

**Cat Trap Permit and Agreement**  
**Department of Infrastructure and Public Works**

**THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. It shall be the responsibility of the resident to whom the cat trap is issued to ensure the safety and wellbeing of any animal captured in a city-owned cat cage.
2. Cat traps are to be used only between 7am to 10pm. From 10pm to 7am the cat cage shall be secured such that animals cannot enter the cage.
3. Cat traps shall not be kept in direct sunlight. Instead the resident shall agree to place the cat trap on his or her property located within the boundaries of the City of Mount Pearl.
4. The undersigned shall personally check the cat trap each hour while the trap is set. Cat traps shall not be issued to residents where the resident cannot provide monitoring of the cage to ensure compliance with these provisions.
5. In the event, a cat is trapped, the undersigned shall immediately contact and report to Infrastructure and Public Works at 748-1016. In the event that the holding facility is closed, the cat may be held until the facility re-opens, but in no event for longer than twenty-four (24) hours. Should the resident request to have the cat picked up by city crews after hours, all applicable fees associated with the callout will be the responsibility of the resident:

**Schedule Animal Impounded Rates**

Effective July, 1 2018.

Impound Fee \$45 (+HST \$6.75 = **\$51.75**)

Holding Fee \$10.00 per night (+HST \$1.50 = **\$11.50**)

**Call-out fees:**

Double time – 2 hours (Holidays and weekends) **\$118.12** (No HST)

Time and one half – 2 hours (weekdays after hours) **\$88.59** (No HST)

*\*Please be advised that rates are subject to change.*

6. Where a cat is held, the undersigned is responsible for the humane treatment and shelter of the cat including feeding and watering. A captured cat should be left in the

trap and placed in a shed, garage, basement or other place that is warm, dry, and secure protected from elements and other animals, covered with a blanket placed over the trap to pacify the animal. Cat traps shall not be kept in an area that is accessible to dogs and other animals.

7. The undersigned must ensure that no harm comes to any trapped animal while in his/her possession including exposure to inclement weather.
8. Cat traps are not to be used when the temperature falls below –5 Celsius or rises above +30 Celsius.
9. Do not attempt to remove an unfamiliar cat from the trap – this will be done by an Animal Control Officer.
10. If the undersigned cannot comply with this condition, the trapped cat must be freed unharmed.
11. The City reserves the right to, at any time, have the Animal Control Officer enter upon the property of any resident to whom a cat trap has been issued to ensure compliance.
12. The undersigned must advise the City of the ownership of any cat trapped, if known.
13. The undersigned to be responsible for the trap, including the cost of repair or replacement if damaged, lost or stolen.
14. The trap is to be returned to the City a maximum of two days after issuance.
15. Where the animal control officer determines that the resident has not complied with these conditions the cat trap will be removed immediately, and no further cat trap will be issued to that resident. Where the animal control Officer has a reason to believe that an animal captured in a cat trap has been treated inhumanely the matter will be passed to the Municipal Enforcement Division and will be subjected to the City's *Animal Control Enforcement Policy*, the *Animal Control Regulations*, the *provincial Animal Health and Protection Act 2010*.

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**IT IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE TO HARM ANY DOMESTIC ANIMAL**

Address of intended location of trap: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and accept all liability which may arise in connection with the use of this cat trap while it is in my possession and will save and indemnify the City of Mount Pearl harmless for all such liability.

I furthermore agree to be responsible for all damages to, or loss of, the said trap while in my possession. I have reviewed the humane trapping instructions and will follow directions.

This agreement is dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 .

Name:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Mount Pearl Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAP RETURNED: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

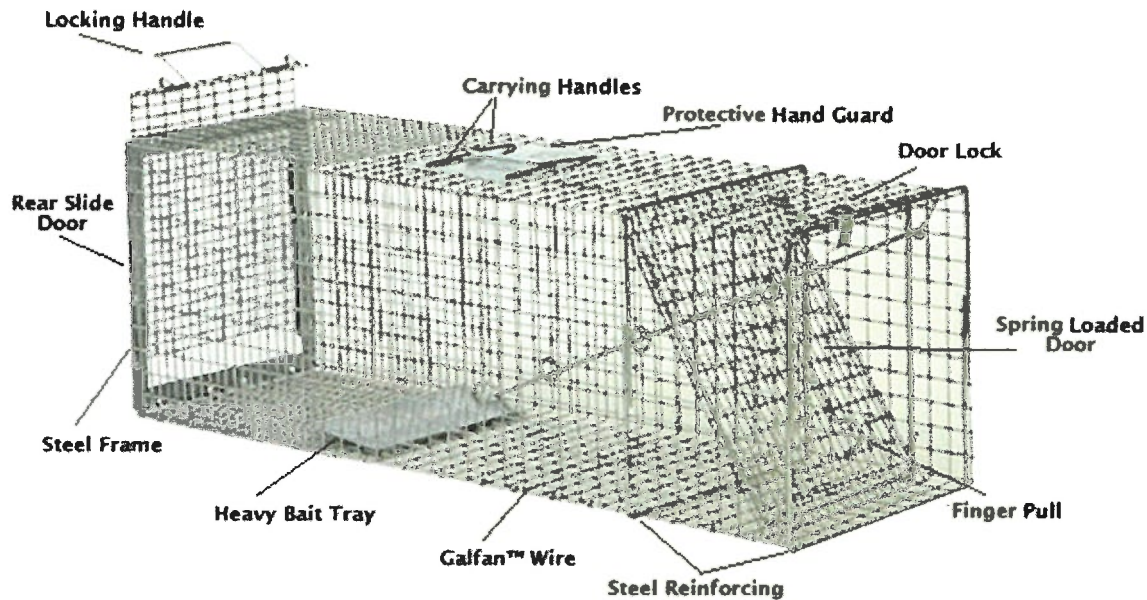
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**General Instructions**

Refer to the diagram below describing the parts of the trap.



After baiting the trap, open the trap door by pushing the top of the door in and pulling the bottom of the door upward. There is a small hook attached to the right side of the trap top. It hooks onto a tiny metal cylinder on the right side of the door. The hook holds the door in an open position which also raises the trip plate. When the cat steps on the plate it will cause the hook to release the door and close the trap.

After setting the trap, cover it with a large towel or piece of towel-sized material. Fold the material at the front end of the trap to expose the opening while still covering the top, sides and back of the trap. The cover will help to camouflage the trap and serve to calm the cat after it is caught.

Just before you are ready to leave the trap for the cat to enter, you may want to push the hook (ever so slightly) a little bit back off the cylinder to create a "hair trigger."

**Precautions**

Use caution when trapping during the extreme cold or hot months as unsheltered animals may experience frostbite or heat exhaustion causing death.

Trapped animals must be attended to promptly to minimize stress and possible injury.