Request a cat cage

Council has cat cages available for use by residents experiencing problems with nuisance cats.

Residents may request a cat cage and it will be delivered to your property free of charge. Once the cat has been caged, Local Laws Officers will be available to come and collect the cat to be returned to its owner (if registered with Council) or impounded.

**You must be a Maroondah City Council resident or ratepayer to hire a cat cage from Maroondah City Council.**

# Applicant details

**First name:** Required

**Last name:** Required

**Email address:** Required

**Phone number:** Required

**Address:** Required

**Suburb:** Required

**Cat cage hire agreement**

**Type of cat: (Select 1 option)** Required

Owned cat Stray or feral cat Unsure

## Please note: Any mistreatment of a trapped cat will be investigated and may lead to prosecution.

Please read these guidelines before submitting your request. Failure to follow the guidelines below can result in future requests for cage hire being declined.

## When can I trap a cat?

Cat traps should be set from dusk to dawn Sunday to Thursday night, **overnight only**. Traps are not to be set during times of unfavourable weather conditions e.g. rain or high temperatures.

Setting of traps during the day can only be performed with the approval of an Animal Management Officer.

## What happens if I trap a cat on weekdays?

Please call Council on 1300 88 22 33 from **Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3pm** to arrange for a Local Laws Officer to attend and collect the cat. The cat will be returned to its owner (if registered with Council) or impounded.

When ringing Council, please advise if you no longer require the trap and it will be removed with the cat upon collection.

## What happens if I trap a cat on a weekend or public holiday?

Council prefers that cats are not trapped on Friday nights, weekends or public holidays. Cat traps should be set from dusk to dawn Sunday to Thursday night.

If you do trap a cat on a weekend or public holiday you must take the cat to Animal Aid in Coldstream, and you **must** maintain possession of the trap.

Animal Aid is located at 35 Killara Road, Coldstream. They are open every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday. Animal Aid can be contacted on 03 9739 0300.

## How do I return the cage if I have not trapped a cat?

The cat cage must be returned in a **clean** and **serviceable** condition within seven (7) days of it being delivered.

Please call Council on 1300 88 22 33 from **Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3pm** to arrange for a Local Laws Officer to attend and collect the cage.

## How should I care for a trapped cat?

In all cases after you have trapped a cat, please **ensure the trap is covered with a towel or blanket and is sheltered from the weather**. Do not set the trap if you are not going to be at your property for an extended period, or if you are going away.

## Who do I contact for further advice and assistance?

Visit [Council’s website](https://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Customer-service/Contact-us) or phone Council’s Customer Service Team on 1300 88 22 33, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

## Can I trap other animals?

**No**. Cat cages are not intended for the trapping of any other animals, especially possums which are a protected species.

There are restrictions on the trapping, management and relocation of possums. For further information about living with possums in Victoria please visit [DEECA](https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/possums).

**Declaration (Select 3 options)** Required

I have read and agreed to the above guidelines

I will return the cat cage in a clean and serviceable state

I acknowledge that I am liable for the cost of repair/replacement if the cage is not returned clean and serviceable

**Signature** Required

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# Office use only

**Customer request number:**

**Cat cage number:**

**Hire date:**

**Return date:**

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