

# Chloe makes a comeback

Chloe the kangaroo, a casualty of the Red Hill bushfire, had a lucky escape thanks to Darling Range Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service firefighter Liz Appelt.

Liz rescued Chloe from the ashes after flames swept through the area.

Thought to be aged around 19, Chloe had suffered burns to her paws and the pads of her feet, and was found on a recently burnt patch of ground.

She was highly stressed and dehydrated, and would have died without help.

Liz, a volunteer firefighter for 10 years, also runs the Chidlow Marsupial Hospital.

She had been monitoring radio transmission in the incident control vehicle during the bushfire when she was alerted to Chloe's plight.

"At first we thought it would be touch and go with Chloe, but I decided to take up the battle to save her," Liz said.



Chloe the survivor with her rescuer Darling Range VFRS firefighter Liz Appelt. Photo courtesy of *The Echo*.

"She was wrapped in a blanket and taken home for several days. We changed her bandages and showed her lots of affection, and happily she took a turn for the better."

Chloe had been hand raised for many years before being released into the bush and when the person who owned her heard she was still alive, he asked to be reunited with her.

Liz expects Chloe to make a good recovery and reports she is doing well.