

CAT TRAP AND TRAPPING POLICY

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References and related Policies, Procedures and Forms: <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i> Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017 Animal Management Plan DCSB-AM-01.01 Dogs By-Law No.5 – 2017 Cats By-Law No.6 – 2017 Work Health & Safety Act 2012 Work Health & Safety Regulations 2012 Councils Fees and Charges DCSB-01 Form 07 - Cat Trap Hire		

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1. Introduction

The District Council of Streaky Bay (Council) is charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the *Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995*.

This Legislation provides a number of circumstances where cats may be trapped, as feral/stray and nuisance cats prey upon a wide range of native mammals, reptiles, and birds. Cage trapping is an effective tool in targeting individual cats, where populations have already been reduced.

2. Objectives

To provide Council officers with direction and process to enable the hire of cat traps to the general public.

To assist the general public to control and capture cats that are a nuisance on private and public property.

3. Definitions

Animal Management Officer:

An Officer Authorised under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* by the District Council of Streaky Bay.

Domestic Cat

Any cat which has:

- 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. 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.

Feral/Unowned Cat

Any cat which does **not** have:

- a. 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. 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.

4. Policy Statement

In accordance with Section 8, Council's Management of Cats, of Council's Animal Management Plan DCSB-AM-01.01, Council will undertake a regular trapping programme for the control of feral/stray/unowned cats and will make traps available to the community to trap cats that are causing a nuisance.

Council will provide cat traps for hire on the condition that the person hiring the trap abides by this Council Policy and Section 64 of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* in relation to the trapping and disposal of an identified or unidentified cat, subject to: -

1. Completing and signing a Cat Trap Hire Form DCSB-01 Form 07
2. **Payment of a hire fee as set by Council. The fee is partially refundable on the return of the trap in a clean and undamaged condition by the required date.**

All trapping and control of feral/unowned/nuisance cat(s) will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the '*Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995*'.

A copy of Council current Fees and Charges can be found on the Council website.

5. Delegations

Only officers who are competent by training, qualifications and licensing will be authorised to undertake cat management. Officers will also have sufficient training and understanding of Council's policies and procedures to ensure a consistent approach to their duties. Any decision to act other than in accordance with this policy must have approval from the relevant Manager.

Officers are required to show their authorisations on demand.

6. Records

All records shall be kept and disposed of in accordance with councils Records Management Policy & Procedure and the current Local Government General Disposal Scheme.

7. Further Information and Policy Availability

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council offices listed below during ordinary business hours and available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's internet site:

www.streakybay.sa.gov.au
District Council of Streaky Bay
29 Alfred Tce
Streaky Bay SA 5680

Copies will be provided to interested parties upon request. Email dcstreaky@streakybay.sa.gov.au

8. Document History

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