



ADOPTION PROGRAMME 2009/2010

The devil adoption programme is in its fledgling stages and it has had great support in its first year! The funds assist in providing food, husbandry and housing requirements, veterinary assessments, breeding and transportation of animals.

In 2009 some of our young devils were sent to Australia Zoo and Dreamworld to assist with breeding programmes. We have also released some rehabilitated orphans and captive bred young of similar ages on the property at Devils@Cradle and these animals have been observed with our field monitoring equipment over the last six months, suggesting they have been successfully competing in the wild.

Two of the released animals were Marigold and Rosa, who were bred at the facility. They will be an important part of the ongoing field monitoring programme as we try to determine how far they may disperse or range. As these females are nearing adulthood, (two years) it will be interesting to see if they will breed with wild males either this year or the next.

Kia and Marion are currently sharing an enclosure with Maxwell and may be used for breeding next year, as they are now over two years of age.

Maxwell is nearing three years of age and has already been breeding with one of our wild females so hopefully she will produce young. Max was brought into us in 2007 when his mother was killed on the road. He was hand raised at Devils@Cradle and proved to be very popular on tours. He is unusual in that he is completely black with no white markings. He is also quite a vocal devil!

Barnaby, one of our four year old males, has been visiting Trowunna Wildlife Park and has been successful breeding there. This is good news, as Barnaby was an orphan devil brought into us originally and represents the wild population, introducing his diversity into a captive gene pool.

Fury and Daisy are now almost three years of age and are sharing an enclosure, quite often sleeping in the same den. Fury is still tolerant of his keepers! He is also sponsored by the Cradle Mountain Lodge. Daisy still has her FaceBook page in operation, where updates and photos are posted regularly. She is also sponsored by Discovery Holiday Parks.

Last year's young are growing and establishing themselves!
Flynn and Lea have proven to be very confident when it comes to feeding time!

Blackjack and Ossa are so tolerant of being handled they will approach their keepers for a pat! We are currently handling these two on tours for visitors to have a pat so many people who visit Devils@Cradle will get to meet them.

Devils@Cradle wishes to thank everyone who has supported the 'Adopt a Devil' programme, which provides us with the means to continue our conservation work at the sanctuary and we encourage your continued support.

Renewal of your adoption can be made through the Donation page on the website or by contacting us via email or phone, you may wish to continue adopting the same devil or one of this year's young animals.

This year we have another lot of young devils currently up for adoption now. **Ossie** is a young male and **Ellis** a young female both are about 8 months old.

We have also included '**Adopt a Quoll**' to assist with the conservation work we do for these species also and will have both a male and female Spotted-tail and a male and female Eastern Quoll young up for adoption by Christmas.

To promote the start of our 'Adopt a Quoll' programme we have decided to have a naming competition for these 4 animals. If you wish to be involved please send us an email with your chosen 4 names by December and we will make a decision on the final names before Christmas.

On your email simply state

- STQ M (spotted-tail quoll male) – "your chosen name"
- STQ F – "your chosen name"
- EQ M – (Eastern Quoll male) – "your chosen name"
- EQ F – "your chosen name"

You will be notified of the winners by email and via the web site.

The (4) winners will receive a free adoption of that animal valued at \$50.00.

A special thanks goes out to our corporate sponsors for their assistance to our programmes over the past two years.

Thanks to all for your contributions and we hope to have your continued support to assist with our conservation programs again this year.

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MEET our new little baby animals up for adoption in 2010



Ossie and Ellis at 8 months of age



Male and Female Spotted – tail quoll 4 months of age



Female and Male Eastern quoll 4 months of age

As you can see some of the animals that have been adopted over the last 12 – 18 months have grown significantly.

A special thanks to all who have supported our Adoption Programme to date, your continued support will assist our conservation work into the future.



Ossa and Blackjack 20 months old



Daisy and Fury 20 months



Lea and Flynn 20 months



Kia, Marion and Maxwell 32 months