



Oakleigh South wildlife rescuer Michelle Phillips with possums.

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Help for furry frenzy

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WILDLIFE carers are being inundated with possums following an extended breeding season.

Michelle Phillips, who runs the Oakleigh South Wildlife Shelter from her home, has about 17 possums in her care.

She said a warm start to autumn had contributed to an extended breeding season of about two months.

"It's usually over by the end of February, so this year has been a real surprise," Ms

Phillips said. "There's been a high concentration of calls in areas like Glen Waverley where there are so many trees.

"We're just getting so many possums in at the moment, it's almost become too much."

Possums in her care include a large number from Glen Waverley, with Ms Phillips receiving daily calls from the area for help.

Ms Phillips is searching for three more carers to help care for recovering animals.

Volunteers can also help by driving injured animals to vet clinics. To volunteer, phone Michelle on 0411 600 591.