

GUIDELINES TO TRAPPING

The purpose of these Guidelines to Trapping is to provide uniform, clear and concise instructions and details for the efficient trapping of Cats.

Please Note:

- In the event that a cat is trapped, it **must** be taken to the City's Cat Management Facility – Cat Haven, 23 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park.
- The hirer has read these guidelines to Trapping and agrees they will adhere to these guidelines.
- The Hirer has read and understands the relevant provisions in Section 19 of the ***Animal Welfare Act 2002*** as listed within the guidelines to trapping.

SECTION 1 - Guidelines

Trapping should be used as a last resort, as it is a very stressful experience for a cat. Anyone setting a trap should be confident and competent, and have been shown on how to use a trap prior to hiring. Traps have the potential to cause significant suffering and distress to the cat, so please adhere to these guidelines.

Prior to setting up Trap

- Trapping must only be done on your property. If trapping is to be done on Local Government Property, permission must be obtained from the Local Government.
- If trapping in a residential area, please notify people within close proximity so that they can take action to protect their domestic cats.
- Trapping is most effective at night.
- If traps need to be left open during the day, they **must** be checked at least every 2 hours to prevent suffering and possible death from exposure, dehydration, starvation and/or shock.
- Before setting each trap ensure that it is functioning properly.

Setting up Trap

- It may be useful to partially enclose the trap in a large towel or blanket to prevent the cats from attempting to take the bait through the side or back of the trap. This also helps to reduce the visibility of bait to other wildlife in the area.
- Cage traps should be set squarely on the ground and the doors of the trap bent upward to increase the openness of the trap space.
- Where possible the trap should be pegged to the ground to prevent the cat or some other animal from tipping it over and injuring itself and/or releasing the trap door.
- Place cat food inside the trap and lures in suitable positions inside and outside of the trap.
- Cage traps should be clear of vegetation so that the cat can walk completely around the trap before entering.
- It is also preferable to set up traps at sites where vegetation can provide shade and shelter.
- Shade cloth or towel can be for used for protection from the weather.

- In hot weather, water should be provided.
- Trapping should be avoided when adverse weather conditions threaten the welfare of trapped animals.

Once Cat is Trapped

- Once a cat is trapped it must be taken to the City's Cat Management Facility – Cat Haven, 23 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park.
- Cats must not be euthanized by the hirer of the trap and may only be euthanized by a qualified vet on behalf of the City of Fremantle, Cat Haven or RSPCA in accordance with the Cat Act 2011 or Animal Welfare Act 2002.
- Feral cats are likely to suffer distress from being confined in a cage trap and they can sometimes be injured while trying to escape. Facial injuries are common.
- Captured animals must be approached carefully and quietly to reduce panic, further stress and risk of injury.
- If lactating females are caught in a trap, efforts should be made to find dependent kittens

SECTION 2 - Animal Welfare Act

Before carrying out a trapping program a person must read and understand the relevant provisions in Section 19 of the ***Animal Welfare Act 2002*** Act as listed on the next page;

19. Cruelty to animals

(1) A person must not be cruel to an animal.

Penalty: Minimum — \$2 000.

Maximum — \$50 000 and imprisonment for 5 years.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1) a person, whether or not the person is a person in charge of the animal, is cruel to an animal if the person —

- (a) tortures, mutilates, maliciously beats or wounds, abuses, torments, or otherwise ill-treats, the animal;
- (b) uses a prescribed inhumane device on the animal;
- (c) intentionally or recklessly poisons the animal;
- (d) does any prescribed act to, or in relation to, the animal; or
- (e) in any other way causes the animal unnecessary harm.

(3) Without limiting subsection (1) a person in charge of an animal is cruel to an animal if the animal —

- (a) is transported in a way that causes, or is likely to cause, it unnecessary harm;
- (b) is confined, restrained or caught in a manner that —
 - (i) is prescribed; or
 - (ii) causes, or is likely to cause, it unnecessary harm;
- (c) is worked, driven, ridden or otherwise used —
 - (i) when it is not fit to be so used or has been over used; or
 - (ii) in a manner that causes, or is likely to cause, it unnecessary harm;
- (d) is not provided with proper and sufficient food or water
- (e) is not provided with such shelter, shade or other protection from the elements as is reasonably necessary to ensure its welfare, safety and health;
- (f) is abandoned, whether at the place where it is normally kept or elsewhere;
- (g) is subjected to a prescribed surgical or similar operation, practice or activity;
- (h) suffers harm which could be alleviated by the taking of reasonable steps;

- (i) suffers harm as a result of a prescribed act being carried out on, or in relation to, it;
- or
- (j) is, in any other way, caused unnecessary harm.

SECTION 3 - Indemnity

- The Hirer must indemnify the City of Fremantle and keep the City of Fremantle indemnified, for loss or damage to any person, property or animal arising from the hiring of a trap.
- This indemnity includes, but is not limited to, loss or damage:
 - Arising from claims and actions; and
 - Resulting in the payment of damages and costs.
- This indemnity includes, but is not limited to, loss or damage in connection with:
 - Loss of life;
 - Personal injury; and
 - Loss or damage to property.

“Humane Way of Trapping”

Gravity Action Door with Spring Loaded Latch
Once the animal trips the set rod, our gravity action door is locked shut by a powerful spring loaded latch--welded directly to the steel door frame

Handle with Hand Guard
KAGE-ALL trap handle and hand guard are designed for easy transport and protection from the trapped animal.

Completely Assembled
Every KAGE-ALL trap comes individually packaged, fully assembled and ready to use.

Protected Bait Area
Many of our traps are double reinforced in the bait area to protect the bait from outside access.

Treadle Grate
The treadle grate is located well beyond the center of the trap. This helps insure more positive catches, since the animal cannot quickly back out before the door closes.

Protected Working Parts
All the mechanical parts of the trap are located inside to prevent premature tripping by curious animals.

Zinc Treated & Coated
KAGE-ALL traps are made from zinc treated steel and coated with a special black coating--which protects the finish and eliminates reflections and light flashes.

Steel Door Stop
This feature keeps the cage door in a permanently locked position until the operator releases the animal.

Ground Guard
The metal ground guard helps prevent grass, sticks, rocks and other debris from obstructing the door latch.

KAGE-ALL traps are easy to set!
Simply release the door latch and lift the door. Move the set rod forward so that it supports the door cross rod member and holds the door open. Test the tripping mechanism by pushing down on the treadle area. This action moves the trip rod and causes the door to shut and automatically lock.

Choose a spot frequented by your pesky critters. Place the selected bait at the extreme end of the trap--opposite the entry door. You're now ready to trap live animals the safe and humane way with KAGE-ALL.