

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Wildlife Veterinarian – Travelling Veterinary Service
Type	Full-time/Part-time
Hours, Days	8.30am-6pm Monday to Sunday (including public holidays as required)
Location	Travelling Veterinary Service – Nunawading
Reporting to	Head of Business and Veterinary Operations
Direct Reports	N/A

Role and Responsibilities
Reporting to Wildlife Victoria’s Head of Business and Veterinary Operations, the Travelling Wildlife Veterinarian will respond to wildlife cases as a first responder in field, as well as conduct wildlife case management across the volunteer wildlife rehabilitator network. The role is a mobile one based out of a fully kitted out 4WD vehicle and involves veterinary assessment, triage and case management across all species of Australian native wildlife. The service also provides veterinary response capabilities and expertise during Statewide emergencies and catastrophic events that affect wildlife, including bushfires, floods, heat-stress events and disease outbreaks. The Travelling Veterinary Service operates 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. Key responsibilities: - Respond to sick, injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife cases requiring in-field veterinary assessment and management, as allocated by the Wildlife Victoria Emergency Response Service. - Assist volunteer wildlife rehabilitators with clinical management of more complex cases involving a variety of native wildlife species. - Collaborate professionally with private sector veterinarians as well as Zoos Victoria to achieve optimal animal welfare outcomes for patients. - Work effectively with agencies such as DEECA, GMA, Zoos Victoria and emergency services. - Comply with all Codes of Practice pertaining to the assessment, treatment and euthanasia (where indicated) for wildlife species. - Maintain case notes of all cases seen and report outcomes back to Wildlife Victoria in a timely fashion. - Assume responsibility for in-field operational safety of x-ray equipment, scheduled drugs, captive bolt device and firearms and any associated record-keeping. - Participate in major incident response and provide overall incident management on scene at cases attended including providing direction to volunteer wildlife rescuers, members of public and other personnel on scene (with the exception of situations where statutory authorities such as Victoria Police or DEECA are acting in an incident control role). - Mentor accompanying observers such as veterinary students. - Provide veterinary comment on wildlife cases to local media. - Provide feedback and work constructively with the Wildlife Victoria team to continually refine and improve service delivery of the program.

Selection Criteria
Essential: • Degree in Veterinary Science registrable in Victoria. • 2 years' experience in wildlife medicine, including strong clinical skills in the veterinary assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of native wildlife • Demonstrated interest in and commitment to wildlife medicine, and connection to the Wildlife Victoria purpose. • An understanding of animal rescue and practical experience including capture and restraint of a wide range of native species. • Ability to prioritise and triage cases to achieve maximal animal welfare outcomes. • A caring and mature personality able to engage with and support Wildlife Victoria's volunteer workforce. • Capacity for resilience in handling the high incidence of euthanasia required in frontline wildlife medicine. • Demonstrated ability to effectively understand and manage operational risk in-field. • Current Victorian Drivers Licence. • Current Victorian Radiation Use Licence. • Vaccinated (or prepared to be vaccinated) for Q Fever and Rabies/Lyssavirus.
Desirable: • Category C firearms license (or prepared to acquire one) for the purposes of tranquiliser darting of larger species. • Experience with captive bolt usage for in-field euthanasia (or prepared to undertake the necessary training). • Experience in a first responder role (veterinary or other).
About Wildlife Victoria
Wildlife Victoria is a not-for-profit organisation that has provided the Victorian community with a Wildlife Emergency Response service for over 35 years. The organisation has a small number of paid staff and a large number of volunteers. Every year thousands of native animals in Victoria become sick, injured, or orphaned, often as a direct result of human activity. If left unassisted, these animals may suffer and die in pain or of starvation. Our Wildlife Emergency Response Service receives notifications from members of the public via our emergency phone and online reporting system. We receive more than 160,000 requests for help a year and assist over 97,000 native animals across 455 different species. When a member of the public contacts us about a sick, injured, or orphaned animal, our Emergency Response Operators provide advice to help the caller manage the situation appropriately, and when necessary, arrange for a trained volunteer to attend. They also liaise with other organisations to ensure the best possible outcome for the animal. The rescue service relies on an extensive state-wide network of rescue and transport volunteers, veterinarians who provide pro-bono services for wildlife, and the licenced carers and shelters who accept animals into their care for rehabilitation and release. We advocate for wildlife whenever their welfare is under threat or compromised. We support efforts by government, community groups and individuals to ameliorate threats to wildlife, particularly those that are caused by humans. Through our education programs and activities, we help wildlife by providing people with the knowledge and skills they need for peaceful and positive co-existence with wildlife, and by facilitating positive community attitudes toward wildlife.