## HUME CITY COUNCIL Cat Trapping Program Application Form

# **Applicant Details**

 Name of applicant:
 Post code:

 Address:
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 Email:
 Business name: (if applicable)

# **Required identification**

Drivers licence no: or Medicare number no:

ABN or ACN:

# **Extent of problem**

How many stray/feral cats?:

Address of cat/s: (if known)

### **Conditions and Guidlines**

Only Hume City Council Residents are eligible to participate in the Cat Trapping Program

Council provides this service free of charge however, should a cat trap be lost or damaged whilst in your care the cost to replace the cat trap will be invoiced to the applicant.

The Cat Trap shall be returned in the same condition as when received, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

The Applicant will reimburse for damages more than normal wear and tear and will reimburse Cat Trap lost or destroyed.

The cat trap will be left with the resident for a period of 1 week only. Residents requiring cages for a longer period will need to make arrangements with the Animal Management Officer and are subject to availability.

If no cats are caught within 5 days of receiving the trap, the trap must be returned to Council.

Traps must only be set Sunday night to Thursday night unless otherwise directed by the Animal Management Officer.

Traps are not to be set Friday night, Saturday night, or prior to a Public Holiday

Residents must ring Hume City Council between 8am and 12pm Monday to Friday (Public Holidays excluded) to request an Animal Management Officer to attend and collect the cat. Any cats that are trapped after 12pm may not be collected, any cats trapped during these hours may be required to be held by the resident overnight and resident must call again the next morning to request a collection or Council may request the cat to be released from the trap.

Cats will not be collected on weekends, after hours or on public holidays.

Council Animal Management officers will not collect any cats/kittens unless they are contained in a Council trap.

You are responsible for the welfare of the cat whilst it is contained within the trap on your property. This means the trap must be placed in a sheltered area and food and water is to be provided. The trap should be covered to keep the cat calm and should be placed in an area where other animals, particularly dogs, cannot access the trap

A detailed step by step instruction guide on how to correctly set up the cat trap will be provided to the resident with the cat trap. If you require further assistance with how to set up the cat trap, please contact Council on 9205 2200 and ask for City Laws and further assistance will be arranged.

Residents will need to provide their own food to place in the trap. If Residents cannot source their own food Council may provide some pending availability.

If it is found that a trapped cat does not have access to food, water and/or is not kept in a sheltered area and is not covered with a blanket, towel or sheet, OR is it found the cat has been kept in said trap for an extended period of time against Council recommendations, the trap will be removed from the resident, and they will not be able to utilize the program for the foreseeable future.

Homemade cat traps and possum traps are illegal. Cats caught in these types of traps will not be accepted and traps may be seized. Due to Occupational Health and Safety risks, cats presented in traps that don't have a sliding release door will be removed at the animal management officer's discretion.

Under the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals Act 1986 and various industry Codes of Practice, the handling and treatment of the cat is the responsibility of the person trapping.

#### **Declaration**

I hereby declare that I have read and understand the condition of participating in the cat trapping program and undertake to comply with all said conditions and requirements under Conditions and Guidelines.

I understand I will be liable for the replacement cost of a damaged or lost cat trap in my care.

Applicants Signature: Date:

