

Black Wallaby - male - 753gm

Found on road out of pouch. Mothers body close by.

Joey suffering hypothermia also wet as it had rained during night. Dehydration noted at approximately 10%. Minor cuts/grazes. Rapid heart rate and noisy breathing indicating probable chest (lung) infection.

Joey placed onto your small deluxe flat heat pad once pad began to warm. Set on full 12v. I used the flat pad as I had great success earlier in the year with a 489gm pink wallaby with major trauma to his lower back, I ~~did~~ ^{had} not wanted him in the preferred 'hose-shoe' shape due to the injury so with great success used the noted pad first in a 'rescue' basket then later in a larger well padded basket.

The wallaby took several hours to feel externally warm (3hrs) and twice that before he had warmed through so mouth and rectum felt warm when touched/felt. Heart rate was still rapid so introduced the Heartbeat Simulator. Within a short time the heart rate had reduced, shortly after he willingly suckled a bottle of formula, prior to this his distress was evident with fluids needing to be given sub-cutaneously.

I have dealt with many macropod joeys over the past 25+ years and am confident the simulator assisted with the stress.

I placed the pad between the inner and outer pouch with the 'beat' feeling on the wallabys body - he could move if wanted. →