

## Frequently Asked Questions

# 2021 feral animal control in the Town of Mosman Park

### When will trapping take place in Mosman Park?

Trapping commences W/C 10 May 2021 and will be undertaken for two weeks.

### Where will trapping be undertaken in Mosman Park in 2021?

- **Minim Cove** (natural areas only) – rabbits and cats
- **Chidley Pt Reserve** – rabbits
- **Bay View Park** – rabbits
- **Buckland Hill** – foxes and rabbits

### Who conducts feral animal control?

Contractors are engaged by The Western Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (WESROC) to conduct rabbit, feral cat and fox control within nominated natural areas.

Before commencing trapping, written permission from the Town of Mosman Park is required.

### Why is feral animal control important?

Feral animal control aims to reduce the negative impact on the native fauna population caused by foxes and feral cats through predation.

Controlling a feral animal such as a fox can directly influence other animals such as rabbits. By removing the predation from foxes, rabbit populations may increase which can affect native vegetation. Similarly, controlling rabbits will cause foxes to predate on other animals including native fauna.

The program takes place once a year.

### How do you determine the most suitable areas for trapping?

Areas are strategically identified – where recent feral animal activity is currently present, or where experience and history suggested that feral animal activity is likely to occur.

### What traps are used?

- Foxes are caught in a padded foothold trap
- Cats caught in cage traps

### Can you explain the process of trapping?

1. In the week leading up to the control of feral animals, the contractor enters the natural areas and sets up camera monitoring and sand track pads.

2. Traps with bait are set up the night before and the contractor will return the following morning to check the traps.
3. Rabbits are baited with carrots impregnated with RHDV virus.
4. Foxes are removed from site and humanely euthanised.
5. Town Rangers are called if any domestic cats have been trapped. The animals are then taken to Cat Haven (a cat management facility in Shenton Park) who will scan their microchip/check collar.

**What bait is used in the traps?**

The bait used for cats and foxes is chicken (sometimes with a sensory lure).

**Who do I call if I suspect my cat has been caught in the trap?**

Please call our Customer Service team on 9383 6600 who can confirm this through the animal register.

**What if my cat is caught?**

Cat Haven will release your cat upon receipt of an impound fee and a daily fee (to be paid by the owner of the cat).

**How can I help prevent my cat from being caught in these traps?**

- Cats should also be kept indoors at night to prevent them from coming into contact with native and feral animals which pose a risk to their health (Feline immunodeficiency virus, and bites and scratches that can turn into abscesses)
- All cats must be microchipped, sterilised/desexed and registered with the local council before they reach six months old. Kittens can be sterilised from eight weeks of age.
- Learn more about Responsible Cat Ownership and the Cat Act [here](#)

**How can I report feral animal sightings in the Town?**

Please complete the form available from [our website](#). Return all forms to admin@mosmanpark.wa.gov.au

**Who do I contact for more information on this program?**

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about animal control in the Town of Mosman Park.

For general queries, please phone the Town's Acting Manager Parks and Environment Paddy Strano on 9383 6600 or 0457 734 416.

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