

Plea to help catch koala shooter

RSPCA boss Mark Townsend says information from the public is the only way the organisation will bring to justice the person who shot a koala seven times with a slug-gun.

The male koala, nicknamed Fleet (pictured), was the victim of a sickening act of cruelty when he was shot in every limb on Brisbane's northside more than a week ago. He was found at Kippa-Ring, and

treated at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital at Beerwah.

On Friday, Fleet had an operation to remove three of the pellets from his body. He also has an infected foot, and will remain in intensive care until the end of the week.

Mr Townsend said information from the public was vital to finding those responsible for Fleet's injuries. "We have done a letterbox drop

to about 100 properties asking for information but haven't received anything back yet," he said.

"This will go nowhere unless someone provides information. We really need someone to get it off their conscience."

Anyone with information should contact the RSPCA on 3426 9999, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Kristin Shorten



Picture: Megan Slade