



CAT TRAP HIRE

Frequently Asked Questions

If you are having trouble with a neighbour's cat in your area, have a read through the following.

Before you hire a trap, do you know where the cat lives? If so, try approaching the owner and advise them their cat is causing a nuisance by wandering onto your property. Under the Shire of Capel's Cat Local Laws, cats are required to be confined to their owner's premises at all times and they are not allowed to wander off the property. Cats must also be registered with the Shire.

- Cat traps are available for hire from the Shire Office at a cost of \$100. This is a bond and will be returned to you when you return the trap to us at the end of the hire period. Bond is only accepted by cash or cheque. Credit Cards will not be accepted.
- Traps are hired for a period of 2 weeks. You may be able to extend this hire, provided there isn't a waiting list for traps, by calling the Customer Service department on 9727 0222.
- You are required to use food bait only, **poisonous baits are not allowed under any circumstances.** We suggest using a bit of chicken meat, or some tuna. Small tins of cat food seem to be quite effective and will cost less than \$1.00. Try putting the food item into a bit of stocking and tying that onto the bait hook. This makes it harder for the cat to remove the bait and they will be more likely to set off the trap while they are still inside it.
- Our traps are humane, and will not injure the animal when used properly. When you hire the trap, the customer service officer can show you how to set it if you have not used one before.
- Once the trap is set, you are required to check the trap regularly (if set overnight, you must check the trap first thing in the morning) and advise the Community Ranger if you have a cat inside the trap. Traps are not to be set between Friday night and Sunday afternoon as the Rangers are unable to collect cats over the weekend. Trapping is most effective at evening time, as that is when cats will predominantly wander and hunt. As such, we recommend setting your trap around dusk, checking on it before you go to bed, and again in the morning. You must be home while the trap is set. You are responsible for the welfare of the animal in the trap until the Rangers are able to collect it from you.
- If you do catch a cat in the trap, call the Community Ranger on 0417 953 959 to come and collect it. They are available from 7am to 4pm Monday to Friday.