

VOLUNTEERING



Michele Phillips with a baby ringtail possum rescued from a snare.

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Desperate for more help

A WILDLIFE carer needs more volunteer helpers.

Michele Phillips, who runs the Oakleigh South Wildlife Shelter, said registered carers were being inundated with injured and sick animals because of a lack of volunteers across the state.

In an effort to address the

shortfall, Ms Phillips is organising a training workshop for people interested in becoming full-time carers.

"They learn how to do rescues, how to look after the animals and then they can see whether they're interested in following through with it," Ms Phillips said.

Ms Phillips said she had

been overwhelmed by the number of animals needing help in recent months.

"There's just been a ridiculous amount of animals coming in," she said.

Possums and birds were the animals most regularly in need of care. To help phone Michele on 0411 600 591.