



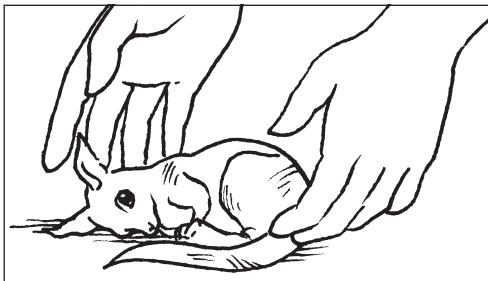
What a mom!

Delia works at the Valley Zoo in Edmonton. She is a zookeeper. She is taking care of a baby wallaby.



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■ A person at the zoo finds a baby wallaby on the ground. It is about 4 months old. It is cold and alone.



■ Delia takes the wallaby inside. She feeds it. She keeps it warm.

■ Delia's daughter names the wallaby Mira (short for Miracle).

■ The mother wallaby won't take care of Mira. So Delia becomes Mira's new mom.



👉 Wallabies live in Australia.

👉 A wallaby is the size of a person's thumb when it is born.



👉 A baby wallaby lives in its mother's pouch for about 6 months.

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At first

■ Delia takes care of Mira 24 hours a day. It is a lot of work!

☞ Delia feeds Mira every 1 or 2 hours. Delia carries Mira in a pouch.



☞ Delia takes Mira home at night. Mira sleeps on Delia's chest.

Now

■ Mira is 9 months old.

☞ Mira eats 3 times a day. Delia carries her in a blanket. Mira sleeps beside Delia's bed.

☞ Delia takes Mira for walks. Mira hops on the ground. She meets the other wallabies.



Mira at 7 months

■ In the future, Mira will live with the other wallabies.

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