

Policy Document

CAT TRAP AND TRAPPING POLICY

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Local Government Act 1999 Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 Animal Management Plan and Policy (DCSB-AM-01.01) Cats By-Law No.6 – 2010 Work Health & Safety Act 2012 Work Health & Safety Regulations 2012		

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 cats prey upon a wide range of mammals, reptiles, and birds. Cage trapping is an effective tool in targeting individual cats, where populations have already been reduced.

2. Policy 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. Policy Statements

In accordance with Section 7.6, Domestic Cat Management, of Council's Animal Management Plan and Policy (DCSB-AM-01.01) Council will undertake a regular trapping programme for

the control of feral 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 76 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 9
2. Payment of a deposit as set by Council. The deposit is fully refundable on the return of the trap in a clean and undamaged condition by the required date.

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

4. 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. 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 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.

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 Management

All records shall be kept and disposed of in accordance with councils Records Management Policy & Procedure and the Local Government General Disposal Schedule 20 Version 5.

7. Availability of Policy

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council's principal office during ordinary business hours at no charge. Copies of this policy may be obtained upon request at a cost to be determined by Council. Copies may be downloaded from Councils website.

8. Public Consultation

Public Consultation must be undertaken in accordance with Section 259 of the *Local Government Act, 1999*.

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