



DEER UPDATE



Since our newsletter was printed, we now have a second deer fawn in care. She was caught in stock fencing and has suffered extensive damage to her abdomen and right thigh.



This picture on the left shows where the wire of the stock fencing was caught and has dug in. You can clearly see the mark it has left.



The picture on the right shows further injury to her leg where she had been trying to escape from the fence.

There is every chance that this deer will lose all of the skin from the top of the thigh behind where the wire has cut in. The wound to the other leg needs to be treated and kept supple to stop any tendon damage forming. We are also concerned that there may be internal injury which could lead to Enteritis, which is the inflammation of the small intestine, and is life threatening. We are doing everything we can be help save this little one but we have a long way to go before she is on the road to recovery.

Ligature wounds like this are life threatening to any animal. Even though the wounds don't look too bad now, in the space of 2 weeks these wounds will break down and we will have a much bigger problem to deal with.

If you ever come across an animal caught in stock fencing please DO NOT cut the animal free. Please call for help and stay near the animal, but far enough away that you do not cause it to panic and struggle. By leaving the animal caught whilst waiting for help to arrive you are increasing the animals chance of survival. If you were to release them, adrenalin would cause the animal to run off making it look like it is ok. This is not the case. Any animal released from stock fencing that does not receive the proper care and medication needed will not survive. Please pass this information on to any family and friends, as the more people we can make aware of this, the more chance these animals have got.

Thank you



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