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# THE FRIENDS OF WATERWAYS WILDLIFE PARK INSPECTION REPORT

At the request of RSPCA I conducted an inspection on the rehabilitation facilities for injured/sick wildlife at 'Waterways wildlife Park' on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010. This inspection was completed in conjunction with RSPCA's investigation into the welfare of all the animals at the facility, however no comment is given in regard to RSPCA's findings.

This report provides information only in regard to wildlife that is kept under the "licence to rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned native fauna" of which NPWS administer.

Below is a summary that shows all the animals that were in the rehabilitation area (not on exhibit), excluding those animals that do not require a licence to keep ie. Galahs, Sulphur-crested Cockatoos and non native animals.

Wildlife	#	History	Intent	Notes
Brush Tail Possum	1	Came into care	Release back into the Wild	
Koalas	5	Came into care	Release back into the Wild	
	2	Born at Waterways	Back to Exhibit	Removed temporarily from exhibit due to being picked on
Corellas	2	Removed from Exhibit	To keep permanently not on exhibit	Removed from exhibit due to biting
	1	Someones Pet	To keep permanently not on exhibit	
Book Owls	2	Came into care	Release back into the Wild	
	3	Came into care	To exhibit	
Channel Billed Cuckoo	1	Came into care	To exhibit	
Swamp Wallaby	1	Born at Waterways	Release back into the Wild	

Photo's were taken by me on the day of the inspection of all the animals found in what Nancy Small (the owner) said to be the rehabilitation area. These photographs include the wildlife listed above and show the environmental conditions of where these animals are kept. This area is a separate area away from the exhibits.

*Preliminary Report.*

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Photo 1 (13:31pm)

Three (3) Galahs, not sure where they are from. Over twelve months in care. Two should be ok for release. One will require permanent care.

One (1) Brush tail possum, from other side of Gunnedah Township. About six months in care. Ready for release in a few days.



Photo 2 (13:31)

One (1) Galah, hand reared. About six months in care. Would like to keep.

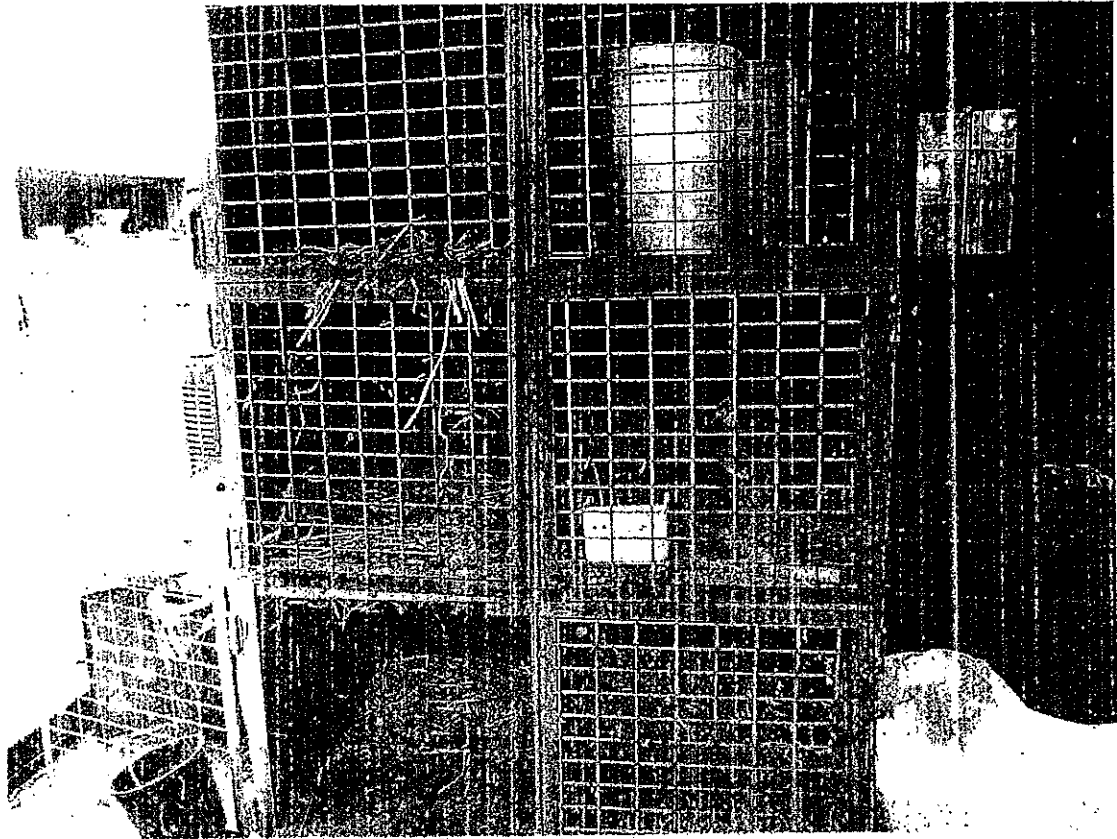


Photo 3 & 4 (13:40)

Two (2) Koalas from Gunnedah Township. About three months in care. Nearly ready for release. Release site will be on the hill opposite the Wildlife Park on private country.

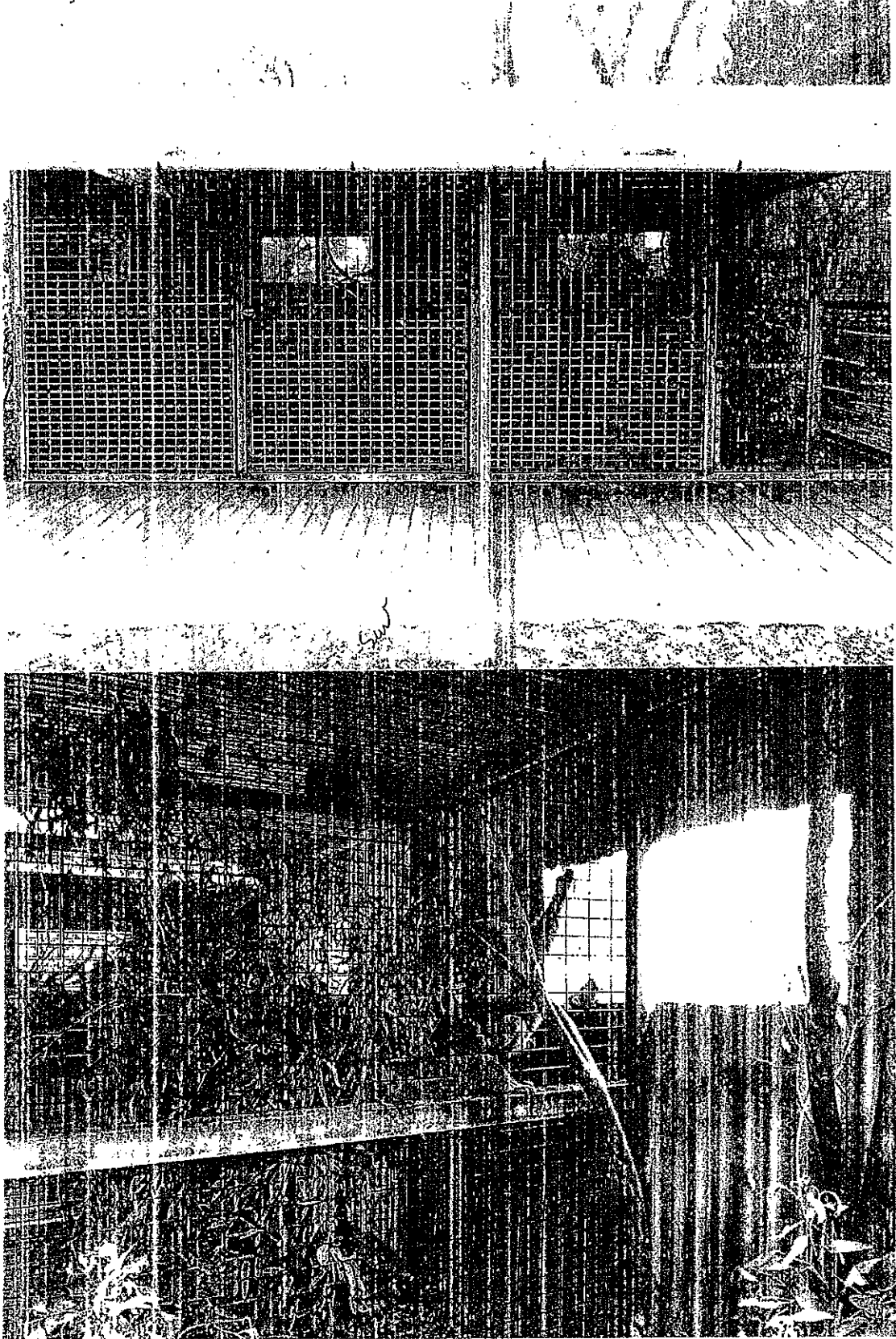


Photo 5 (13:45)

Three (3) Cockatoo's. Were people's pets. Have been in care for about 20 years.





Photo 6 (13:45)

Two (2) Corella's were being exhibited. However due to biting have been placed in the rehabilitation area, where they have been for a few years.

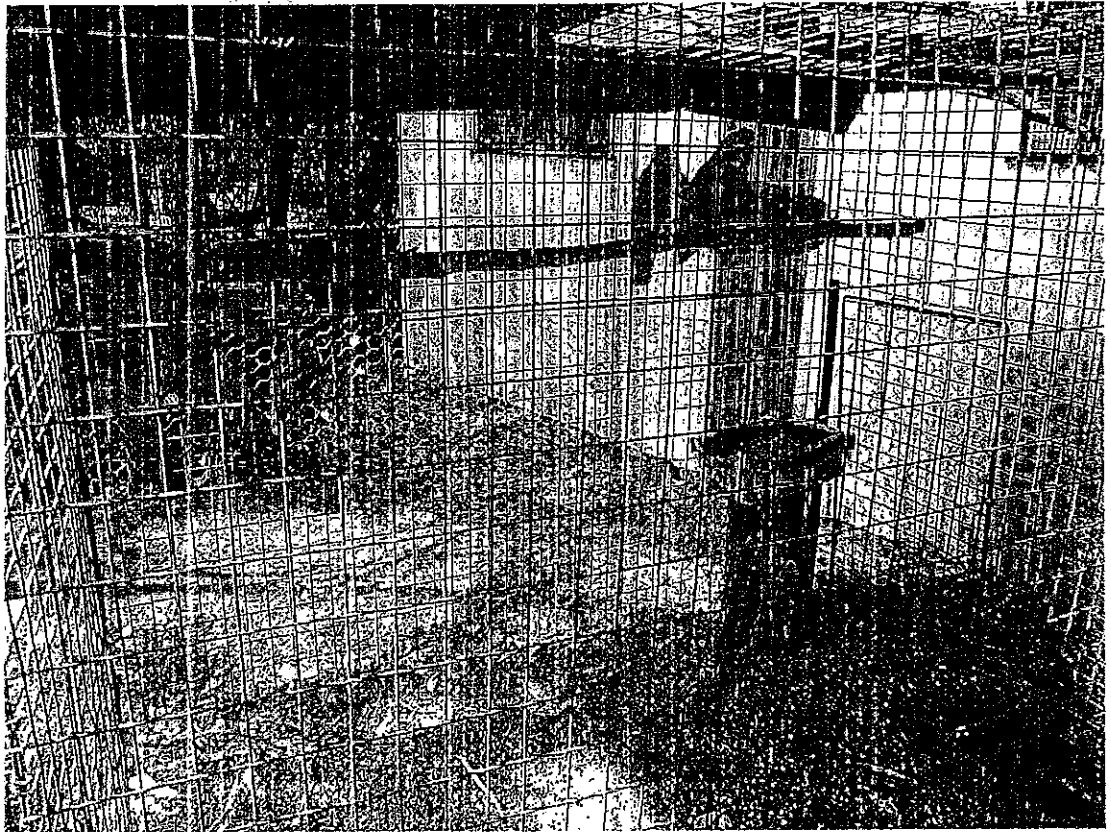


Photo 7 (13:47)

Two (2) Cockatoo's, were people's pets. Have been in rehabilitation area for years.

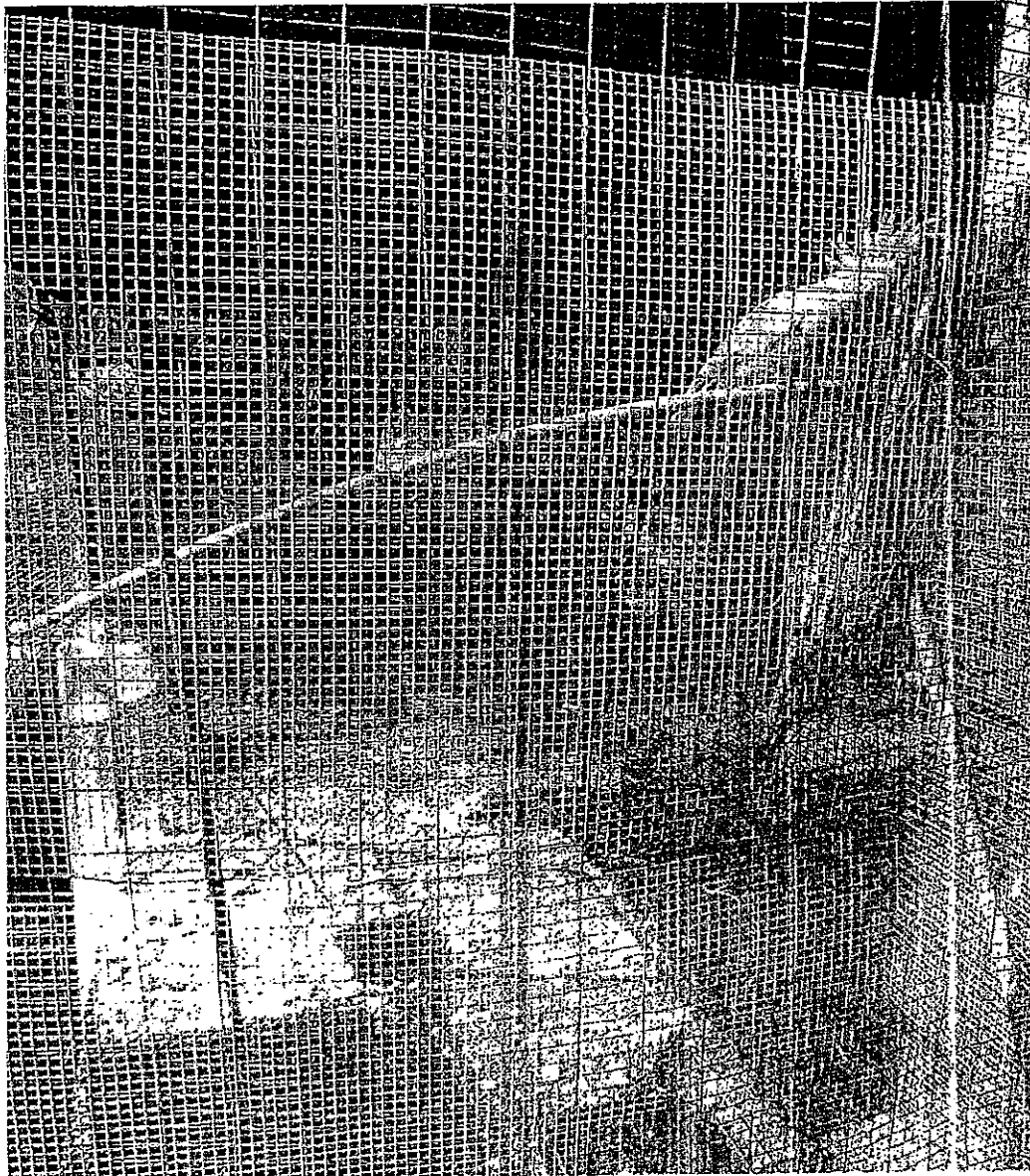


Photo 8 (13:50)

Mix – One (1) Corella, two (2) Galahs, two (2) Peacocks, three (3) Chooks, one (1) Rooster. All were people's pets.

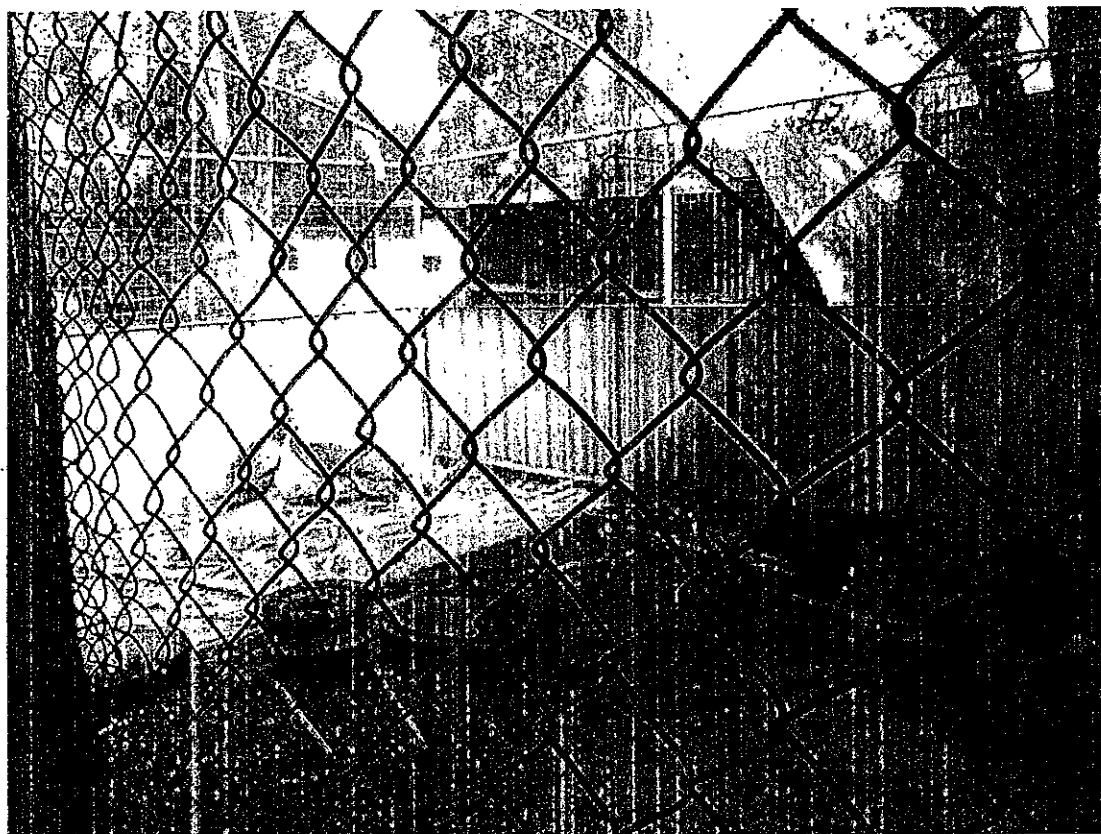




Photo 9 (13:50)

Five (5) Book Owls, uncertain of where they are from. Two are to be released. Three not suitable for release and was hoping to exhibit.

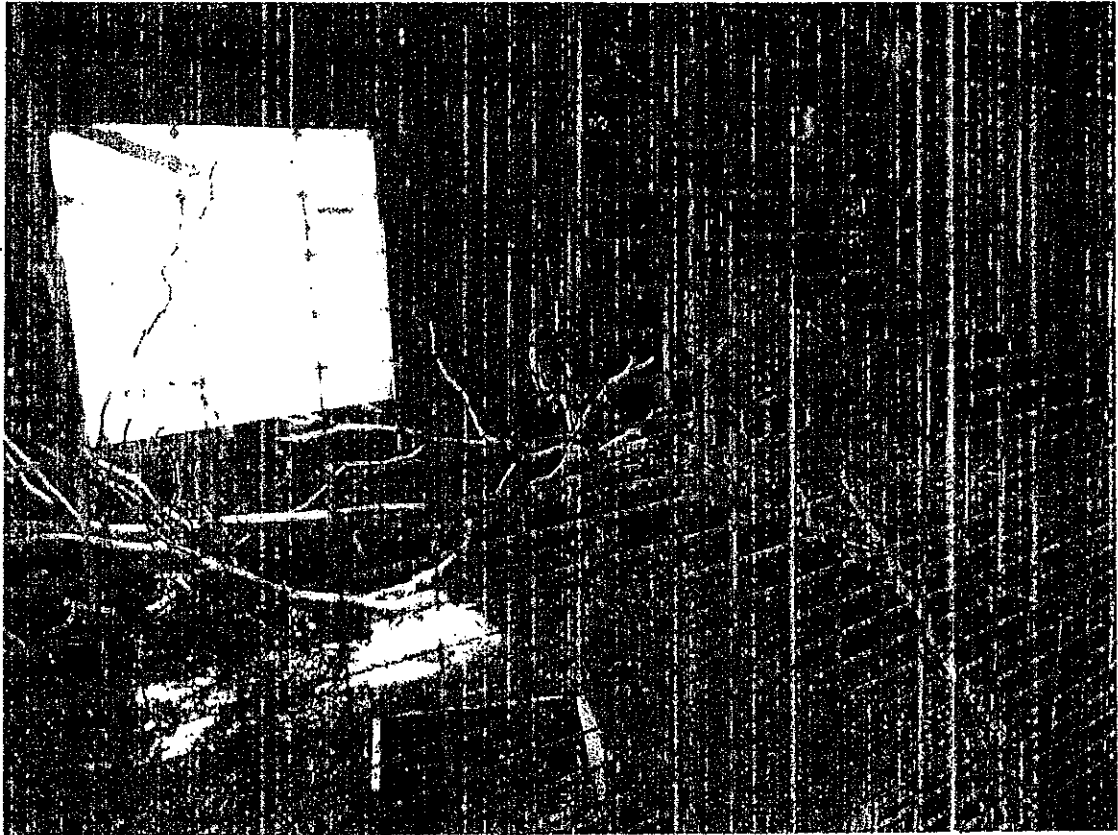


Photo 10 & 11 (14:02)

One (1) Cookoo bird. Has been in care for about two months after being attacked by dogs in town. Would like to exhibit.



Photo 12 (14:02)

One (1) Swamp wallaby that was born on park (Waterways) and would like to release soon.

Three (3) Koalas. Two (2) born on park (Waterways) and were taken from exhibit as they were being picked on. Hoping to return these two to exhibit. The other koala came into care due to being hit by a car. This koala has been in care about twelve months and is will be released.

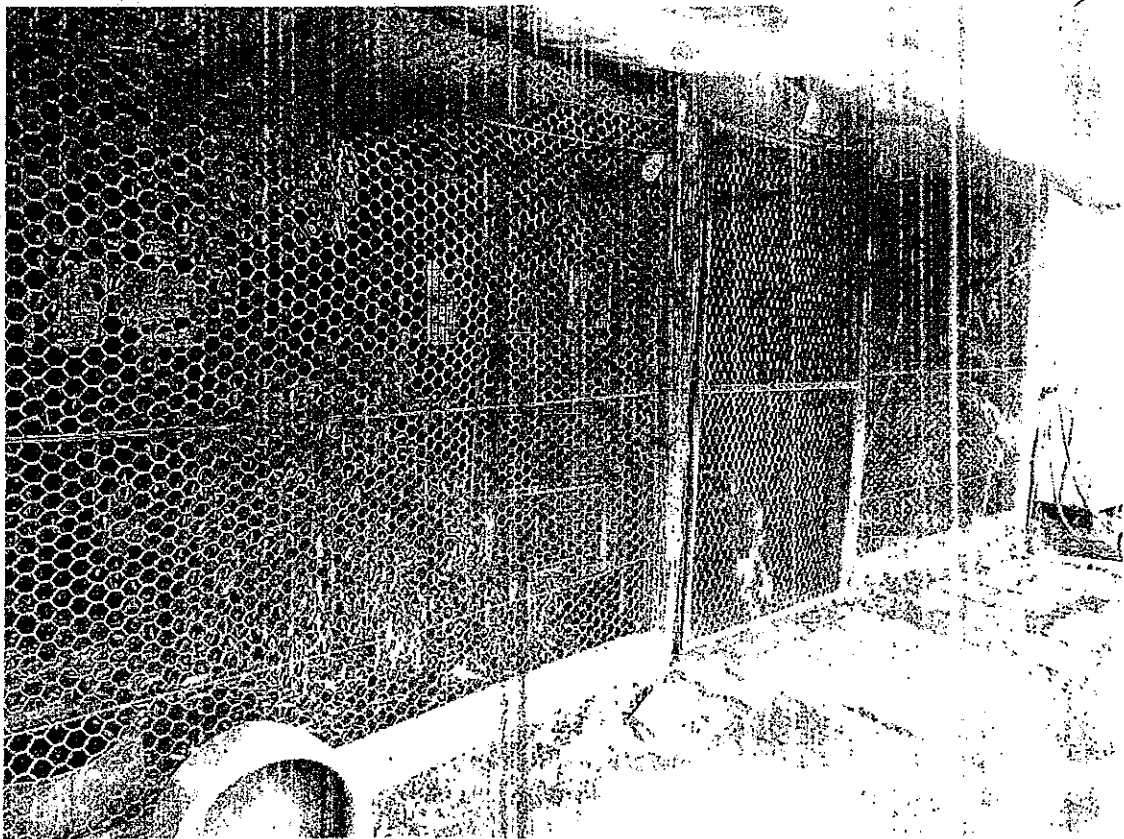
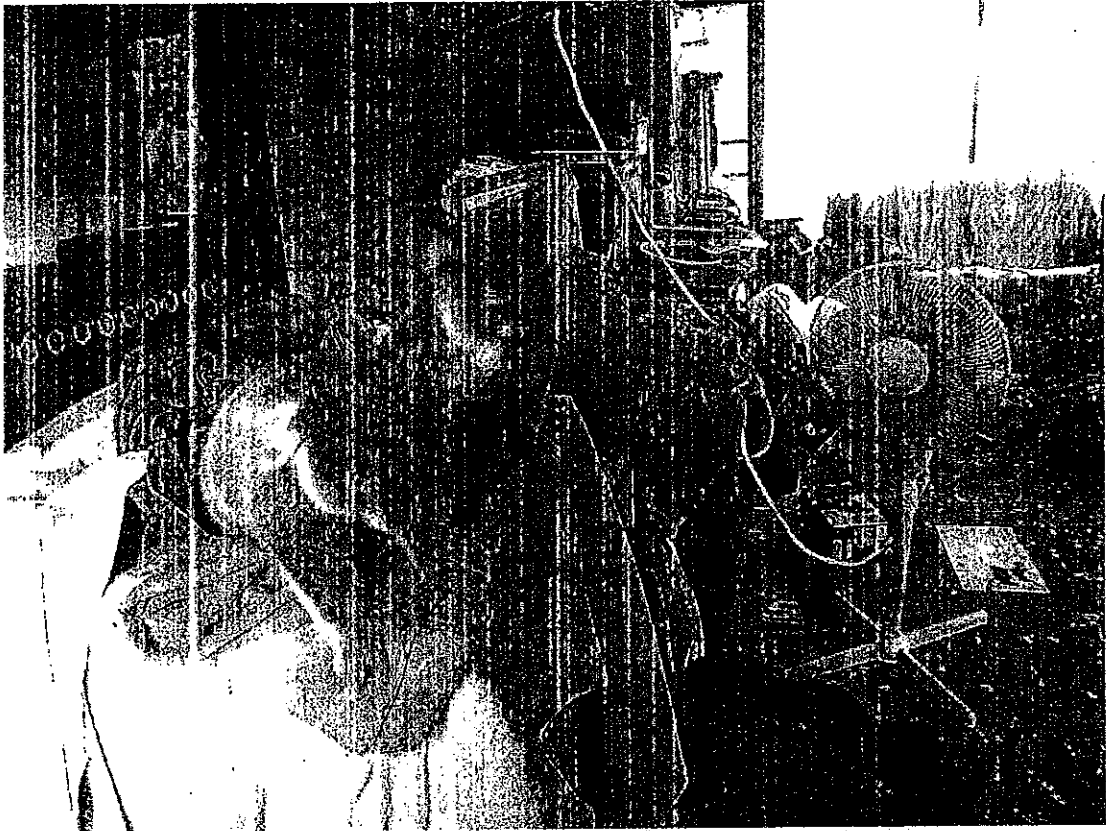


Photo 13 (14:07)

Two (2) Koala's, over six months in care. Both came in at about 300g due to mothers being killed by cars. Both to be released soon.



In addition to the above information there was also one Lace Monitor that was on exhibit due to having no facilities available to house the animal in the rehabilitation area. This animal was soon to be released.

I did however discuss with Mrs Small that I would like to look at this paperwork in the coming days of which she agreed.

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