



Helping Wildlife in Heat Stress

In hotter summer months, a lot of native wildlife face heat stress. This can prove **fatal** for many animals, as **dehydration** can cause organ damage and hot surfaces may **burn** paws and feet.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Look for these signs to assess if a animal is heat stressed:

**Confused or
dioriented looking
wildlife**

**Animals found in
unnatural areas or
at strange times
for their species**

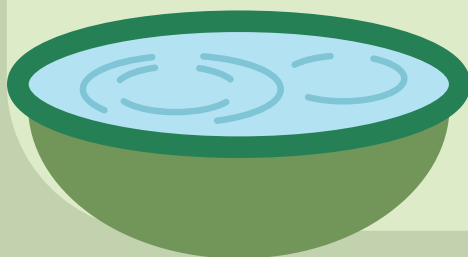
**Having a loss of
Balance or
Seizures**

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

HELP WILDLIFE STAY COOL

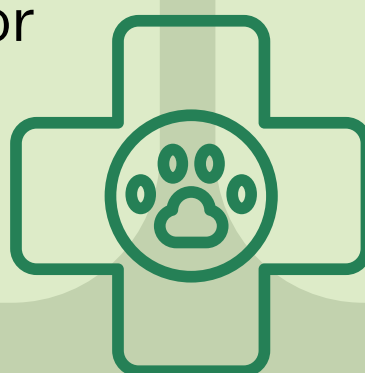
Place some water in a shallow bowl outside in our gardens or backyards so that they can have a drink on hotter days.

DO NOT try to hose it down or feed it.



PROVIDE A CALM ENVIRONMENT

If you find a heat-stressed animal, ensure that it is kept away from children or pets and that noise is minimal so as to reduce its stress.



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VET OR WILDLIFE EXPERT

If you find a heat-stressed animal, you can try to scoop it up in a towel and place it in a well-ventilated container before contacting help as soon as you can.



South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter

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