



Cat Traps – Fact Sheet

Any ill-treatment of cats may be an offence under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* and may be subject to prosecution.

If it becomes necessary to trap a cat then the following procedures should be carefully followed to ensure the cat is treated humanely:

- Use only approved cage traps. Do not use leg-hold or body-grip traps or snares.
- Ensure the cage is suitably covered to provide any contained cats with protection from the elements.
- Ensure the cage is regularly checked (at least twice per day) so that caught cats are not caged for extended periods.
- Ensure that any caught cat is provided with sufficient food and water. If the cat is sick or injured, seek veterinary treatment.
- Do not relocate the cat and release in the bush or elsewhere. Abandonment is an offence under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*, a domestic cat could be taken as a feral cat and it is an offence under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* to release a feral cat.
- Do not destroy the cat yourself.
- Drowning is an unacceptable act and may constitute an offence under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*.
- Traps cannot be used for the intentional trapping of any other animal.



Traps may catch an animal you did not expect (including bandicoots, birds, and native animals). If the native animal is unharmed, it must be released immediately.

Declared animals such as feral cats, rabbits and foxes cannot be released if caught and you should contact Council for more information.

Cat Traps are available for hire from Council to assist with the management of cats in the neighbourhood.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, please call Customer Service on 1300 79 49 29 or visit the Fraser Coast Pound and Adoption Centre at Cicada Lane, Urangan.

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