



WILDLIFE SHELTER REDUCES FOOD WASTAGE USING RUBBERMAID PROSAVE® INGREDIENT BINS

Kody Davidson is the Shelter Operator at Chordata & Ko., a Melbourne-based Wildlife Shelter established in 2019 that is committed to caring for native animals in need. After the organisation received a donation of Rubbermaid Commercial Products PROSAVE® Ingredient Bins in 2021, Davidson describes how these products assisted in reducing the costs of daily operations at the centre.



ABOUT CHORDATA & KO.

Chordata & Ko. Wildlife Shelter is a volunteer operated wildlife rehabilitation facility responsible for the rescue, rehabilitation and/or release of sick, injured and/or orphaned Australian native wildlife. It was founded in 2019 and has since assisted over 300 individuals including bird species, possums, macropods such as swamp wallabies and eastern grey kangaroos, and wombats. The centre maintains a principle of 'Quality, over Quantity' to provide the optimal rehabilitation standard that the animals deserve. Chordata and Ko. are committed to providing care above and beyond government regulated standards, providing larger enclosures, high variety & nutritional foods, enrichment to emulate natural settings and a wealth of knowledge as a result of training and peer reviewed research.



THE PROBLEM

According to Davidson, there is minimal education and support out there for our Australian native wildlife, and that all wildlife rehabilitators are volunteers and responsible for their own education, husbandry costs including vet bills. Initially, food items such as milk formulas and seed mixes were kept in their original packaging or large bins. However, they observed that pests could enter the products, contaminating the food, or the bins wouldn't seal effectively and cause the food to spoil quickly and need to be disposed of - creating a substantial cost in wastage for the shelter.



THE RUBBERMAID SOLUTION

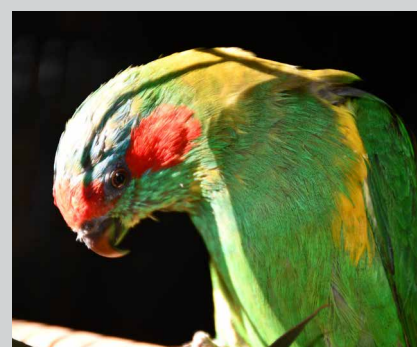
Based on the description of needs, the Rubbermaid PROSAVE® Ingredient Bins were recommended to Chordata & Ko. Wildlife Shelter as the solution. This range is widely used in the foodservice and hospitality industries.

"With the help from Rubbermaid, we have been able to keep our food items fresher, pest-free and substantially reduce our food spoilage and therefore wastage; allowing us to redirect the funding to enhancing enclosures and enrichment for our wildlife in rehabilitation."

"Additionally, their compact size, ability to stack and ease of use has helped ergonomically making food easily accessible, and the clear lids make it easy to identify ingredients."



Swamp Wallaby Joey Jenny



Musk Lorikeet Louis



Common (Bare-Nosed) Wombat Joey Grace



Rubbermaid PROSAVE® Ingredient Bins

