefore would be covered under the public liability and Personal Accident policies Wildlife Rescue has taken out. In fact any person who helps your organisation whether its just for the day or a specific event would be classed as a volunteer and covered under your insurance policies”*.
4. Thus, with the above provisos, the following persons are covered by the WRI insurance:
  - a member of the public transporting an animal to a vet or licensed carer;
  - a shooter assisting a rescuer, provided the shooter is licensed and any firearm is registered;
  - a person (WRI member or otherwise) climbing a ladder to rescue a possum, bird etc;
  - a person rescuing a snake, provided the person is suitably qualified; and
  - anyone handling a bat (incl. flying fox), provided the person is inoculated against lyssavirus.
5. Unlike many other groups, Wildlife Rescue’s insurance policy provides cover for anyone assisting in a rescue (provided they act responsibly and with due care). WRI is therefore able to assist where other groups are unable to do so.