

Identifying a Sick or Injured Koala

A sick koala may sit on the ground, may not move away when approached or may sit in the same tree for two or more days.

Dog Attack

If you suspect your dog may have attacked a koala call us urgently. Early treatment can prevent a fatal infection.

Car Hits

Koalas hit by a car often sustain injuries that require urgent medical treatment.

What to do if you see a sick, injured or orphaned koala

- ◇ Ensure your own safety first - then
- ◇ Keep an eye on the animal until a rescuer arrives
- ◇ If possible, place a laundry basket, towel, blanket or box over the animal
- ◇ Approach the animal carefully - Koalas can be aggressive and inflict serious injury
- ◇ Keep people and dogs away - stress can cause further injury or even death

What you can do

- ◇ Grow eucalypts, other trees and bushes native to your area. These will offer food, shelter and nesting sites for koalas as well as other wildlife
- ◇ Confine or restrain dogs at night
- ◇ Slow down when driving at night
- ◇ Build koala friendly fences
- ◇ Pass on this information to all your neighbours!



Conjunctivitis

An infection of the eye resulting in red, swollen, pus filled eyes. It can affect only one eye or both eyes.

Cystitis or 'Dirty Tail'

The fur on the koala's bottom becomes stained brown, wet, sticky and smelly from urine.

What to do if you see a dead koala

- ◇ Contact Moreton Bay Koala Rescue Inc. on 0401 080 333
- ◇ Check the pouch of females, if there is a joey DO NOT remove it but wrap the mother's body to keep it warm
- ◇ Keep furred young wrapped and warm

Koala food favourites

Qld Blue Gum or Flooded Red Gum	eucalyptus tereticornis
Rose Gum or Flooded Gum	e. grandis
Tallowood	e. microcorys
Gum Topped Box	e. moluccana
Blackbutt	e. pilularis
Small Fruited Grey Gum	e. propinqua var major
Swamp Mahogany	e. robusta
Narrow Leaved Red Gum	e. seeana
Scribbly Gum	e. signata