

APPLICATION FOR URBAN CAT TRAP HIRE (URBAN / TOWN AREAS - RESIDENTIAL ONLY)

Contact Council if you have any specific enquiries regarding fees or how to complete this form. Type or print clearly and select boxes where applicable. Enter "n/a" if the question does not apply.

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

For residents experiencing difficulties with stray cats on their property and causing a nuisance, a cat trap can be hired from Council. **The maximum period of hire of a Council trap is fourteen (14) days. Applicants hiring Council's cat traps must return them cleaned and sanitised.**

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:

Date of Birth: / /

Drivers Licence Number:

State of Issue:

Residential Address:

Locality / Town:

State:

Postcode:

Postal Address: As above

Locality / Town:

State:

Postcode:

Contact Phone:

Email Address:

CAT TRAP HIRE DETAILS

Period of hire from

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to

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Address where trap will be used:

REFUND OF CAT TRAP DEPOSIT

A refund will be issued to you on the return of the cat trap undamaged, clean, and sanitised. Please ensure you have completed a 'Creditor Information Form' which is to accompany this form.

Customer Service Officer to attach copy of receipt for cat trap

Creditor information form completed

CERTIFICATION

I have read and understood the attached hire conditions and agree to abide by these conditions.

Signature:

Date:

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Please note: This application form must be completed and signed and lodged with Council along with the prescribed fee.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee (\$):

Date Received:

Receipt No:

Application Checked: YES NO

Copy of Receipt Attached:

YES NO

Taken By:

Creditor Information Form Attached:

YES NO

Subject: FID8994

URBAN / TOWN AREAS CAT TRAP HIRE CONDITIONS

INFORMATION TO REMAIN WITH APPLICANT

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- The hirer agrees to return the trap in good condition – cleaned and sanitised prior to return.
- The hirer agrees that if the trap is damaged or lost, to pay for the repairs or the sum of replacement of the Trap.
- A deposit in line with Council's Fees and Charges is required prior to the trap being released for hire. This deposit will be refunded on return of the trap undamaged.
- The maximum hire period for the trap is fourteen (14) days unless otherwise approved. The hirer acknowledges that failure to return the trap within this time or obtain approval for a longer hire period may result in forfeiture of the deposit.
- The hirer releases the Council from any claim which it might otherwise have against the Council on any account whatsoever by, through or in connection with the supply of the trap by Council or the use of the trap by the hirer, and the hirer indemnifies the Council against any such claim which might be made against the Council by a third party.
- The hirer acknowledges that, in setting and otherwise using the trap, and in dealing with any trapped animal, the hirer does not act as agent of the Council or under any authority conferred by the Council.
- Without limiting or affecting any other provision of this agreement, the hirer acknowledges that the Banana Shire Council has supplied the trap on the specific basis that the hirer will not use the trap or otherwise deal with any trapped animal in contravention of any provision of the Animal Protection Act, Criminal Code or other relevant law, and the owner understands that he or she may be subject to criminal penalties if he or she breaches any provision of that Act.
- The hirer also acknowledges that he or she may incur civil liability if he or she injures or destroys an animal which is the property of some other person, and that, as set out above, the hirer alone will bear any such liability (as well as being required to indemnify the Council in respect of any claim made against Council by the owner of such animal). The hirer has been advised that the only way to be sure of avoiding such liability exposed is to treat all trapped animal/s humanely and in accordance with the laws mentioned above.

**GENERAL
REQUIREMENTS
FOR HIRING A CAT
TRAP**

FACT SHEET

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF A CAT TRAP



Guidelines for use of a cat trap

Banana Shire Council hires cat traps to residents experiencing difficulties with domestic and feral cats straying on to their property and causing a nuisance. The traps are basic cage traps which require the placement of food inside the cage. When the animal steps on the plate the door of the trap is activated and closes behind them.

Cat traps can be hired from Council for up to a 14 day period. Traps must be returned to Council by 3pm on the due date. If a trap is returned damaged, uncleaned or it is stolen, the person hiring it is liable for costs to fix, clean or replace the trap.

Cat traps can be hired from Council administration centres at Biloela, Taroom, and Moura. Residents are requested to telephone Council on (07) 4992 9500 prior to picking up the trap to check on availability and then complete a Nuisance Complaint Form.

Council does not issue cat traps for the purpose of trapping possums, which is prohibited. Possums are a protected native animal and a permit is required for their trapping.

Residents can phone Council to organise the collection of a trapped cat. No trapped animal collections will be carried out after 4pm week days or anytime on weekends or public holidays.

Customers are welcome to take trapped cats to Council's impoundment facility, located at 155 State Farm Road, Biloela. Cats must remain in the trap. The facility is open to the public by appointment from Monday to Friday. Please note that the Pound is NOT open on public holidays or weekends.

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF A CAT TRAP

1. Use only an approved cat trap: do not use leg-hold or body-grip traps or snares.
2. Ensure the trap is suitably covered or in a position where there is adequate shade or protection from the elements.
3. Ensure you are present while the trap is set. You (the hirer) are responsible for the welfare of the animal in the trap until an officer is able to collect the animal.

4. Ensure the trap is regularly checked (at least twice per day) so that a trapped cat is not caged for an extended period. If the trap is set overnight, it is recommended that the trap is checked before going to bed, and again first thing in the morning.
5. Ensure that any trapped cat is provided with sufficient food and water. Consideration should be given to releasing any lactating cat caught, unless the kittens can also be located and removed as well.
6. Use food as bait only. It is prohibited to use bait that is harmful or poisonous to an animal. Using prohibited substances is an offence which carries monetary penalties or imprisonment.
7. Once a cat is trapped, call Council without delay so the cat can be collected as soon as practicable, during normal business hours.
8. Ensure the trap is set on your property. Traps are not permitted to be set on land not under your control.
9. No trapped animal collections will be carried out after 4pm week days or anytime on weekends or public holidays.
10. Animals must be handled in accordance with the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 which, if breached, could constitute an offence carrying a significant monetary penalty and or possibly imprisonment.

How can you contact us?

-  online, visit www.banana.qld.gov.au click on 'Contact us'
-  email enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au
-  telephone (07) 4992 9500
-  mail, post to Banana Shire Council
PO Box 412, Biloela Qld 4715

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GUIDELINES FOR USE OF A CAT TRAP

HOW TO SET A CAT TRAP

1. Cat trap can be carried by the two handles at the top of the cage.



2. Ensure food and water is placed in the trap at the time of setting.



3. Pull horizontal bar up to top of cage.



4. Push down on handle and prepare to set trigger on trap. The trap should look like this once set. Hook trigger over handle – tray at bottom of cage should be raised slightly.



5. Trigger is hooked over handle and should look like this.



6. The trap should look like this once set.



7. An example of the trapped animal.



Please be mindful that the animal may be distressed and aggressive. Covering a distressed or aggressive cat with a towel or similar may help to calm the animal.