

## Okay just got my Joey home



### Important to remember.

#### Step one.

For the first couple of days keep your Joey quiet, lots of cuddles in a **quiet** environment.

As with a human baby your Joey needs time to rest. Everyone wants a cuddle and to look at it, but there will be plenty of time for that. Hopefully

you and your joey will sleep through the night, make sure they are warm and comfortable.

Remember that your Joey is going to be quite active, (depending on the size) Ensure they are in a safe place all of the time. For example, in a cot, your lap, a hanging bag and not left unattended on the couch.

It is better that you keep any domestic animals you may have, separate from your Joey, especially in the beginning.

Remember that your Joey has been through an awful lot of trauma in their short life. They are likely to have diarrhea for a few days. If it is not bright green and very smelly there is no need to worry.

Remember that it is important you keep your Joey clean and dry, as their urine can burn their skin, and like ourselves it is important to keep your Joey comfortable.

Fleece pouches are lovely, but some joeys will eat the fleece, and this can cause serious problems (even death) so ensure you have a cotton or T-shirt pouch, inside your fleece if you are using them. K/mart sell fantastic Grey cat beds for \$10, these are ideal, for keeping your joey warm. Except again you need to be sure your Joey is not eating the fluffy bits. You can also buy Joey Sacks that are purpose made. But a little bit more expensive.



## **Remember that no question is too silly to ask your mentor, it is better to ask than wait until there is a problem.**

Feeding there are two recommended makes of kangaroo food. Womberoo and Biolac, we do not recommend any other products.

Your mentor will advise you on how to mix the feed, how much milk you and JOEY should have. And how often you should feed them. This will depend on the brand of milk, size and weight of the Joey. It is important that you write down the measurements and the amounts, it is easy to forget. If you do, don't just guess please ring your mentor.

These amounts will change as your Joey grows.

When you are ready to feed your Joey it is advisable to have everything you need ready.

A cup of hot water (to warm the bottle) and a cup of cold water (to cool it if it's too warm) tepid

Have a roll of toilet paper, box of tissues or wipes with your bottle with the right amount milk in. And something to put used toilet paper and wipes in.

Again it is better for your Joey to be in a quiet environment while being fed, sometimes it's difficult to get your Joey to take its milk, and it won't open its mouth you can sometimes slide the teat into the corner of its mouth, another trick is to put a little milk on their mouth so they can taste it, it will get easier, some Joeys are more difficult than others. If your Joey does not feed for two consistent feeds, then check with your mentor.

You will need to toilet you Joey.

Even if your **Joey** is big enough to go outside, it is important that you do not let them out for at least a week, they will run away or bang themselves into the fence or wall if it is in an enclosed environment.

If you take them in their pouch with you each day to enable them to get used to the sounds of its new environment, they will be happy to be gradually able to take a few steps outside.

Toileting.

Ask your mentor this is an important procedure. You can also find it on YouTube video called 'cleaning a baby kangaroo.'

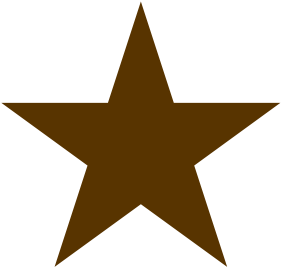
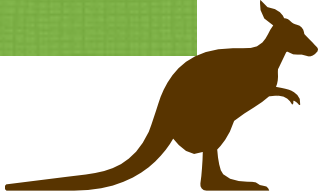
Keeping your joey warm.

Again, this is something you must discuss with your mentor. The temperature to maintain your Joey is of great importance, especially if your Joey has no fur. And each Joeys requirement can be quite different and will need to change as they grow.

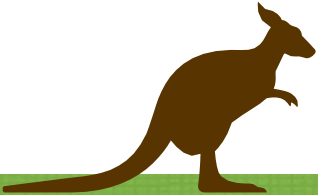
Date

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Temperature



Mentors details



Extra equipment



Feeding

