

## CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF HUMANE CAT TRAPS

- To hire a cat trap you must be a City of Mandurah ratepayer.
- Traps should be set at night as nuisance and feral cats tend to stray mostly at night, as there is less activity to discourage their prowling. Night trapping is therefore usually more successful.
- Prior to setting any authorised cat trap, all neighbours must be informed that trapping is to commence and neighbours should be urged to keep their cats indoors at night.
- If a cat is trapped, ensure that the cat does not belong to a neighbour before arranging disposal. **A person who knowingly traps and disposes of an owned animal commits an offence** and Police will lay charges for theft against an offender.
- If a cat in good condition is trapped, contact Ranger Services who may have had the animal reported as missing. If you cannot locate an owner the cat should be taken to a refuge such as the Cat Haven in Shenton Park (9381 1644). *If you take the animal to the refuge it is appropriate to provide a donation.*
- If it is not practicable to take the cat to a refuge it should be taken to a local veterinarian who may levy an appropriate fee.
- If a trapped cat appears to be injured or sick, contact the RSPCA (9209 9300) who will attend and remove the cat. A donation to the RSPCA would be appropriate.
- If the RSPCA officer is not able to collect the cat it should be taken to a local veterinarian.
- It is unlawful for any cat to be:
  - taken and released in the bush, or in any other place of abandonment,
  - drowned,
  - clubbed or similarly injured or killed,
  - gassed,
  - poisoned or,
  - fed substances which may cause pain, suffering or death.
- Offenders will be prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act 2002
- The maximum penalty for each offence is a \$50,000 fine, or 5 years imprisonment.

### SOME SUGGESTIONS TO REPEL CATS

1 bulb of garlic or 1 large onion (diced and mashed)

1 teaspoon of Cayenne Pepper or 1 teaspoon of Tobasco Sauce

- Add to 4 cups of warm water
- Soak for 1 to 2 hours (or overnight)
- Strain into a watering can or spray bottle
- Oil of Wintergreen sprayed on your fences will also deter
- Mineral Turpentine sprayed around will also act as a deterrent or soaking an old rag in turps and wrapping it around a stick in the garden.
- Cloudy Ammonia, Orange Peel, and Cayenne Pepper repel cats and Dogs. Peppermint oil repels mice and Cayenne Pepper can also be used to repel Possums
- Naphthalene Flakes in a bag can also assist.
- Vicks Vapour Rub smeared around will act as a deterrent

*Please ensure all care is taken to prevent other domestic animals from eating or inhaling suggested cat repellents.*