

# When on the road, look after yourself and our wildlife.

## What to do:

- 1 If you hit an animal
- 2 To reduce the risk



## 1. If you hit an animal



### Stop safely

Pull over only if safe to do so, and turn on hazard lights. Check your passengers are safe.

### Approach with caution

Remember – the animal may still be alive.

#### Is the animal still alive?

- For a small animal, approach cautiously and cover with a towel or blanket to minimise further stress. Gently place the injured animal in a pillow case or on a towel in a well ventilated box. Cover and keep in a warm dark quiet place
- For larger animals it may not be safe to approach – call **0477 334 898** immediately for trained assistance
- Minimise disturbance – keep injured animal away from pets and children
- An orphaned or injured animal requires **specialist care** as soon as possible
- **Do not try to feed or give water**

### If you need to leave or move an injured animal

Accurately record where you found the animal. This can be done by safely marking the location (e.g. piece of cloth), recording distance to next major road, noting any signage etc.

#### Is the animal dead?

- Remove the dead animal from the road (only if safe to do so) – this protects **scavenger species** (goannas & eagles) and reduces the hazard for other drivers.
- Check the dead animal's pouch for live young

#### Is there live pouch young?

- If you find live pouch young, do not try to pull it from the teat – call 0477 334 898 for advice
- An orphaned or injured animal requires **specialist care** as soon as possible
- **Do not try to feed or give water**

For advice and assistance in a wildlife emergency call **0477 334 898**

## 2. Reduce the risk

### Always

- Drive to local conditions
- **Maintain control - avoid swerving and brake safely**
- **Don't drive between dusk and dawn**
- Reduce animal attraction to the roadside – keep food or rubbish in the car until you find a bin

### If you must drive between dusk and dawn

- Consider reducing your speed to under **70km/h**
- Use high beam but slow down and dip your lights if you see an animal – they may be stunned and blinded



Don't drive between dusk and dawn. If you must, consider reducing your speed to less than

**70km/h**

If you hit an animal, **stop safely** and check if the animal is dead or alive. Approach quietly and cautiously.

**Check dead animals for surviving young**

If the animal is still **alive** please call for advice and assistance

**0477 334 898**

Help us help our wildlife



If you wish to make a donation to assist the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network in caring for injured wildlife, you may do so using the bank details below.

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