

Email

FROM AUSTRALIA



Hey Gang! Well here I am in Australia
cuddling koala bears! what stuff did you
do today? The koala's name is "Bindi!"

Having a great time! I'll see you in a couple
weeks!

Forward this to everyone!



Did you know?

Koalas are marsupials

meaning they rear their young in the pouch. After a pregnancy of just 35 days the young Koala is born resembling a red jelly-bean with arms. The new-born is now called a Joey and moves into the pouch and attaches to a teat.

This is home for the next 5 - 6 months. The Joey will spend the next 2 months moving from Mum's pouch to her tummy or onto her back, then return to the safety of the pouch. At this age the Joey will begin eating gum leaves.



*Mother Flossie and Baby
June 1998, Forest Glen Sanctuary*

Months 8-10 see continued growth

both in size and confidence. Mum weans joey as she prepares to mate again (1 young per year). At 1 year of age and weighing approximately 1 kg (2.2 pounds) this cute little ball of fur is fully independent.

Generally a captive Koala will live for 10-15 years while a wild Koala may reach 6-10 years.

Koala is an aboriginal word meaning No Drink / No water. Their liquid needs in most cases are gained from the eucalyptus leaves they eat.

Try these websites for more information:

www.akfkoala.gil.com.au

www.queensland-holidays.com.au

