

# Cat Cage Service Hire Agreement

Council is collecting the information on this form so that it may consider your application. The information is only used by Council for this purpose and will not be disclosed unless required under law.

## Applicant Details

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms ).....

Name.....Surname.....

Date of Birth.....

Postal Address

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**If the account is to be sent to a PO Box the actual address of the applicant must be included**

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.....State.....Post Code.....

Residential Address (if different to above).....

.....State..... Post Code.....

Telephone.....Mobile.....

Facsimile.....Email.....

Request No (WCC to fill out) .....

**Service fee: refer to the website page for current fee**

## Hire Conditions

The purpose of this service is to assist with the removal of pest animals (eg. possums, cats) in a humane and correct manner. The following conditions apply to the hire and use of the cat cages owned by the Warrnambool City Council.

1. The cage remains the property of Warrnambool City Council at all times and must be returned in the same condition. The cost of replacement due to damage or loss will be the responsibility of the borrower (value of the cage is approximately \$150.00).
- 2. Cats will be collected by the Ranger between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday following notification.**
- 3. Cage must not be set over a weekend or public holiday**
4. All cats will be taken by the Council Ranger to the RSPCA for assessment. Any cat deemed by the RSPCA to be feral or diseased will be euthanised by a vet surgeon.
- 5. Prior to the use of the cage in a residential area, ALL immediate neighbours within the vicinity of the trap site must be notified, to enable them to confine their pets.**
6. The trap is not to be used to capture any other animal or for any purpose other than the ones described.
7. Possums and other native wildlife must be released in accordance with the directions of the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

### **Trapping Protocol**

1. It is the responsibility of the person conducting trapping to ensure the cat has sufficient water and protection from extremes of weather and predators while in the trap. The cat must not be left in any circumstances which could lead to cruelty (as defined under the Protection of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986).
2. A regular daily feeding routine must have been established prior to trapping. The cat should have been fed in the same place (preferably in the shade) at the same time (preferably just before dusk) by the same person.
3. The cat must not be fed for 24 hours prior to setting the trap to ensure it is sufficiently hungry to enter the trap. Fishy food is the most successful lure as it is strong smelling (no name brands are more than adequate). The trap should be set in a shady or sheltered area in the vicinity where the regular feeds have been conducted.
4. When a cat is caught notification must be made to Council's Ranger who will arrange collection.

### **Signature**

***Council retains the right to withdraw or alter this approval to use.***

The period of time for usage is to be from ...../...../..... to ...../...../.....

I have read the above conditions and trapping protocol and hereby agree to abide by them.

Signature of Applicant ..... Date .....