

OZARK is an established and respected resource, providing quality information, and an independent, non-political national network for wildlife workers and carers, for over a decade.

Resources on the Ozark website have been checked by vets or known authorities in the field, and are genuine, quality, and original.

The purpose of Ozark is to provide education, information and support to wildlife workers and carers, to help achieve optimal standards and successful outcomes for wildlife in rehabilitation and care.



Injured Peregrine Falcon in rehabilitation

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Front page images: Orphaned Joeys in care:

Greater Glider & Eastern Quoll

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OZARK uniting the wildlife caring community



Orphaned hand-raised koala joey in care



Ozark has been providing information and an active communications network for wildlife workers and carers since 1995.

This service is freely given to the wildlife caring community with the goal of providing readily available quality information, communication and support to wildlife workers and carers, for the direct benefit of wildlife in care.



It is through effective communications and the provision of quality information across-the-board, that the standards of care can be raised, and those working in the wildlife care field can be supported and assisted in their important task of caring for our precious wildlife.



Injured ringtail possum joey in care



Resources to educate

When Ozark first began, there was nothing like it in existence. There was very little communication, or sharing of information amongst various individuals and groups. Knowledge was at times jealously guarded. There was no avenue of communication between various wildlife rehabilitators from all the different groups across Australia.

People caring for wildlife in remote areas in particular, did not have ready access to training resources and information, nor feedback and consultation from experienced wildlife rehabilitators.



Tasmanian Devil in care

The creation of Ozark, and the original concept of freely providing quality training manuals and information for wildlife rehabilitators all around the country, has been taken up with enthusiasm by the wildlife workers and carers, and the sense of community created by the network and shared resources, has brought about much positive change in the wildlife caring community. Ozark has been at the forefront of bringing together the wildlife rehabilitation community, whilst remaining non-political, supportive of all, and maintaining the focus on wildlife.

A great many native animals in rehabilitation have been saved through the ready availability of quality information provided by Ozark, and the access through the Ozark network to speedy advice from vets and those experienced in the field.



Orphaned hand-raised Greater Glider



Responsibility and quality

With the growth of internet use, and proliferation of personal websites, there has been concern in the field about the impact of poor quality information, and the emerging problem of people finding orphaned or injured wildlife, and attempting to look after it themselves, on a whim, after looking up dubious information on the internet. All too often wildlife rehabilitators are then expected to save a seriously ill, or hopelessly imprinted animal, unable to cope, once the novelty wears off.

Ozark is committed to providing not only quality and original resources, that are freely available to those working with wildlife, but to also do so in a responsible manner. Australian wildlife has very specialised and specific needs. Rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife needs to be done through proper training and supervision, using methods and equipment that will enable the wildlife to survive on release.

Through many years service Ozark has become respected and trusted in the wildlife rehabilitation community, providing education, information and communication responsibly, and with appropriate checks and balances to ensure quality and up-to-date resources. Ozark continues to grow and evolve as a vital and unifying service, which directly aids and benefits our unique and vulnerable wildlife.

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