

	<b>CAT TRAP HIRE</b>	Version No	1
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The District Council of Elliston supports responsible cat management within the community and has two cat traps available for hire to assist with the removal of feral and unowned cats within the district.

### Conditions of hire

The following apply:

- The cat traps will not be issued for the purpose of capturing nuisance or neighbouring cats. The traps will only be loaned out for the genuine removal of a feral or unowned cat.
- Anyone living within the Council district can hire a cat trap if they are 18 years of age or older.
- Trapped cats identified with a collar, microchip or any form of identification must be released immediately. Penalties apply for failure to release an identified cat (Dog & Cat Management Act).
- 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 loaned out for a period of time negotiated with a Council Officer.
- Trapped cats must not remain in a trap for any period of time exceeding 12 hours.

### Cost

A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of collecting the cat trap and will be refunded on the return of the cage provided it is returned cleaned and undamaged. The maximum hire period for a trap is two weeks.

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### CAT TRAP HIRE FORM

Cat traps can be hired from Council. A bond of \$50 is required prior to collection of the trap and will be refunded upon the trap's return (clean and undamaged).

Name			
Address			
Phone		Email	

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

1. Any person who seizes an unidentified cat must deliver it within 24 hours to the Council's Dog and Cat Management Officer (An individual is not authorised to destroy the cat). Identified cats, by law, must be released.
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 \$5000.00.**

I hereby agree to pay a \$50 bond, which will be refunded upon return of the trap in a clean and undamaged condition. The trap is to be returned two weeks from today to the Elliston office between 8:30am and 5:00pm on the \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, or as otherwise arranged.

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

I understand the refunded bond will be either electronically transferred, or posted in the form of a cheque to the user upon the return of the trap.

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

**Signature** ..... **Date** .....

**Traps are not to be set on Friday nights or during public holidays**  
**Traps will not be serviced on weekends or public holidays**

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HIRER AT THE TIME OF PAYING THE BOND FEE**

<b>Option 1 – Direct Debit Payment</b>	BSB Number: Account Number: Account Name:		
<b>Option 2 - Cheque Payable To:</b>	Name:		
<b>Club/Organisation:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Contact Number:</b>			
<b>Trap Hired:</b>		<b>Date Hired:</b>	
<b>Bond Amount Paid:</b>	\$50	<b>Receipt No.:</b>	

**I acknowledge that provided the trap is returned in a clean and undamaged condition (satisfactory to the Council) two (2) weeks from today that the refund of the bond fee will be forwarded within three weeks of the hire date of the trap.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_