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Koala survives being hit by cars

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A YOUNG male koala looking for love has survived horrific injuries on the Sunshine Coast after being struck by two cars coming from opposite directions while he was trying to cross a busy road.

Asha, a 4.9kg male koala suffered a broken jaw, broken bones in his face and broken ribs after he was struck near the Petrie train station at the end of June.

Vets say the three-year-old marsupial, who came close to biting straight through his tongue during the two collisions, was hit by a car coming from one direction.

As he tried to race to safety on the other side of the road, Asha was then hit by another car.

Asha was admitted to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital on July 1st after being transferred from a veterinary clinic in Albany Creek.

It's currently breeding season for koalas but the same period is called "trauma season" by hospital staff due to the increased number of injured koalas that come through their doors during the period.

Koalas on the move are more prone to attacks from dogs and being struck by vehicles on the road as they search for a mate.

Anyone who sees sick or injured wildlife should contact Australia Zoo's 24-hour hotline on 1300 369 652.

Donations towards Asha's recovery are now open at [Everyday Hero](#).



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