



# NEWS PUZZLE

## 'Koala Needs Cuddles'

Shayne is an orphaned koala. He is just one of the many animal victims of what Australian wildlife experts call 'trauma season'. Can you match the key words in this story to their meanings? When you have identified each word, can you put them back into their correct place in the story so it makes sense?

### ANIMAL NEWS

## KOALA NEEDS CUDDLES

MEET Shayne, the \_\_\_\_\_ baby \_\_\_\_\_ who is the latest victim of what wildlife experts in Australia call 'trauma season'.



Australia Zoo

\_\_\_\_\_ season takes place during the warmer months of the year in Australia, from August to February. Many baby animals are born during this time, but it's also when lots of \_\_\_\_\_ is on the move. This means that they're at risk of \_\_\_\_\_ or even being killed as they attempt to cross roads and come face to face with dogs and cats in urban areas.

Nine-month-old Shayne was \_\_\_\_\_ from the side of the road, where he was being chased by crows after his mum was hit by a car. He was taken to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and is being looked after around the clock now by a wildlife carer. He's spotted often clinging to a stuffed toy koala, like he would do with his own mum. When he's old enough, he'll return to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital to learn \_\_\_\_\_ climbing and social skills from other koalas before being \_\_\_\_\_ into the wild. Find out more about Shayne and the other animals rescued this trauma season at [wildlifewarriors.org.au](http://wildlifewarriors.org.au).

- trauma
- wildlife
- injury
- rescued
- essential
- orphaned
- reintroduced
- koala

- wild animals (noun)
- This word describes an animal (or child) whose parents have died. (adjective)
- Necessary, important (adjective)
- This word means a deeply distressing experience, and is part of the phrase 'trauma season'. (noun)
- put back, re-established (into the wild) (past participle)
- damage or a wound to the body (noun)
- This bear-like Australian animal has thick grey fur and feeds on eucalyptus leaves. (noun)
- saved from danger (past participle)