



# CAT TRAP HIRE



The District Council of Peterborough supports responsible cat management within the community and has cat traps available for hire to assist with the removal of unidentified and unowned (formerly known as feral) cats within the district.

## CONDITIONS OF HIRE

The following apply:

- **Traps are not to be set on Friday or Saturday nights or during public holidays - Traps will not be serviced on weekends or public holidays**
- Traps must be monitored daily by the hirer.
- The traps will only be hired out for the genuine removal of an unidentified or unowned cat.
- Anyone living within the Council district can hire a cat trap if they are 18 years of age or older.
- Cat traps must only be used on your own property or with the written consent of the occupier or owner of the land or property.
- Cat traps will only be hired out for a period of time negotiated with a Council Officer.
- Do not place the trap in direct sunlight (remembering shade cover moves during the day).
- Do not set the trap on extreme weather days, ie extreme heat or storms.
- Do not place the trap in an area where other animals can have access to or harass a trapped cat.
- No person may interfere or remove the means by which a cat is identified.
- Once a cat is caught, cover the trap with a blanket, tarp or something similar, leaving the ends exposed for ventilation or move the trap to a sheltered area where people, pets or other animals cannot harass the cat.
- Trapped cats must not remain in a trap for any period of time exceeding 12 hours.
- When a cat is trapped, within 12 hours you must contact Council's Dog and Cat Management Officer (Tel: 0439 867935), or Council on 8651 3566 between **9am and 5pm week days** (excluding public holidays). (An individual is not authorised to destroy the cat).

## COST

A refundable deposit of \$50 is required at the time of hiring the cat trap and will be refunded on the return of the cage, provided it is returned cleaned and undamaged.

A hire fee applies (see Council's Fees and Charges), for a 5 day hire period being between Monday and Friday.



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Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Period of Hire:	From:	To:

## Duty of Care:

While using cage traps to catch cats is legal in South Australia, there is a duty of care when attempting to catch a nuisance cat. Failure to monitor a cat trap or treat a trapped cat humanely can result in legal action under the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*.

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I agree that while I have the use of the cat trap from the District Council of Peterborough, I will obey the conditions of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* in that:

1. Any person who seizes an unidentified cat must within 12 hours contact Council's Dog and Cat Management Officer. (I understand an individual is not authorised to destroy the cat).
2. The trap must not be used on any land or property without the consent of the occupier or owner of the land or property.
3. No person may interfere or remove the means by which a cat is identified. To be identified the cat must:
  - a) Have a collar around its neck and the collar, or tag securely attached to the collar, is marked with a current address or telephone number of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the cat, or
  - b) Have a microchip implanted in its body containing information that may be used to obtain the current address or telephone number of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the cat and has the letter 'M' tattooed on the inside of its ear.

Failure to comply with the Act may lead to a maximum fine of \$5,000.

I hereby agree to pay a \$50 deposit, which will be refunded upon return of the trap in a clean and undamaged condition. The trap is to be returned to the council office between 9:15am and 4:30pm on the \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, or as otherwise arranged.

I have read and understand that I cannot lawfully dispose of any trapped cat.

I understand that if the cat trap is not returned by the required date, I will forfeit the deposit paid, unless Council has extended the return date.

Signature..... Date.....

## **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HIRER AT THE TIME OF PAYING THE DEPOSIT & FEE**

Copy given to hirer: Yes / No      Number of hire days: .....

Deposit paid: \$ .....      Fee paid: \$ .....

A/O Signature: .....      Entered in to Register: Yes / No

Deposit Refunded:	Hirer Signature:
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