

# Has an unusual non-native animal been handed in to your clinic?



Department of  
Primary Industries

## Instructions for vet clinics

Take photos, try to confirm the species and notify NSW DPI:  
Online report form: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/sighting](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/sighting)  
Report line: 1800 680 244

Can you temporarily hold the live animal for DPI?

No

Yes

Can a wildlife carer or other vet clinic hold the animal for DPI?

No

If no one can hold the animal alive, euthanase the animal and retain it in the freezer if possible

We will contact you to discuss the next steps (during business hours) and advise you if the animal should be euthanased

We will organise for the animal to be transported to a diagnostic laboratory



## Important information

- Only hold an animal for NSW DPI if health and safety risks to the animal and staff can be effectively managed
- Most unusual non-native animals will need to be euthanased as they are illegal and present potential risks to the natural environment, agriculture and community

**It's important to confirm the species prior to euthanasia**

- If NSW DPI are not available to assist with species identification, try our website, or a wildlife carer may be able to assist you

- If the animal is an endangered species that may be valuable for a conservation program, we may consider re-homing it to a zoo
- The diagnostic laboratory conducts biosecurity screenings and genetic sampling. This information helps us manage the risks of new non-native species in NSW

- For euthanasia guidelines, please visit our website below:

Email: [invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/non-native-new-incursions](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/non-native-new-incursions)