

Guidelines for use of a cat/dog trap

Gladstone Regional Council hires cat traps to residents experiencing difficulties with domestic and feral cats 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.

Cat 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. A late fee of \$6 per day will be charged for every trap returned late. 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.

Cat traps can be hired from Council administration centres at Gladstone, Calliope, Boyne Island, Miriam Vale, Mount Larcom and Agnes Water. Residents are requested to telephone Council on (07) 4970 0700 prior to picking up the trap to check on availability.

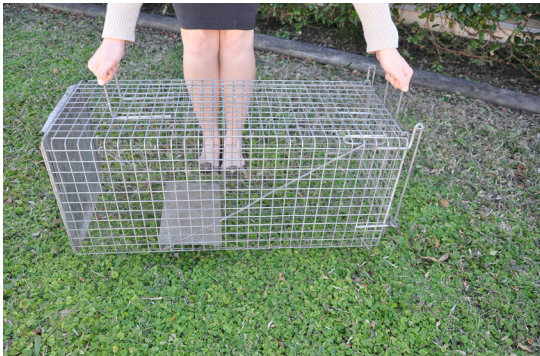
Council does not issue cat traps for the purpose of trapping possums, which is prohibited. Possums are a protected native animal and a permit is required for their trapping. Dog traps are also available for trapping wild or roaming dogs.

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

Customers are welcome to take trapped cats to Council's impoundment facility, located at 17 Albert Street, Callemondah. The pound is open by appointment only, and appointments can be made by calling Council on (07) 4970 0700. Appointments are not available on public holidays or weekends.

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1. Use only an approved cat 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 that a trapped cat 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 is provided with sufficient food and water. Consideration should be given to releasing any lactating cat caught, unless the kittens can also be located and removed as well.
6. Use food as 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 is trapped, call Council without delay so the cat 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 possibly imprisonment.



How to set a cat/dog trap



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. The 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.
7. An example of the trapped animal.

How can you contact us?



(07) 4970 0700

STD CALLS: 1300 733 343

For those residents who currently incur STD call rates when contacting their local customer service centre



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