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Animal Trap Hire Agreement

Part 1: Hirer Details

This Agreement is made between the Mount Barker District Council and ;

Name and Date: _____ Date: _____
First Name Last Name M.I.

Residential Address: _____

Contact Details: *Hm:* _____ *Mb:* _____

Note: Before this application can be lodged at least one phone number must be supplied.

Email: _____@_____

Part 2: Address where the trap will be used

Animal trap site address _____

_____ *Street Address*

_____ *Town State PC*

Part 3: Proof of Identity

You must provide Council with proof of your identity. Please tick the item/s below which you will provide as proof of identity.

Current Driver's Licence

Current Passport

Current Pension Card

TRAP No.

DETAILS (card/passport/Licence number) _____

Part 4: Fees & Charges

Cage Hire Fee of **\$10.00** to be paid at Council. (Animal Trap Hire Account 710 – (6090-4090-322))

Receipt number: _____

Management reserves the right to waive the rental agreement

Part 6: Lodgment Details

You can lodge the completed application **in person only** at 6 Dutton Rd, Mt Barker (Homemaker Centre, next to Harvey Normans) **IF A TRAP IS NOT AVAILABLE** Once you have completed your application and fees have been received, an animal management officer will contact you when one becomes available.

Please note: signing of this document binds you to the terms of this contract:-

-while the trap is in my possession I am solely responsible for the trap;

-if the trap is damaged, lost or stolen whilst in my possession, I am aware that I am liable for the cost of replacement of the cage should the cage be stolen or damaged. Mount Barker District Council will charge \$150.00 for the loss/damage of the trap should the trap have been borrowed in good faith).

-If I cannot find any identification on the animal and if the Council's Animal Management Officer is unavailable, I will comply with Section 64 of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and hand the animal over to an approved shelter, or vet.

64—Power to seize and detain cats (1) A person may seize and detain a cat in any of the following circumstances:
(a) the circumstances set out in section 63(1); 1.7.2018—Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 Destruction, seizure and
(2) A person may seize and detain an unidentified cat for the purpose of delivering it within 12 hours to—
(a) a registered veterinary surgeon; or
(b) a facility for the care of cats operated by— (i) the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (South Australia) Incorporated; or (ii) the Animal Welfare League of South Australia, Incorporated; or (iii) a body or person specified by the regulations; or
(c) a facility nominated by a council and approved by the Board at which cats may be detained, however nothing in this subsection authorises the person to destroy the cat.

-I will set up the trap in the time frame and manner explained by the Animal Management Officer;

-I will supply written proof that the animal trapped was disposed of at an authorized facility as required by section 76(e) of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 if requested by the animal management officer.

*Note: **Traps must be returned in a clean and undamaged condition.** Traps are to be returned within (14) days of collection unless otherwise stated by the issuing Authorised Officer.*

APPLICANT NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE** _____ 

Conditions of Hire

Duty of care when trapping cats

While using cage traps to catch cats is legal in SA there is a duty of care when attempting to trap the cat. Failure to monitor a cat trap or treat a trapped cat humanely may result in legal action under the Animal Welfare Act, 1985

NOTE: Feral cats are cats living in the wild by their own means. Stray cats are cats living without a registered owner and may be living on or near your property in order to survive. Stray cats are somewhat dependent on humans providing them food or water.

- Trapped cats identified with a collar, microchip (as indicated by an “M” tattoo in the ear) or any other form of identification must be surrendered to an authorized Animal Officer of the Council, a Veterinary Clinic or an authorised animal shelter. Once you are aware of the cat in the trap, you must immediately surrender that animal as outlined above. **MAX hold of any cat in a trap is 12 hours**
- Trapped feral/stray or semi-owned cats must be taken by appointment only to a vet clinic for processing/euthanasia.
- You must contact a vet first to arrange a suitable time.
- Any costs associated with the euthanasia of a feral cat is the responsibility of the hirer of the trap.
- If you take the cat to the Animal Welfare League or RSPCA their Vet's will make an assessment of the trapped cat's condition, temperament and any injuries. An animal shelter will make a decision on the suitability of the cat for re-homing.

All hiring of traps is done so for the purposed of trapping feral/stray/semi-owned animals ONLY. (Not pet cats)

Many animals, such as possums are protected within SA and cannot be trapped or captured without a permit. If you trap a possum, you MUST release it immediately in the place you trapped it. You are NOT permitted to relocate the trapped possum (or native animal) to another location. Native animals “zone” where they live and will suffer should you release them into a new/unknown location. State Government Fines apply. For problems with Native Wildlife, contact your local Landscape SA / Natural Resources Board or Fauna Rescue Service in your area.

While the trap is in your possession you are solely responsible for the trap and it condition.

If the trap is damaged, lost or stolen whilst in your possession, you will be required to pay for the full cost of the trap, which is \$150.00 to the Mount Barker District Council.

If you cannot find any identification on the cat, you are to comply with Section 76 of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and hand the animal over to an approved shelter/vet clinic.

The trap is to be set up in the time frame and manner explained by the Animal Management Officer – further instructions are included for you in this paperwork.

Where possible supply written proof that the animal trapped was disposed of at an authorized facility as required by section 76(e) of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995.

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FOR THE COUNCIL TO PROCESS THE CAT FREE OF CHARGE

Please follow the steps below

1. Please set traps on the following nights only;

Traps can be set from 4pm but please monitor the trap as 12 hours is the max time (legally) a cat can be inside the trap

- Sunday nights
- Monday nights
- Tuesday nights

Why? Because this is the only time Council has access to vets, animal shelters and foster carer's. All cat's that are trapped, need to be quarantined and vet assessed before a decision can be made (*unless it is registered on DACO and has a microchip where an owner is available to collect it*). The Council works very hard at rehoming all unowned, abandoned and stray cats; however, this takes time so we are required to work in conjunction with our external animal organisations, their timeframes and the policies they have in place.

Please note: If you trap a cat over a weekend or outside of the Councils timeframes, you are 100% responsible for the cat, its welfare and any costs involved in processing of the cat to a vets or animal shelter.

Please also keep in mind that some vets and animal shelters, will not take cats from the public if they think the cat is going to bring disease or sickness into their clinic. They will not jeopardise their client's animals for a stray animal being bought in. Your best bets are either RSPCA (Lonsdale Shelter) or AWL (Wingfield) who may still tell you no, due to the cat being in a Council's Trap. They will charge you accordingly.

2. Please contact Customer Service on 8391 7200 and a Public Safety Officer will be in touch to arrange collection.
3. **That's it!** – Your details will remain confidential at all times. If you wish to continue trapping then please let us know so we can return the trap back to you later that day.