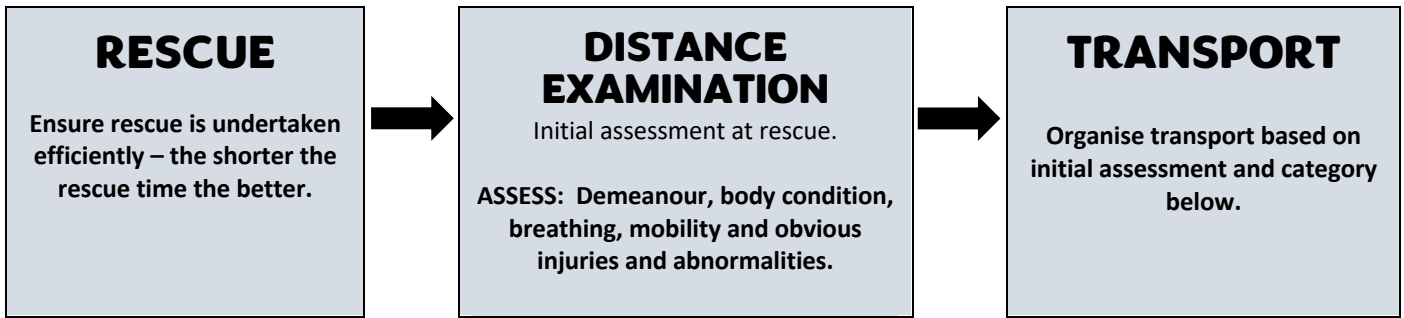


# Rescue & Triage Quick Guide

for wildlife rescuers and transporters



Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
<p><b>Requires IMMEDIATE veterinary attention.</b></p> <p><b>Transport to vet without delay</b> <i>Do not provide food/water</i></p>	<p><b>Requires PROMPT veterinary attention.</b></p> <p><b>Transport to vet within 6-12 hours</b></p>	<p><b>Seek veterinary attention as soon as practical.</b></p> <p><b>Seek advice from a Species Coordinator or Mentor.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe trauma and/or shock                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Extreme pain/distress</li> <li>⇒ Respiratory distress</li> <li>⇒ Significant blood loss/bruising</li> <li>⇒ Head trauma/seizures</li> <li>⇒ Open or multiple fractures</li> <li>⇒ Full/partial paralysis</li> <li>⇒ Limb(s) missing or dragging</li> <li>⇒ Eye trauma</li> <li>⇒ Evisceration (disembowelment)</li> <li>⇒ Unconscious (or history of)</li> <li>⇒ Cloacal prolapse</li> <li>⇒ Electrocution/Burns</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Domestic animal attacks</li> <li>• Suspected poisoning</li> <li>• Moderate dehydration</li> <li>• Acute fishing tackle &amp; entanglement injuries</li> <li>• Moderate-severe Lorikeet Paralysis Syndrome</li> <li>• Hypothermia</li> <li>• Heat stress</li> <li>• Myopathy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor trauma and/or shock                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Minor bruising/swelling</li> <li>⇒ Minor abrasions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Moderate disease</li> <li>• Mild dehydration</li> <li>• Mild or chronic entanglement injuries</li> <li>• Mild Lorikeet Paralysis Syndrome</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Animals in this category should be bright, alert and able to stand/perch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provide gentle warmth if required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not offer food/water without advice from a vet or Species Coordinator.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monitor carefully.</b> <b>If deteriorating, move to Category 1.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild/chronic disease                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Malnourished</li> <li>⇒ Parasite overburden</li> <li>⇒ Mild skin conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No obvious signs or likelihood of moderate/severe pain</li> <li>• No obvious discomfort or distress</li> <li>• No clear indication for urgent vet care</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Animals in this category should be bright, alert and able to stand/perch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provide gentle warmth if required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seek advice from a Species Coordinator for short-term care including heat, food and water.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monitor carefully.</b> <b>If deteriorating, move to Category 2 or 1.</b></p>
<p><b>Possible causes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle strike</li> <li>• Dog/cat attack</li> <li>• Tree fall</li> <li>• Near drowning</li> <li>• Other trauma</li> <li>• Severe entanglement</li> <li>• Rodenticide poisoning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Possible causes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma</li> <li>• Mild entanglement</li> <li>• Suspected dog/cat attack</li> <li>• Disease (e.g. dermatitis, Psittacine Beak &amp; Feather Disease, chlamydia).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Possible causes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disease (e.g. dermatitis, Psittacine Beak &amp; Feather Disease, chlamydia)</li> <li>• Mild trauma</li> <li>• Chronic health issues</li> <li>• Healthy orphans</li> </ul>

**Transport times:** The recommended transport times for veterinary treatment are based on wildlife rescued in the SEQ area where veterinary assistance is readily available through 4 wildlife hospitals/facilities as well as numerous 24 hour vet clinics.

***If you cannot transport in the recommended time, seek immediate help with transport.***