

The Seven Misconceptions about Koalas & Dogs



1. My dog wouldn't hurt anything.

Has your dog ever seen a koala? Most dogs feel threatened by the sight of a koala in the yard and will naturally attack.

2. My dog would only play with it.

Even a quick bite is enough to kill a koala. Their skin is very pliable and internal organs are easily punctured.

3. We bought this property to give our dogs room to run.

Dogs have all day to play – surely we could share. By restraining dogs at night when koalas mainly move, many attacks could be avoided.

4. It's cruel to chain a dog.

Dogs soon enjoy the routine of being “tucked in” every night and so will neighbours who won't be disturbed by barking.

5. I want my dog loose on my property for protection.

Unrestrained dogs can easily be baited or distracted. Your dog is much safer up at the house where he can guard you best.

6. But I have a fence and no trees anyway.

Koalas can climb most fences and often must cross yards to reach nearby Eucalypts.

7. There's plenty of bush for them at the end of the street.

Koalas can no longer rely on the diminishing remnant bushland. Suburban gardens are now an essential part of their territory.

AT LEAST ONE KOALA IS KILLED BY DOGS EVERY WEEK IN THE REDLANDS. FOR A KOALA, A DOG BITE ALMOST CERTAINLY MEANS A SLOW CRUEL DEATH.

PLEASE DON'T LET IT HAPPEN IN YOUR YARD.

What does the Koala Action Group do?

The Koala Action Group (KAG) is a community group working locally to help secure the future for Redland's koalas.

The activities we undertake include:

- **Tree planting for wildlife** – KAG has planted many thousands of trees in parks all over the Redlands which are now used by koalas and other wildlife.
- **Propagating local native trees** – KAG operates their own nursery and sells trees to the public.
- **Public education displays**
- **Annual phone-in koala survey**
- **Providing advice on ways to make properties wildlife friendly**
- **Monitoring development applications**
- **Liaising with Local and State Government on issues that affect koalas and other wildlife**

Become a member of the Koala Action Group and you will be kept up to date with the current issues affecting the future of Redland's koalas with our bi-monthly newsletter (membership form overleaf).

If you would like more information on koalas or how to make your property wildlife friendly phone KAG on 3823 5575 or visit our website www.koalagroup.asn.au

Thank you for caring

KAG Membership Application

ABN: 85 618 891 610

Name:

Address:.....

.....Postcode:.....

Phone:..... Email:.....

Please indicate if you are interested in any of the following:

Tree planting Tree propagation Wildlife Ambulance.....

Photography Letterbox drops Displays

Annual Membership rates (Please indicate desired membership type)

Single \$15 Family \$25 Pensioner \$10

Donation (optional) \$.....

I apply for membership of the Koala Action Group Qld Inc and enclose my membership fee

Signature:

Date:

Please post to: KAG
PO Box 660
Capalaba QLD 4157



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **KEEP YARDS DOG-FREE AT NIGHT**
(e.g. enclosed on a verandah, tied up or indoors)
- **SLOW DOWN DRIVING AT NIGHT**
- **MAKE FENCES KOALA FRIENDLY** (see photo above)
- **PLACE AN ESCAPE ROPE OR BOARD ACROSS THE CORNER OF YOUR POOL**
- **PLANT A KOALA FOOD TREE**
(call KAG nursery 3207 1088)
- **STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE KOALA ACTION GROUP. BECOME A MEMBER AND RECEIVE REGULAR NEWSLETTERS**
- **REPORT SICK OR INJURED KOALAS TO THE KOALA EMERGENCY NUMBER 3299 1032 (24 HRS)**

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