

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**  
**Travelling Wildlife Veterinarian**

Position Title	Travelling Wildlife Veterinarian
Fraction	Full-time
Days, hours	Monday to Sunday with flexibility in hours
Location	Bendigo
Reporting to	Head of Operations
Direct Reports	N/A

**Role and Responsibilities**

Reporting to Wildlife Victoria's Head of 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.

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 DELWP, GMA 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.
- 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 DELWP 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**
- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to wildlife medicine, and connection to the Wildlife Victoria purpose. An understanding of animal rescue and practical experience of such highly desirable
- Ability to prioritise and triage cases to achieve maximal animal welfare outcomes
- An engaging, caring, 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.

### Desirable:

- Established networks into the wildlife sector and government agencies
- Category A and B and Category C firearms licences or the willingness to attain these.
- 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 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 100,000 requests for help a year and help over 80,000 animals. 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.

In addition to the rescue service, 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.