

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

BEFORE FILLING OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM PLEASE STOP AND THINK.

Are you able to weigh, measure, heat, feed, confine and exercise your animal throughout its stay with you in a manner appropriate to its size, age and species?

LYSSAVIRUS has now been found in several species of bats (flying foxes and insectivorous). There is no guarantee that this virus or other as yet undiscovered diseases are not present in our wildlife. Make sure you have had the three pre-exposure vaccinations before handling bats (enquiries to Qld. Health). Avoid injury and observe hygiene whenever handling animals.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. All membership applications and renewals are passed before a committee meeting before approval.
- b. All members of ONARR must attend a workshop BEFORE beginning caring. No animals will be offered to carers, experienced or new, unless a workshop has been done in regards to that species.
- c. All carers will attend a minimum of two workshops per financial year. Carers will need to attend a workshop for each species that they care for.
- d. ALL animals in care must be registered with a register head.
- e. History sheets must be completed every three months and forwarded to the Data Base Co-ordinator.
- f. If your membership form is unsigned then it will be assumed that you are a support member only and no animal will be offered.
- g. ALL animals received from any source other than a Register Head must be reported promptly, together with acquisition details, to the appropriate Register Head.
- h. No person under 18 years of age may hold membership. A member is fully responsible for the animal in his/her care.
- i. No hand- raised animal may be released without discussion with a Register Head.
- j. Anyone unable to continue raising for any reason may not pass on the animal/s to another person. Consult the Register Head to work out a solution in the animal's best interest.
- k. It is your responsibility to inform Register Heads when you are not available to foster an animal.
- l. A condition of the O.N.A.R.R. permit is that all members abide by the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and the Code of Practice.
- m. All members will be issued with a Membership Card and a photocopy of O.N.A.R.R.'s Rehabilitation Permit. It is an EPA condition that these documents be carried whenever an animal in your care is moved away from your registered address.
- n. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or revoke a carer's membership if they are found to be in violation of any of the aforementioned rules or any of the Association's rules (copy to be found on the website). The Committee reserves the right to refuse to renew a membership of a member who fails to observe the Conditions of Membership, or who by their actions, brings the association into disrepute.

O.N.A.R.R. Members are sometimes contacted by members of the public or through the EPA to rescue injured/adult animals. This can happen if the member lives near to where the animal has been found. Such rescues can be risky, particularly if the animal is in pain and panicky, and there is a possibility of injury to the rescuer. O.N.A.R.R. cannot and does not accept liability in respect of members who are injured in such circumstances. O.N.A.R.R. Does not hold itself out as being able to adequately train members in respect of such rescues and it is the member's responsibility to assess each situation and to ensure her/his own safety. If necessary, EPA or other assistance should be sought by the member to ensure that he/she does not face risk of injury. O.N.A.R.R. stresses that there is no obligation on a member to undertake a rescue and the decision to attempt or not attempt a rescue is made at the sole discretion of the member.

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