Comprehensive Wildlife Car Kit

A basket or cardboard box with ventilation holes is good to keep animals contained and secure. (Place in a dark, quiet location until you can hand over your little patient to a registered carer)

A large pouch for larger animals – kangaroos & wombats etc. **A couple of pillowcases will suffice

A small pouch for smaller animals – possums & echidnas etc. **A beanie/hat will suffice

A high-vis vest. This allows other drivers to see you. If possible, pull up behind the injured animal so your headlights can illuminate the area

A sheet or a blanket to cover your container with and/or to lift an injured animal

A cross (X sprayed in pink) lets others know you have checked an animal. Please drag the animal into long grass and away from the roadside if deceased. This will save scavenger animals from running the risk of also being hit

Disposable gloves

Gardening gloves to wear when dragging an animal off the road, to help prevent being bitten by frightened or injured animals, and to assist with pulling wire apart (if a kangaroo has their legs caught in a fence for example)

Wire cutters – in case you cannot free an animal caught in wire easily. A wildlife carer MUST be contacted if you have located a fence hanger

Scissors – sometimes to you might need to cut the pouch of a deceased mother to free the joey. These can also used to remove a baby from a teat (under instruction from a wildlife carer)

Wet wipes – to clean your hands

A water bottle to clean your hands and/or offer an animal. Use a small dish they can lap from. Do not pour liquids down their throat

Nappy pins – if a baby roo is attached to the teat in the mothers pouch you should never pull it off. You need to pierce the teat at the base with a large pin (nappy) and then cut the teat off under the pin

Teat – pacifiers / dummies can offer comfort to some infants

Phone numbers for local and state wildlife organisations. Always handy to have a list that you can access quickly. Have you got one programmed into your phone?

Not essential – but some information on wildlife is always advantageous

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