

## ANIMAL COLLISION CASE STUDIES

### Case study 1: Wallaby pinkie (NSW)

WIRES Emergency Responders Lucy and Kyana were travelling up to flood impacted areas in the Northern Rivers of NSW when they spotted a wallaby on the side of the road. She had only been dead a few hours, clearly hit by a vehicle. The little joey was still fused to the teat inside her pouch, so Lucy, WIRES Emergency Response Coordinator, had to cut the teat to release her. They put her in an incubator to keep her warm and immediately transported her to a vet.

Tragically, the joey was too young to survive without its mother. Lucy said it "was so sad but we were happy that we saw her and the little one didn't suffer for too long"

*\*If a member of the public finds a joey that is still fused to the teat they should not try and remove it. They should call WIRES Wildlife Rescue Line: 1300 094 737 or their local Wildlife Rescue Organisation immediately.*

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### Case study 2: Pademelon joey (TAS)

WIRES Emergency Responder in Tasmania, Chris, was called out to rescue a pademelon hit by a car at the edge of the road in Penguin. It was reported by a passing member of the public who was unable to stop. Sadly, the pademelon had passed on arrival, but an extended teat indicated a joey was close by.

Chris stood back for five minutes and eventually saw a fully furred joey come out from hiding in the rocks close by. He caught it by encouraging it into a fabric pouch. The joey was warmed up and given fluids before being transported to a carer.

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### **Case study 3: Short- beaked Echidna (TAS)**

This short-beaked echidna was suspected of being struck by a vehicle. Once rescued by WIRES Emergency Responder Chris, it was taken to Mowbray veterinary clinic for assessment and treatment.

The echidna had suffered some broken spines on the back and a small cut on the beak and was x-rayed for any signs of possible skeletal injury. After some stitches to its beak, it was taken to a specialist carer for a week's worth of rehabilitation and care. Chris took the echidna back to the vet to get its stitches removed before it was released back to the wild.

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