

**CEO of RSPCA ACT Michael Linke today reported annual figures for RSPCA ACT's work with wildlife.**

"We worked with 3,187 native animals, 102 short of last year's figure which was 3,289 a reduction of 3%. Part of our community work has been focused on reducing the number of native animals presented as a result of unnecessary human intervention. Whereas it is too early to tell if this campaign has been working, to record a reduction of 3% of intakes is a pleasing start and something we will further analyse.

"We successfully released 894 animals back into their habitat, which represents a release rate of 28%, some 3% higher than last year. We have invested in significant staff training and have employed a dedicated wildlife vet in the last 12 months which has certainly assisted in this regard." Michael said.

Sadly, still some 1,542 native animals were too injured to be recovered and a further 729 were dead on arrival or died in care within 24 hours.

"Most native animals are so fragile and quickly succumb to shock from their injuries, we are thankful that our dedicated team is on hand to offer the chance of a full recovery, and when that isn't possible we are able to end the suffering.

"I'm very pleased with our team. In very trying conditions they perform miracles and their dedication is second to none. I'm proud to be able to lead such a team and would like to thank you for their unwavering commitment to Canberra's native animals." Michael concluded.

**Extra data**

**Incoming**

<b>Mam mal</b>	<b>Marsu pial</b>	<b>Monotr eme</b>	<b>Native Amphib ian</b>	<b>Nativ e Bird s</b>	<b>Nativ e Reptil es</b>	<b>Non- Nati ve Bird s</b>	<b>Non-N ative Mam mal</b>	<b>Tot al</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2231</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>318 7</b>

## Released

Mammal	Marsupials	Monotreme	Native Amphibians	Native Birds	Native Reptiles	Non-Native Birds	Non-Native Mammals	Total
47	114	3	3	599	127	1		894