

SEA SNAKE REHABILITATION CONTACTS

NSW

SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium

- Address: 1-5 Wheat Rd, Sydney, NSW, 2000
- Contact number: 0402 783 455 (24-hours monitored)

Instructions: Animals can be accepted to this facility 7 days a week during business hours.

Operating hours: 7:30am -4pm

Dolphin Marine Conservation Park

- Address: 65 Orlando St, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450
- Contact number: (02) 6659 1900

Operating hours: 9am-2:30pm

Australian Seabird Rescue (ASR)

- Locations (NSW): Central Coast, Mid South Coast, North Coast
- Contact number: 0428 862 852

Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital

This mobile facility can assist with examination of sea snakes only.

- Location: Byron Bay
- Contact number: 0437 818 883

Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital is a mobile wildlife hospital clinic and sea snakes can be admitted for examination purposes. The reptile handler will need to assist the veterinary staff at the wildlife hospital during the examination process.

QUEENSLAND

Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital

This facility can assist with rescue of sea snakes as well as treatment and rehabilitation.

- Address: 1638 Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah, QLD, 4519
- Contact number: +61-7-5436 2097
- Wildlife Emergency Hotline for Rescue Team: 1300 369 652

Ensure you call before arrival to notify the hospital that a sea snake is to be admitted. Sea snake admission is preferred between 8am - 5pm to ensure a trained snake handler is on site, however, admissions can be made outside of these



*Olive sea snake.
Credit: Harriet Spark*

hours.

Hospital operates 24/7

Sea World

This facility can assist with rescue of sea snakes as well as treatment and rehabilitation.

- Address: Seaworld Drive, Main Beach, Gold Coast, Queensland 4217
- Contact number: 07 5588 2222 (9am - 5pm)

After hours contact number: 07 5588 2177

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital

The wildlife hospital is able to assist with treatment of sea snake only.

- Address: 27 Millers Drive, Currumbin, Queensland, 4223
- Contact number: 07 5534 0813

The hospital accepts animal patients between 8am-5pm 7 days a week

RSPCA Brisbane (Wacol)

This animal care campus includes a wildlife hospital that is able to assist with the treatment of sea snakes only.

Address: 139 Wacol Station Rd, Wacol, Queensland, 4076

Contact number: 07 3426 9999

The call centre and wildlife hospital operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AQWA

This is the only licensed facility currently able to assist with the rehabilitation of sea snakes in the state.

- Address: 91 Southside Drive, Hillarys 6025
- Contact number: 08 9447 7500

Unusual Pet Vets

Unusual Pet Vets has two Western Australian practices that can assist with examination of sea snakes.

- Address: Unit 6/170 Murdoch Dr, Murdoch WA 6150
- Contact number: (08) 6117 7440
- Address: Unit 4/325 Harborne St, Osborne Park WA 6017
- Contact number: (08) 61177450

WA Wildlife

The wildlife hospital is able to assist with the examination and treatment of sea snakes and has a wildlife ambulance service available to assist with rescues. WA Wildlife is currently in the process of building a sea turtle rehabilitation facility which will likely be able to assist with sea snake rehabilitation in the near future.

- Address: 172 Hope Road, Bibra Lake, 6163
- Contact number: (08) 9417 7105 (phone line operates 24/7)

Hospital operates 365 days a year and is open from 8.30am - 7pm daily.

Wildlife ambulance is able to assist with rescues after hours and the phone line can assist with out of hours admissions or advice as required.

The hospital has the facilities to anaesthetise and x-ray sea snakes if needed.

Procedure: ensure you call prior to bringing a sea snake for examination/treatment so the team can ensure there is a trained staff member on site to receive them.

Perth Zoo

The wildlife hospital at the zoo is able to assist with initial examination and treatment before transporting to AQWA for rehabilitation.

- Address: 20 Labouchere Rd, South Perth, WA, 6151
- As this is not a general wildlife hospital it is preferred that all initial contact is made through the Wildcare helpline on 08 9474 9055.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Because of this there are no facilities in South Australia dedicated to the rehabilitation of sea snakes, and as a result any sea snake rescued or found deceased in South Australia should be reported to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (via the relevant duty Park Officer*) and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) on (08) 8124 4972 to seek appropriate advice.

*Contact information for the relevant regional duty Park Officer have been outlined below:

- Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges – 0427 556 676
- Ceduna/Far West – 0428 253 144
- Eyre Peninsula/Port Lincoln – 08 8688 3223
- Kangaroo Island – 0477 334 898
- Limestone Coast – 08 8735 1177
- Yorke Peninsula & Mid-North – 0417 883 678

TASMANIA

Bonorong Wildlife

This facility can assist with rescue of sea snakes as well as rehabilitation.

- Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, 593 Briggs Road, Brighton, TAS, 7030
- Contact number: 0447 264 625
- Procedure: You must call the facility first to ensure they have someone appropriately trained in snake handling on site to receive the snake.
- Phone line operates 24/7, 365 days a year and rescue acceptance is generally between 8am and 12am.

VICTORIA

Melbourne Zoo Marine Response Unit

- Contact number: 1300 245 678
- Alternative contact: 0447 158 676 or mru@zoo.org.au

The Marine Response Unit operates 365 days a year between the hours of 7.30am to 5pm.