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AS A VIBRANT COMMUNITY SURROUNDED BY NATURAL FOREST, ALL RESIDENTS AT THE HEIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF OUR LOCAL KOALA POPULATION.

The koala is listed as a species vulnerable to extinction under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and many regions, from Brisbane to the Gold Coast, are experiencing a rapid decline in the koala population.

You may not even realise that koalas live nearby and may cross your property. Here are some simple ways you can help reduce the danger to these treasured native animals.

RETAIN AND PLANT TREES

All trees give shelter from predators and adverse weather conditions. You can help retain a habitat for koalas by planting trees to provide shelter and protection. Remember to plant large growing trees a good distance from your home.

Tree varieties which are a food source to koalas include:

- Queensland Blue Gum
- Tallowwood
- Scribbly Gum
- Brush Box
- Swamp Mahogany

Remember to limit, or better still, decrease your use of pesticides and creosote, which can be toxic to koalas that eat quantities of soil to aid their digestion process. They also absorb poisons through their pads.

KEEP KOALAS SAFE FROM YOUR DOG

Dog attacks on koalas can result in serious injury or death to this vulnerable species and a range of measures can be adopted by dog owners to reduce this risk. All dog sizes and breeds have the ability to harm koalas. If you have a dog, the following advice is important:

Keep your dog under control at night

Most koala attacks occur at night, so limit your dog's movements at this time to reduce the likelihood of it chasing a koala. The solution can be as simple as keeping your dog inside, or on an enclosed deck or veranda at night. Your dog must be supervised during the hours of darkness from 6pm to 6am.

Don't assume your dog is koala friendly

Dogs can behave differently when their owner is not present, particularly if a strange person or animal enters what they consider to be their territory. Make sure your lot is securely fenced and that your dog is kept securely within your property when you are not at home. All pets must be licensed and registered with Council and if applicable, the Body Corporate. All pets must wear an identifying tag or microchip, or council tag showing your address and phone number.

ROAD ETIQUETTE

When you are driving, be aware of wildlife crossing the roads. After habitat loss and fragmentation and disease, vehicle related deaths have the most significant impact on koala populations. Drive slowly in koala areas and watch for koalas crossing roads at night.

IF YOU FIND A SICK, INJURED OR ORPHANED KOALA

Do not try to handle an injured or sick koala, as you may put yourself and the animal in a situation where there is risk. Koalas can also become easily stressed. Leave the koala undisturbed and ensure it is safe from any threats. Then contact the Daisy Hill Koala Centre for assistance:

Daisy Hill Koala Centre

Daisy Hill Road [PO Box 5116] Daisy Hill Qld 4127

Phone: (07) 3299 1032 Fax: (07) 3299 1217

DID YOU KNOW?

Koalas sleep mostly during the day and move around and feed at night.

Koalas feed almost exclusively on eucalypt leaves. Adults eat up to one kilo of leaves each night.

Koalas have one baby at a time, which spends the first 5-6 months in its mother's pouch. Koalas are more active from August to December during the koala breeding season.

Koalas communicate with a variety of calls to one another – from grunts, growls or coughing noises, to high pitched cries.

Koalas have well-defined home ranges and regularly visit the same trees.



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