



Wildlife rescuer Michelle Phillips is desperate for volunteers to help her care for orphaned and wounded possums.

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## Come to the rescue of orphaned possums

OAKLEIGH South Wildlife Shelter is anxious to find new volunteers following an influx of possums and birds in the past month.

Carer Michelle Phillips said she was rescuing about 30

possums each week and numbers could rise.

"The peak possum rescue season is always about this time of year," Ms Phillips said.

"But I've found this has been by far the busiest season, I've

been driving all over Melbourne doing rescues."

Ms Phillips said volunteers would perform tasks including cleaning cages and transporting animals from vets.

"It would be great if people

were willing to donate food as well, as every small bit helps."

Ms Phillips said volunteers could also be trained in fire rescues. To help at the shelter or provide a donation, phone Ms Phillips on 0411 600 591.