

Cat Traps Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

Cat traps may be lent to residents at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer upon request by residents, and subsequent investigation by the Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer will impound the cat and take appropriate action in accordance with the City's *Animal Control Regulations* and the Provincial *Animal Health and Protection Act, 2010*. If it is deemed by the Animal Control Officer that a resident, while in possession of a City-owned cat cage, has treated a captured animal inhumanely, the resident shall not be issued any further cat traps.

2.0 Background

Pursuant to *Section 15* of the City of Mount Pearl *Animal Control Regulations*, residents will be permitted to impound temporarily (no more than 24 hours) roaming cats that trespass and/or deposit waste or inflict damage to private property. Residents shall treat the cats in a humane manner and report the capture of the animal to the Animal Control Officer at the earliest possible opportunity. In addition, residents shall be responsible to ensure the safety and wellbeing of any animal captured in a City-owned cat trap.

3.0 Legislative Requirements

This policy conforms with the *City of Mount Pearl Act, 1990*, the City's *Animal Control Regulations*, the Provincial *Animal Health and Protection Act, 2010*, and any other relevant laws, rules or legislation.

4.0 Purpose

To establish a Policy for the City of Mount Pearl that outlines the requirements and guidelines when residents request a cat trap.

5.0 Issuing of Cat Traps


1. When a call is received from a resident requesting a cat trap, the information shall be passed to the City's Animal Control Officer who will investigate the incident, and if in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer the complaint is warranted, the resident will be advised of availability of cat traps.
2. If the complaint is warranted, the resident is contacted by the Animal Control Officer and arrangements are made to set a cat trap on the resident's property to be maintained.

3. The Animal Control Officer will present to the resident the list of requirements and conditions stated in the *Cat Trap Permit and Agreement*. The resident shall sign and agree to such terms and requirements as a condition for issuing a cat trap.
4. A copy of the signed agreement is to be kept by the Animal Control Officer and filed for future reference.
5. Upon receipt of the signed *Cat Trap Permit and Agreement*, the Animal Control Officer shall issue a cat trap to the resident.
6. Any damage to the trap shall be the responsibility of the resident.

6.0 Related Documents

Refer to the City's companion document: *Cat Trap Permit and Agreement*.

7.0 Approvals



Steve Kent, Chief Administrative Officer

September 11, 2018
Date