

# Assessment and treatment of burnt wildlife

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## OBJECTIVE

The objective of this training day is to provide information to attendees on treating burns in wildlife. It is important to understand how emergency response crews operate, how to perform effective and humane triage and examination. Treating the burns will be covered, as will the importance of providing supportive care for these debilitated animals. Rehabilitation and release will be covered.

## ASSESSMENT

Participants are expected to complete the online Basic Wildfire Awareness training module provided online by their state fire authority.

On the day, attendees will be assessed in a short test (20 questions, multiple choice, open book) and how well they perform a hand bandage on the day.

## OUTCOME

The outcome of the training day is to have a resource list of veterinarians and/or wildlife carers that are knowledgeable on the assessment and treatment of burnt wildlife.

## PROGRAM

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| 8.30 – 9.00   | Registration  |
| 9.00 – 10.15  | Role of emergency services at a fire – how wildlife fits in |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | Assessment of burnt wildlife                                |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Morning tea   |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Treating burnt wildlife                                     |
| 12.30 – 1.00  | Complications of burns                                      |
| 1.00 – 2.00   | Lunch   |
| 2.00 – 2.30   | Supportive Care of the burnt animal                         |
| 2.30 – 3.15   | Rehabilitation and release                                  |
| 3.15 – 3.45   | Afternoon tea + finish quiz                                 |
| 3.45 – 4.00   | Demonstration of bandaging                                  |
| 4.00 – 5.00   | Practical: bandaging hands, SC fluids                       |