



# HOW YOU CAN CREATE A KINDER WORLD

You can make a difference to the wellbeing of our wildlife. By taking small actions every day, and encouraging others to do that same, you can lessen the suffering of many animals. For example, when we litter, especially with fishing gear and plastic, we endanger the lives of numerous species. WIRES recently rescued a Black Swan at Harrington Park Lakes in the south west of Sydney that was entangled by fishing line and had a plastic ring from a jar top stuck on his head.

Dedicated WIRES volunteer Inga was able to free the swan and after a vet check, he was returned to his lake. She was delighted to come across him recently [pictured] and see that he was thriving with his lifelong partner and five new cygnets in tow!

Below are some examples of the kinds of small actions we can all take that make a big difference. And remember, always keep an eye out for any animal that might need help and call WIRES.



### DON'T ILLEGALLY DUMP RUBBISH

Water birds such as this Coot, which was found by WIRES tangled in 30 metres of discarded fishing line, often fall prey to rubbish in our waterways.



### DRIVE YOUR CAR WITH CARE

Accidents will occur but WIRES received reports earlier this year of motorists targeting native ducks in their local area.  
Image: Darin Fitzgerald



### RESPONSIBLY MANAGE AND CONTAIN PETS

Free-roaming dogs and cats attack livestock and a wide range of wildlife including reptiles, small mammals, wombats, birds and also wallabies, kangaroos and koalas.  
Image: Rachael Kobold



### USE WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY FENCING/NETTING

WIRES receives many calls regarding animals caught in fencing especially barbed wire and also netting that is not wildlife friendly.  
Image: AJ Caruana



### KEEP WILDLIFE IN THE WILD

It is illegal to take native animals from the wild and it's important to ensure that any rescued animals are looked after by specialist carers, not kept as pets.



### DON'T USE TOXINS TO CONTROL 'PESTS'

WIRES recommends that you don't use snail and slug baits on your property such as those containing metaldehyde, as they can kill wildlife like lizards, birds and wombats.



## MAKE A DONATION

Please help us to rescue more animals in need  
[www.WIRES.org.au/donate/ways-to-help](http://www.WIRES.org.au/donate/ways-to-help)



## REPORT A RESCUE

If you find an animal in need  
CALL: 1300 094 737 or 13000 WIRES  
ONLINE: [www.wires.org.au/rescue/report-a-rescue](http://www.wires.org.au/rescue/report-a-rescue)  
APP: [www.wires.org.au/rescue/rescue-app](http://www.wires.org.au/rescue/rescue-app)