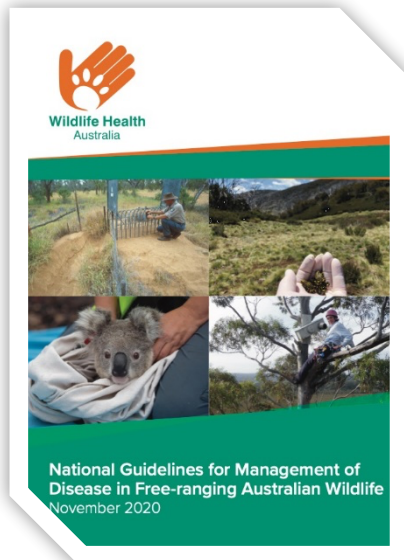


National Wildlife Disease Management Guidelines for Australia



The *National Guidelines for the Management of Disease in Free-ranging Australian Wildlife* have been developed as a practical document that outlines the science of wildlife disease management and describes what options might be available to manage wildlife diseases in an Australian context.

Disease is a natural part of ecosystems and wildlife disease management should always be approached from an understanding of the role that disease plays in healthy populations.

The focus of the Guidelines is on management options for disease in native wildlife at a population level. They are intended for use by anyone involved in management of a disease in Australian wildlife.

The Guidelines emphasise that:

- wildlife disease management should be undertaken as a multidisciplinary, collaborative effort, with input from a wide range of experts and stakeholders including Indigenous people
- decisions and agreed approaches should be based on risk assessment, underpinned by science
- clearly defined objectives need to be identified and the impact of management methods needs to be measured
- possible impediments to success, costs of inaction, and unintended consequences of actions should be identified
- clear and consistent communication is necessary to build awareness, understanding and support from stakeholders, including the wider public, for any actions undertaken
- endpoints and an exit strategy need to be agreed before measures are put in place, and an objective review of the nominated approach undertaken prior to any intervention.

The *National Guidelines for the Management of Disease in Free-ranging Australian Wildlife* are available as a PDF at www.wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au/Portals/0/Documents/ProgramProjects/National_Guidelines_Management_Disease_Freeranging_Aust_Wildlife_Nov_2020.pdf

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