

Polar the white wombat

The extremely rare one-year-old southern hairy nosed wombat was found sick and dehydrated, wandering in a wheat paddock near Ceduna by shearers about five weeks ago.

[Wombat Fauna and Rescue](#) farm owner, Val Salmon, is caring for him. She said that in her 40 years of rescuing sick and injured wombats, Polar was only the third white wombat she had cared for.

"He's really really rare. We do get dark ginger ones, but this little one is near on white; he's a little cutey," she said.

"Either the mother abandoned him because of the colouring or something happened to her. If he turns into a naughty boy, which they often do, he will go into a breeding program," she added.

"They are not a pet."

Ms Salmon said the [Department of Environment and Heritage](#) gave her special milk for the wombats but she and her husband paid for everything else, including vet fees.

(Google for original sources + videos)

POLAR THE WHITE WOMBAT ACTIVITIES

A WRITE TRUE or FALSE

Polar is a northern hairy nosed wombat _____

Shearers found the wombat _____

Val Simon had cared for two other white wombats in the past _____

Polar is rare because he was dehydrated. _____

We don't know exactly why the wombat's mother abandoned him. _____

Wombats make good pets. _____

B MATCH THE WORD WITH THE MEANING. Choose the correct word from the box

ginger	fauna	abandoned	rescuing
rare	breeding program	vet fees	dehydrated

1	animals
2	reproducing more babies
3	animal doctor costs
4	dried out (little water in the body)
5	saving
6	hard to find
7	left alone
8	red (reddish)

C FILL IN THE BLANKS (ALL WORDS ARE FROM THE TEXT)

R _ R _	P _ L _ R	H _ _ RY	_ B _ ND _ N	_ XTR _ M _ LY
C _ R _ D	F _ _ N A	R _ SC _ _	R _ _ L _ Y	_ N _ UR _ D

D Use FIVE (5) of the words in the box above to write a terrific new sentence (not about wombats).

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

**WHY DO YOU THINK THE MOTHER ABANDONED THE BABY WOMBAT?
Talk with a partner then write.**
