

## **PART 7 – CAT TRAPPING**

36. No person shall set a cat trap outdoors:
  - a. if the temperature is below 0 degrees Celsius or forecast to be below 0 degrees Celsius in the next seventy-two (72) hour period;
  - b. if the temperature is above 25 degrees Celsius or forecast to be above 25 degrees Celsius in the next seventy-two (72) hour period;
  - c. unless the trap is checked every three hours and closed by 11:00 p.m. each night and rendered inoperable until 6:00 a.m. the following day; or
  - d. Unless the person is residing and present at the property where the Animal trap is located.
37. Cat traps may only be in use for the period of April 1 to September 30 in any given year.
38. No person shall taint the cat trap bait with a poisonous chemical or substance.
39. The Town of Ponoka will only be responsible for Contractor traps. The Contractor or an Officer (Animal Control or Bylaw Enforcement) will not assume custody of any cat trapped in any trap other than a trap owned by the Contractor.
40. No person shall use, set or maintain a leg-hold trap, a killing trap or a snare within the Town to capture animals.

**SCHEDULE "D"**  
**CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES TO RENT CAT TRAPS**

1. A resident of the Town of Ponoka who finds a cat on its property may report a complaint to the Contractor and request a cat trap from the Contractor.
2. The person with the complaint (Complainant) can attend at the office of the Contractor during normal business hours and request a cat trap. In order to obtain a cat trap, the Complainant must sign the form and agreement provided by the Contractor, and the Contractor will then provide a cat trap to the Complainant. The Contractor is responsible to have the Complainant sign a cat trap agreement stating that they will treat the cat humanely.
3. The Complainant will be required to pay a pre-determined monetary deposit to the Contractor. This deposit will be returned to the Complainant at such time as the trap is returned and is found to be in the same condition it was at the time it was obtained from the Contractor. If the trap is damaged or stolen the deposit is forfeited to the Contractor.
4. It will be the responsibility of the Complainant to check the trap hourly (every three hours), or as approved by the Contractor and, if an animal is caught, the Complainant must make arrangements to have the animal picked up or delivered to the Contractor within 24 hours following the trapping. During the week the Contractor will arrange the scheduling of their officers' patrols in such a manner to reduce the length of time a cat is kept in a trap to a minimum. Traps are not to be set on weekends, when outside temperatures are consistently below zero (0) degrees or above 25 degrees Celsius. Traps shall be set in a shaded area of the property, away from the sun.
5. The Contractor may enter the property of the Complainant (but not a dwelling house) to ascertain if a cat trap has been properly placed or set and if a cat has been trapped.
6. When the Contractor takes possession of a trapped cat, the Contractor will try to locate an identifying tag or tattoo on the cat and if found, will make reasonable efforts to contact the owner of the cat in order to report that it has been impounded by the Contractor.
7. If the cat owner attends at the Contractor's offices to claim his or her cat that was trapped on another person's property, an offence ticket for the cat running at large shall be issued in accordance with the Bylaw.
8. If a Complainant is disabled and therefore unable to pick up the cat trap, the Contractor will deliver the trap to the Complainant's property, and pick up the trap 72 hours later. No fee shall be charged to the Complainant.
9. Any person renting a cat trap or the Contractor shall be responsible for trapping any animal caught as humanely as possible.
10. Any person who abuses, teases, or pokes an animal in a cat trap or is causing pain, suffering, or injury to any animal may be charged with an offence under Section 446 of the Criminal Code of Canada.
11. Any person seeing a cat in a trap being abused is encouraged to telephone and report the abuse to the Contractor, at which time the Contractor will, if warranted after investigation, attend at the premises where the abuse has taken place and remove the cat and the trap forthwith.