

Recent patients

The animals listed below only visit our hospital for a short time and are then released back into their natural environment or allocated to a wildlife carer. These animals are not available for sponsorship, however any general donations or sponsorship you make to Wildlife Warriors will go to assisting these animals.

Jenny the Pelican

Earlier this week Pelican and Seabird Rescue received a phone call from a lady at Cabbage Tree Point, in the Logan Shire, reporting a pelican with a large amount of fishing line hanging from her mouth. Fortunately, Jenny the Pelican was fairly easy to catch and she was rushed up to the Australian Wildlife Hospital.



Dr Jon, our head vet, examined her – she was very underweight with about 10 metres of fishing line hanging from her beak. The loss of body condition indicated that the fishing line had been with her for some time. Then, on X-ray examination, something far worse than the fishing line and a hook were found in her stomach – a 40cm piece of wire! Jenny had to be prepped for immediate surgery.

A laparotomy, a procedure where the abdomen is surgically cut to gain access to the intestinal tract, was performed and a very large piece of wire, as well as the fishing hook, was removed. It appears that the wire had come loose from a crabbing pot. The inside of Jenny's stomach was very inflamed and sore which, again, indicates that she had ingested the items some time ago.



If having wire in her stomach wasn't bad enough, Jenny also has a condition called "bumble foot". Bumble foot is found in water birds that have been in captivity and have been inappropriately housed, with hard and unsuitable flooring. To correct this condition she may have to have her foot splinted and lots of supportive therapy in the future.

Jenny is now on a course of antibiotics, supplementary IV fluids and being looked after by dedicated seabird carers. She is recovering from the surgery and, so far, progressing well.