

Guidelines for use of a cat/dog trap

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Maranoa Regional Council hires cat and dog traps to residents experiencing difficulties with domestic and feral cats and dogs straying on to their property and causing a nuisance. The traps are basic cage traps which require the placement of food on a plate or hook located inside the cage. When the animal steps on the plate or disturbs the food on the hook, the door of the trap is activated and closes behind them.

Traps can be hired from Council for up to a 14 day period. Traps must be returned to Council by 3pm on the due date. If a trap is returned damaged, uncleaned or it is stolen, the person hiring it is liable for costs to fix, clean or replace the trap.

Council does not issue traps for the purpose of trapping possums, which is prohibited. Possums are a protected native animal and a permit is required for their trapping.

Residents can phone Council to organise the collection of a trapped cat or dog. No trapped animal collections will be carried out after 5pm weekdays or anytime on weekends or public holidays.

Traps can be hired from Council's Community Safety team. Please phone Council on 1300 007 662 prior to picking up the trap to check on availability.

1. Use only an approved cat or dog trap: do not use leg-hold or body-grip traps or snares.
2. Ensure the trap is suitably covered or in a position where there is adequate shade or protection from the elements.
3. Ensure you are present while the trap is set. You (the hirer) are responsible for the welfare of the animal in the trap until an officer is able to collect the animal.
4. Ensure the trap is regularly checked (at least twice per day) so a trapped cat or dog is not caged for an extended period. If the trap is set overnight, it is recommended that the trap is checked before going to bed and again first thing in the morning.
5. Ensure that any trapped cat or dog is provided with sufficient food and water. Consideration should be given to releasing any lactating animals caught, unless the offspring can also be located and removed as well.
6. Use food bait only. It is prohibited to use bait that is harmful or poisonous to an animal. Using prohibited substances is an offence which carries monetary penalties or imprisonment.
7. Once a cat or dog is trapped, please call Council without delay so the animal can be collected as soon as practicable, during normal business hours.
8. Ensure the trap is set on your property. Traps are not permitted to be set on land not under your control.
9. No trapped animal collections will be carried out after 5pm weekdays or anytime on weekends or public holidays.
10. Animals must be handled in accordance with the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* which, if breached, could constitute an offence carrying a significant monetary penalty and or possible imprisonment.

For more information, please contact our Community Safety Team on 1300 007 662.

Instructions for use of a cat/dog trap

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1. Trap can be carried by the two handles at the top of the cage.



2. Ensure food and water is placed in the trap at the time of setting.



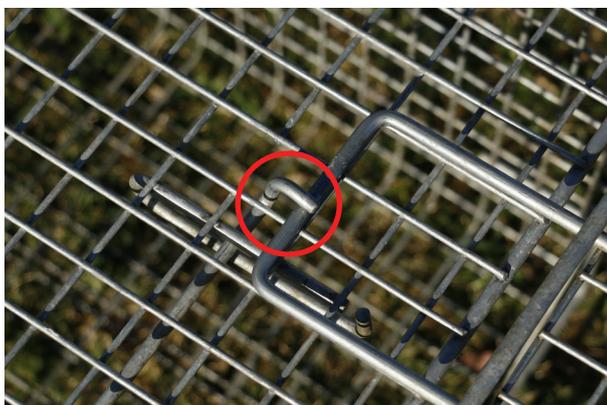
3. Pull horizontal bar up to top of cage. Trigger is hooked over handle and should look like this.



4. Push down on handle and prepare to set trigger on trap. Trap should look like this once set. Hook trigger over handle. Tray at bottom of cage should be raised slightly.



5. Trigger is hooked over handle and should look like this.



6. The trap should look like this once set.



Please be aware the animal may be distressed and aggressive.

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