WIRES (R101)
RESCUE 101 COURSE

Information Pack

WIRES

Course Description

The Rescue 101 course is an introductory WIRES training program designed for individuals who would like to help rescue wildlife casually, around their existing commitments. The program equips members of the public with knowledge and skills to safely and efficiently respond to reports for our most commonly rescued species.

This allows Rescue 101 volunteers to promptly start assisting with urgent native animal rescue and transport by attending to critically injured wildlife and transporting them for veterinary care.

There are 6 online theory modules in this course. The course contains essential information regarding wildlife rescue and transport requirements including:

- Work, Health & Safety Considerations

- Species Identification

- Common Rescue Scenarios

- Safe Handling Techniques

- Transport Requirements for Wildlife

Please note, Rescue 101 volunteers can only assist with rescues for commonly reported and lower-risk species including birds, possums, lizards, turtles and frogs. The majority of these rescues will be for critically injured animals that need urgent vet treatment. Some may have already been contained by a member of public and need collecting. All animals rescued by Rescue 101 volunteers must be transported immediately to a veterinary clinic.

Further training is required if you would like to become involved with other species or more complex rescues.

For participants that wish to assist with a broader range of specialist species rescues including larger mammals or raptors, or who would like to further their training to become a WIRES carer, please register to complete WIRES Rescue and Immediate Care Course (RICC) instead. See www.wildlifetraining.org.au/training/rescue-and-care.

Entry Requirements

There are no educational prerequisites for this course however individuals must meet the enrolment criterion as below to be eligible for this training:

- Participants must be at least 18 years old to enrol.

- Participants must reside in a WIRES area in NSW

- Participants must <u>not</u> be a current member of another licensed wildlife organisation or hold an individual license to rescue or care for wildlife.

- A valid driver's license and access to private transport in order to attend rescues.

The following criterion is also strongly recommended for this tier of volunteering:

- A reasonable level of fitness

- Due to the nature of wildlife rescuing, emotional resilience is advantageous

Delivery Method

This course is delivered entirely online and can be completed at your own pace, within the course enrolment period.

The course consists of 6 modules that are interspersed with short quizzes to test your knowledge after each module. All modules and quiz questions must be complete to successfully pass the course.

Course Duration

The estimated duration of this online course is 4-6 hours. However, participants are encouraged to work through the training at their own pace, therefore the completion time for this course may vary depending on individual circumstances.

All components must be complete within the enrolment period.

Enrolment Duration

The enrolment duration for this course is 3 months. Participants are required to complete this course within this time. Extensions may be granted upon request for extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the WIRES Training Team.

Course Access Requirements

Participants are required to have access to a reliable internet source and device in order to complete the online theory. The online training portal is best suited to computer devices however it can also be completed on a phone or tablet device.

If a participant does not have their own internet access, many public libraries provide this service. To find your local public library, please visit http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/about-public-library-services/find-public-library-nsw or call the NSW Public Library Services on (02) 9273 1414.

An 'offline' alternative is available for this course via hardcopy manual and workbook. Students can request to complete the course via hardcopy workbook on request. Please contact training@wires.org.au or call (02) 8977 3392 to discuss this option where required.

Course Outcomes

Individuals who complete the WIRES Rescue 101 course are processed as a Rescue 101 volunteer with WIRES. WIRES Rescue 101 volunteers can assist with rescue callouts for birds, possums, lizard, turtles and frogs that require rescue and transport to a vet. WIRES Rescue 101 volunteers have maximum flexibility in terms of how often they get involved and how many rescues they assist with.

Course Fee Information

The full cost of the WIRES Rescue 101 Course is $25.00. There are no concessions or discounts available at this time.

Any person requesting a refund must do so in writing in accordance with the refund policy specified below.

Refund Policy

- WIRES reserve the right not to grant a refund once a participant has commenced any component of this course.

- The WIRES refund policy is applicable only to the enrolment period for the course (3 months of date of enrolment). Refund requests made after the enrolment period has ended will not be considered.

- Participants that request to cancel their enrolment prior to commencing the course may be eligible for a partial refund. Refund requests are assessed on an individual basis and will incur an administration fee of 20% of the course fees paid ($5).

All refund requests must be in writing and be in accordance with the refund policy specified above. Written requests can be sent via email training@wires.org.au or post to WIRES Training Team [PO Box 7276, Warringah Mall NSW 2100]. Alternatively, you can call (02) 8977 3392 to discuss your options with the WIRES Training Team.

Extension Requests

Requests for enrolment extensions may be considered up until 3 months after the enrolment period ends. Requests can be sent to training@wires.org.au for consideration or call (02) 8977 3392 to discuss your options with a member of the training team.

Student Support

The WIRES Training Team are available from Monday – Friday during business hours to support students through their training. We endeavour to respond to all enquiries as soon as possible within 24-48 hours. To contact the team, please email training@wires.org.au or call (02) 8977 3392.