



Koala rehabilitation assessment tool

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Purpose of this tool

This koala rehabilitation assessment tool has been designed to help wildlife rehabilitation groups monitor their level of compliance with the *Code of practice for injured, sick and orphaned koalas* (the code). Its primary purpose is to proactively help inform and guide improvements to their standards of koala care and optimise post-rehabilitation outcomes.

The tool is for use by assessors to record observations during a site visit. Assessors may be, for example, species coordinators or experienced koala rehabilitators such as mentors. The assessment aims to provide an objective snapshot of a group member's application of the code. When applied across multiple members, the tool can also strategically inform future training and guide grant applications for replacement enclosures or other assets which are not code compliant.

Everyone authorised to interact with koalas is required to act in accordance with the code. It has been developed to protect the welfare of rescued koalas and support the conservation of wild koala populations. Compliance with the code is a condition of a biodiversity conservation licence to conduct wildlife rehabilitation under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. The person applying the tool must be familiar with the content and application of the code.

Wildlife rehabilitation groups are encouraged to maintain a register of volunteers who have been assessed under this tool so in future they can be compared against previous assessments.

How to use this assessment tool

The tool has 5 sections:

1. Training
2. Records management
3. Facility inspection
4. Field observation of animal rescue and transport
5. Assessment summary.

An inspection may target one or more sections of the tool. Sections 1 to 4 align with specific standards in the code. It is preferable to complete Sections 1, 2 and 3 together or Sections 1 and 4. Section 5 summarises the assessment results from each section.

Contents of each section

- A place to record the assessor's and group member's name, signature and date of inspection.
- Code standards to be assessed.
- An overall assessment question and prompts to help guide the assessment.
- Targeted questions which align with specific standards in the code.
- Check boxes to record responses to the questions.
- Space to score and tally the results of the assessment.
- Space for notes about any observations you make during the inspection and to make specific recommendations.

Planning and what to take to the assessment

Before the site visit

- Contact the group member and arrange a mutually convenient time.
- Consider if an observer should also attend with the assessor.
- Explain the purpose of the assessment to the person who will be assessed before the site visit (and again at the start of the site visit).
- Ask if there are koalas on site and at what stage of rehabilitation.
- Identify which standards you intend to assess.
- Pack a copy of the koala code of practice.
- Be familiar with the [data reporting template](#).
- Bring a mobile phone and ask if you can take photos.
- Bring a tape measure, pen and clipboard or laptop.

Scoring each section and collating the results

Each question requires the assessor to select the appropriate answer, as shown in the example below. Only one answer can be selected. The answers can then be collated, scored and converted to a percentage. This sample exercise has 5 target questions:

Example assessment (Records management assessment 5)

Code of practice standards: 12 Record keeping, 6 Care procedures

Records management assessment 5: Were records on monitoring kept in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Check the monitoring section in the record sheet. Be familiar with the 'care procedures and record keeping' standards in the code.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many koalas are monitored and have their body condition, hydration levels, leaf consumption, scat quantity, urine quality and behaviour recorded?

☐ All ☒ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

2. How many koalas in intensive care are monitored for stress and pain?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☒ None ☐ N/A

3. How many koalas in intensive care are weighed at least once a week?

☒ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

4. How many orphaned dependent koala joeys are weighed at least twice per week?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☒ N/A

5. How many independent juvenile koalas or koalas in intermediate care are weighed at least once a week?

☒ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

How to calculate an assessment score

Step 1: Tally the selected responses for each column

2/5	1/5	0/5	1/5	1/5
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Step 2: Subtract the number of not applicable (N/A) answers from the total number of questions. In this example 5 questions – 1 N/A = 4. Give the score for each column as a fraction.

2/4	1/4	0	1/4	–
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Step 3: Convert the fraction to a percentage (%)

50%	25%	0	25%	–
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In this example, 2 of the 5 questions were scored as 'All', 1 question as 'More than 50%', 1 question as 'None' and 1 question as 'N/A'. The question about orphaned koala joeys did not apply in this example because there wasn't one on site, so only 4 questions apply to this assessment. The total assessment score is therefore 2/4 (50%) for 'All', 1/4 (25%) for 'More than 50%', and 1/4 (25%) for 'None'. The score or percentage for responses 'All' (or 'Yes') is then recorded in the assessment summary (section 5).

Section 1: Training

The purpose of this section is to assess the currency of training. This should be done before other sections of the assessment and verified with the group member.

Member name:	Signature:	Date:
Assessor name:	Signature:	Date:

Section 1: Training

Code of practice standards: 11 Training

Training assessment: Is the member trained to rescue and/or rehabilitate koalas?

Prompts: Check the member's details and group training register before the inspection. Confirm what tasks the member does with koalas and what training they require.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. Is the member authorised to work with koalas?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Has the member completed the required training for the tasks they perform?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Is the member's training current?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction out of 3

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 2: Records management

The purpose of this section is to assess the group member's koala records, including decisions made about the fate of animals in care. It may help to review the previous year's records before starting the assessment.

Member name:	Signature:	Date:
Assessor name:	Signature:	Date:

Section 2: Records management

Code of practice standards: 12 Record keeping, 6 Care procedures, 10.2 Release site selection, 10.3 Release techniques, 5.1 When to euthanase, 5.2 How to euthanase

Records management assessment 1: Is the member's record sheet current, accurate and compliant with the standard?

Prompts: Request to see this report year's record sheet. The fields in the register should be equivalent to the standards i.e. the data template.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many koalas currently in care are listed in the record sheet?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

2. How many koalas have their rescue date, location and encounter data entered in the record sheet?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

3. How many koalas have their sex, weight and body score entered in the record sheet?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

4. How many koalas have their standard-length measurements recorded?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

5. How many dead or released koalas have had their fates entered?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

6. How many released koalas had a microchip number correctly recorded?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

7. How many koalas transferred to or from another facility have a dated identification record and location of transfer?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

**Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction
(remember to deduct any N/As from the total)**

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 2: Records management (continued)

Records management assessment 2: Were decisions made about the release of koalas in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Check the fate and release location details section in the record sheet. Be familiar with the 'Release site selection' standards in the code.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. Of the koalas released, how many were put in a suitable environment at or as near as possible to their place of rescue (i.e. less than 5 km)?*

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

2. How many koalas released over 5 km and under 10 km from their rescue site were notified to the department for consultation?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

3. How many koalas released outside the release standards have approval from the department?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction (remember to deduct any N/As from the total)

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

* Exclude animals that received approval from the department to be placed elsewhere.

Section 2: Records management (continued)

Records management assessment 3: Were decisions made about the euthanasia and permanent care of koalas in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Check the fate details section in the record sheet. Be familiar with the 'When to euthanase' standards in the code.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many koalas were euthanased in accordance with the criteria in the code?
(List reasons in the notes.)

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

2. How many of the koalas held in permanent care have written approval from the department?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction
(remember to deduct any N/As from the total)

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 2: Records management (continued)

Records management assessment 4: Were decisions about chlamydia made in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Check the disease details section in the record sheet. Be familiar with the release suitability, assessment and record keeping standards in the code. Answer only if koalas being tested or treated for chlamydia are present, otherwise record 'N/A' in the notes.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many koalas that tested positive for chlamydia at admission have their chlamydia status details recorded?

- ☐ polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test
- ☐ eye score (0 to 3)
- ☐ rump (wet bottom) score (1 to 7)

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

2. Have the koalas that tested positive for chlamydia upon admission undergone a urogenital tract ultrasound screen?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

3. Have the koalas that tested positive for chlamydia upon admission been tested after treatment and attained a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test before release?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

4. Are koalas released into a known chlamydia-free population originally rescued from the known chlamydia-free location?

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☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

5. Have the koalas released into a known chlamydia-free population completed a PCR test in the release phase and tested negative?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

**Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction
(remember to deduct any N/As from the total)**

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 2: Records management (continued)

Records management assessment 5: Were records on monitoring kept in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Check the monitoring section in the record sheet. Be familiar with the care procedures and record keeping standards in the code.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many koalas are monitored and have their body condition, hydration levels, leaf consumption, scat quantity, urine quality and behaviour recorded?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

2. How many koalas in intensive care are monitored for stress and pain?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

3. How many koalas in intensive care are weighed at least once a week?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

4. How many orphaned dependent koala joeys are weighed at least twice per week?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

5. How many independent juvenile koalas or koalas in intermediate care are weighed at least once a week?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None ☐ N/A

**Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction
(remember to deduct any N/As from the total)**

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 3: Facility inspection

The purpose of this section is to assess the group member's rehabilitation facility (including the housing) and rehabilitation care procedures. If the facility does not participate in the intensive care, intermediate care or pre-release of koalas, then move to another section and place N/A in the notes.

Member name:	Signature:	Date:
Assessor name:	Signature:	Date:

Section 3a: Housing and rehabilitation – general care

Code of practice standards: 6.1 Assessment, 7 Rehabilitation care, 8 Housing requirements

General care assessment: Are the koalas in the facility managed according to the standards?

Prompts: Observe the koalas in care and ask to view the rehabilitation care plans and leaf storage area. Ask the following questions and record the appropriate response. If a koala is not present, record 'N/A' in the notes.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many koalas have undergone a veterinary assessment:

- within 24 hours for rescues involving major trauma, emaciation, moribund, dehydrated, bushfire or signs of pain?
- within 72 hours for all other types of rescue?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

2. How many koalas have a rehabilitation care plan?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

Are any koalas present suspected of or confirmed to be carrying an infectious disease? If yes, record an answer for Question 3. Otherwise select 'N/A' and move on to Question 4

☐ N/A

3. How many koalas suspected of or confirmed to be carrying an infectious disease are in isolation?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

4. How many enclosures are positioned to protect each koala from domestic pets, wild animals, pests, excessive noise, noxious smells and strong vibrations?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

5. How many enclosures are escape-proof and have no hazards that might harm the koala?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

6. How many enclosures are clean and well maintained?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

7. How many enclosures (exclude ICEs for orphaned pouch young) have fresh drinking water available? (Also check leaf water containers are clean.)

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

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8. How many enclosures have fresh eucalypt leaves for the koala from at least 3 different species?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

9. How many enclosures have the branches loosely bunched and positioned so the koala can sit under the leaves?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

10. Are the leaves for koalas stored in an area that protects them from:

- contamination
- nutritional and moisture loss
- pets, pests and wild animals?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

**Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction
(remember to deduct any N/As from the total)**

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Record 'N/A' here if the group member has no koalas

Recommendations:

Section 3b: Housing and rehabilitation – intensive care

Code of practice standards: 8.2 Intensive care housing

Intensive care assessment 1: Are intensive care housing enclosures (ICEs) constructed, positioned and maintained in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Ask to see the intensive care koala enclosures. Answer only if koalas are present, otherwise record 'N/A' in the notes.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many intensive care enclosures (ICEs) have floor dimensions at least 70 cm long by 70 cm wide?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

2. How many ICEs are designed or positioned to reduce auditory stimuli?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

3. How many ICEs contain a prop for each koala to hold onto?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

4. How many ICEs provide a constant temperature regulated by a thermostat and monitored with a thermometer?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

5. How many ICEs use a soft substrate?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Record 'N/A' here if the wildlife rehabilitator does not participate in intensive care or has no koalas.

Recommendations:

Section 3b: Housing and rehabilitation – intensive care (continued)

Code of practice standards: 7.2 Hygiene; 8.2 Intensive care housing

Intensive care assessment 2: Are intensive-care housing enclosures (ICEs) for orphaned pouch young joeys constructed, positioned and maintained in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Ask to see the intensive-care koala enclosures. Answer only if orphaned pouch young koala joeys are present, otherwise record 'N/A' in the notes.

1. How many ICEs for orphaned pouch young are supplied with clean and sterilised teats, bottles and syringes?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

2. How many artificial pouches are made from soft fibres and have no loose threads?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

3. How many artificial pouches have the heat pad placed on the outside of the pouch?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Record 'N/A' here if the wildlife rehabilitator does not participate in joey rehabilitation or has no koala joeys.

Recommendations:

Section 3c: Housing and rehabilitation – intermediate care

Code of practice standards: 7 Rehabilitation care, 8 Housing (8.1 General requirements and 8.3 Intermediate care housing)

Intermediate care assessment: Are intermediate-care housing enclosures (ITEs) constructed, positioned and maintained in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Ask to see the intermediate-care enclosures for koalas. Answer only if koalas are present, otherwise record 'N/A' in the notes.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many intermediate care enclosures (ITEs) have floor dimensions at least 2 m long by 2 m wide by 2 m high?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

2. How many ITEs are escape-proof and have no hazards that might harm the koala?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

3. How many ITEs provide a light–dark cycle that replicates outside conditions?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

4. How many ITEs contain 2 branches, each with a fork and one slanted pole?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

5. How many ITEs provide contaminant-free dirt and bark?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Record 'N/A' here if the group member does not participate in intermediate care or has no koalas.

Recommendations:

Section 3d: Housing and rehabilitation – pre-release housing

Code of practice standards: 7 Rehabilitation care, 8 Housing (8.1 General requirements and 8.4 Pre-release housing)

Pre-release housing assessment: Are pre-release care enclosures (PREs) constructed, positioned and maintained in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Ask to see the pre-release enclosures for koalas. Answer only if koalas are present, otherwise record 'N/A' in the notes.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. How many pre-release enclosures (PREs) have floor dimensions at least 6 m long by 6 m wide and provide up to 3 m of usable vertical space?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

2. How many PREs have smooth walls at least 1.5 m high and at least 2 m from the nearest branch?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

3. How many PREs contain habitat elements such as 3 tree forks to a height of at least 3 m?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

4. How many PREs contain a variety of natural branches (native species) oriented both vertically and horizontally?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

5. How many tree forks have slanted angled runners to encourage natural movement?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

6. How many PREs provide areas where the koala can gain exposure to outside weather and areas it can shelter?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

7. How many PREs provide contaminant-free dirt and bark?

☐ All ☐ More than 50% ☐ Less than 50% ☐ None

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Record 'N/A' if the wildlife rehabilitator does not have pre-release housing or has no koalas.

Recommendations:

Section 3e: Pre-release assessment

Code of practice standards: 9 Suitability for release

Pre-release assessment: Have all koalas deemed ready for release been assessed according to the standards?

Prompt: Ask to see the koalas that have been assessed as suitable for release. If none have been assessed as suitable for release, record 'N/A' in the notes.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. Has the release suitability of the koala (s) been confirmed by a veterinarian or experienced koala rehabilitator?

☐ All ☐ None ☐ Some

2. Has the member correctly described why the animal is physically ready for release? (See Standard 9.1.1 of the code.)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some

3. Has the member correctly described why the animal is behaviourally ready for release? (See Standard 9.1.2 of the code.)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some

4. Have all koalas ready for release had a microchip inserted, and the number recorded?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Record 'N/A' here if no koalas are ready for release.

Recommendations:

Section 4: Field observation

This section is a practical assessment of the application of the rescue, transport and release standards in the code. It is best conducted in the field through observation, although parts such as personal protective equipment (PPE), rescue equipment and release considerations may be completed as part of the facility inspection and record management sections.

Member name:	Signature:	Date:
Assessor name:	Signature:	Date:

Section 4a: Rescue

Code of practice standards: 3 Rescue

Rescue assessment 1: Did the member prepare for the rescue in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Observe how the member prepares for a rescue.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. Did the rescuer assess the koala to determine if rescue is required?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some ☐ N/A

2. Did the rescuer consider all the risks from environmental hazards to themselves surrounding observers and the koala?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some ☐ N/A

3. Did the rescuer possess the appropriate PPE?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some ☐ N/A

4. Did the rescuer assess the number of koalas requiring rescue, their sex and presence of back young?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some ☐ N/A

**Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction
(remember to deduct any N/As from the total)**

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 4b: Rescue (continued)

Rescue assessment 2: Was the rescue of the koala undertaken in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Observe the method and conduct of the koala's physical rescue.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. Did the rescuer use the correct rescue equipment?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

2. Did the rescuer limit the exposure to additional stressors such as onlookers, loud noises and other animals?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

3. Did the rescuer use the correct method to capture the koala?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

4. Did the rescuer conduct any surrounding searches for orphaned young or adult female (mother)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

5. Did the rescuer ensure the claws were disengaged before the koala was removed?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

6. Did the rescuer use a trap that was:

- ☐ monitored continuously
- ☐ clear of any sharp surfaces
- ☐ placed and secured on a flat surface
- ☐ not placed in a yard where a dog will be let out unrestrained?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

7. Did the rescuer suspend the rescue for a koala showing signs of stress or not captured after 10 minutes?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction (remember to deduct any N/As from the total)

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 4c: Transport

Code of practice standards: 4 Transport

Transport assessment: Was the koala transported in accordance with the standards?

Prompts: Observe the method and conduct of the koala's physical transport.

Target questions. Select one response for each question:

1. Was the transport container appropriate for the size and condition of the koala?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Was the koala positioned so its breathing is not restricted?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Was the transport container placed in the correct position in the vehicle?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Was the transport container covered with a breathable cloth?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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5. Is the transport container escape-proof and designed, set-up and secured to prevent injuries to the koala?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Was the koala transported at a temperature appropriate to the age and condition? (See Standard 4.1.8.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If the rescue is not a sub-adult or adult koala, record N/A for questions 7 and 8.

7. For a sub-adult or adult koala, does the transport container contain something for the koala to hold on to?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

8. For a sub-adult and adult koala, does the transport container have a soft substrate?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If the koala rescued does not have a suspected fracture, record N/A for question 9.

9. For koalas with a suspected fracture, spinal or pelvic injury, is there extra padding?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Tally responses for each column and display the score as a fraction (deduct N/As from the total)

Convert to a percentage (%)

Notes:

Recommendations:

Section 5: Assessment summary

There is no pass or fail associated with this assessment. Its purpose is to identify those standards where compliance with the code can be improved. Specific recommendations for improvement can be recorded below. A time frame should be discussed and agreed with the group member to implement any recommendations.

Summarise the outcome of the assessment in the table below:

- Circle 'Yes' in the left-hand column for each section assessed.
- Record the total score as a fraction (i.e. X/Y) for answers with 'All' or 'Yes'.
- Record the percentage score (%) for answers with 'All' or 'Yes'.

Assessed	Section	Score (fraction) All/Yes	Percentage (%) All/Yes
Sections 1 and 2: Training and records management			
Yes	1 Training		
Yes	2 Records management (assessment 1)		
Yes	2 Records management (assessment 2)		
Yes	2 Records management (assessment 3)		
Yes	2 Records management (assessment 4)		
Yes	2 Records management (assessment 5)		
Section 3: Facility inspection			
Yes	3a Housing and rehabilitation – general care		
Yes	3b Housing and rehabilitation – intensive care (assessment 1)		
Yes	3b Housing and rehabilitation – intensive care (assessment 2)		
Yes	3c Housing and rehabilitation – intermediate care		
Yes	3d Housing and rehabilitation – pre-release housing		
Yes	3e Pre-release assessment		

Assessed	Section	Score (fraction) All/Yes	Percentage (%) All/Yes
Section 4: Field observation			
Yes	4a Rescue (assessment 1)		
Yes	4b Rescue (assessment 2)		
Yes	4c Transport		

Recommendations:

More information

DPE (2023) Code of practice for injured, sick and orphaned koalas, NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Wildlife rehabilitation reporting requirements and template for wildlife rehabilitation providers (data reporting template).