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There are three common species of Possum for in South East Queensland. All are nocturnal, choosing to spend their days in their nests or hollows, emerging early evening to feed and returning to their homes before sunrise.

COMMON RINGTAIL POSSUMS

The smallest of the three species, the Common Ringtail Possum (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*) is about half the size of a cat and weighs approx 1 kg when fully grown. They have small rounded ears and a thin tail with a white tip. They can vary in color, but are usually a rusty rufus color with a darker nape of the neck. These possums are live in family groups in a ball shaped drey of sticks and twigs. Whilst Common Ringtail Possum are found in and around inner city areas they rarely are a nuisance.

COMMON BRUSHTAIL POSSUM

By far the most familiar possum is the Common Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*). This is a large cat size animal, which can weigh up to 4 kg as an adult. They have large pointed ears and a thick bushy tail with a bare underside. They can vary in color but are usually a slate grey with silver tips to the fur with a lighter underbelly. Males may have a dark stain on their chest area, as this is their scent gland. The Brushtail possum is a mainly solitary animal, though a female may be seen with a previous years young. Often a urine stain on the ceiling is the first sign of a resident Brushtail Possum.

SHORT EARED/ MOUNTAIN BRUSHTAIL/BOBUCK

The largest of the three is the Common Short Eared Possum, Mountain Brushtail or Bobuck (*Trichosurus caninus*). It is generally restricted to the mountain, & rainforest areas. Similar in size and shape to the Brushtail Possum, it has smaller rounded ears and has a less bushy tail toward the tip. It is darker grey to black with a pale underbelly.



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Below left - right: - Common Ringtail, Common Brushtail, Short Eared Possum.



Further Information o Possums can be found on our website

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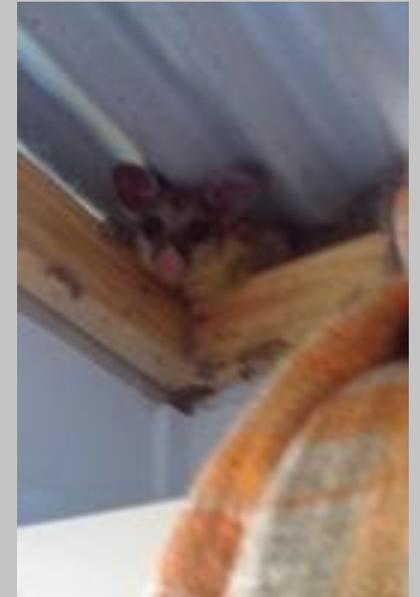
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HUMANE POSSUM TRAPPING PROGRAM



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WILDLIFE ANSWERS specializes in Professional Wildlife Services including; Wildlife Management, Fauna Spotter Catcher, Licensed Snake Removal & Possum Removal.

WILDLIFE ANSWERS owner operator Mark Alexander has over 16 years of experience with various species of native wildlife, both as a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator and as a paid wildlife worker.

TRAPPING & RELOCATION SERVICES

All native wildlife including Snakes & Possums are protected by law and cannot simply be moved from their habitat, even if their habitat is your premises.

HUMANE POSSUM TRAPPING

Our Possum trapping program is based on years of experience dealing with possums and is a safe and effective way to capture possums in order for them to be relocated outside of your premises. It operates in line with the EPA/DERM regulations which require possums are relocated no more than 25 meters away from point of capture, but allows home owners the opportunity to have the possums removed from their dwelling.



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WHAT DO WE DO?

WILDLIFE ANSWERS will conduct a brief site assessment to ascertain possible entry points. This is dependent on roof/ceiling entry and roof height and may not involve heights of over single storey.

WILDLIFE ANSWERS will present the home owners with advice and recommendations for excluding possums from the dwelling. **NOTE: - WILDLIFE ANSWERS are not licensed roof repairers.**

WILDLIFE ANSWERS will conduct a **4 day** trapping program which includes the luring, setting and checking of humane capture traps on a daily basis (unless otherwise arranged)

WILDLIFE ANSWERS will remove a possum from a trap and hold until nightfall, before releasing back to the property. (No possum will be left in a trap more than over night)



NOTE this program can only be effective if **ALL** access points are cut off for the possum. **WILDLIFE ANSWERS** does not guarantee capture of the possum /or exclusion of the possum. But we will work with you to achieve the best possible outcome for all.



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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

YOU will need to deal with or arrange a professional to deal with any roof repairs, and access points either prior to or during the possum trapping program.

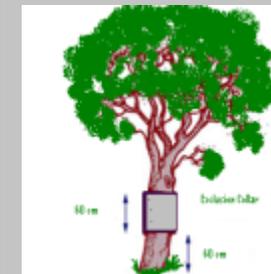
YOU will need to trim or collar any trees which may be allowing possum's access to the building.

YOU will need to allow access to our staff to check traps daily. This will be arranged around you, but is necessary for the animals well being.

YOU will need to phone **WILDLIFE ANSWERS** at anytime if you believe there is a problem with the traps, possum or excluding the animals to arrange for rectification of the problem

YOU may need to have a suitable container (washing basket), heavy blanket, weighted object (brick or paver) for the possum to be briefly contained in at your property immediately prior to release.

Below:- A tree collared with Perspex or tin to prevent climbing.



Above:- A "possum" contained under a washing basket awaiting release.