



Seven Misconceptions about Koalas and Dogs

1. My dog wouldn't hurt anything.

Has your dog ever seen a koala? Most dogs feel threatened by the sight of a koala in the yard and will naturally attack.

2. My dog would only play with it.

Even a quick bite is enough to kill a koala. Their skin is very pliable and internal organs are easily punctured.

3. We bought this property to give our dogs room to run.

Dogs have all day to play - surely we could share. By restraining dogs at night when koalas mainly move, many attacks could be avoided.

4. It's cruel to chain a dog.

Dogs soon enjoy the routine to being "tucked in" every night and so will neighbours who won't be disturbed by barking.

5. I want my dog loose on my property for protection.

Unrestrained dogs can easily be baited or distracted. Your dog is much safer up at the house where he can guard you best.

6. But I have a fence and no trees anyway.

Koalas can climb most fences and often must cross yards to reach nearby Eucalypts.

7. There's plenty of bush for them at the end of the street.

Koalas can no longer rely on the diminishing remnant bushland. Suburban gardens are now an essential part of their territory.

AT LEAST ONE KOALA IS KILLED BY DOGS EVERY WEEK IN THE REDLANDS. FOR A KOALA, A DOG BITE ALMOST CERTAINLY MEANS A SLOW AND CRUEL DEATH.