



Catch and release possum licence

Standard licence conditions

A biodiversity conservation licence

Statutory provisions

This licence is issued under the following section of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*:

- 2.1 Harming animals
- 2.6 Liberating animals

Licence conditions

It is an offence under section 2.14 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to provide false or misleading information or fail to comply with a condition of this licence.

1. For the purposes of this licence the term:
 - a. NPWS means: the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.
 - b. Licensee means: the person responsible for administering the licence.
 - c. Property means: the place identified in the property address
 - d. Animal means: animal species listed on this licence
 - e. Harm means: capture. Harm does not mean kill or injure whilst carrying out activities in connection with this licence.
 - f. Cage traps mean: a trap with dimensions of at least 30 centimetres by 30 centimetres.
2. Animals may only be harmed by persons named on this licence as authorised to harm animals under this licence. This licence is not transferable.
3. The licensee must ensure that a copy of this licence is provided to all authorised persons.
4. Native animals harmed under this licence must be caught live using cage traps.
5. Lethal traps, leg snares, or poison of any kind must not be used to harm native animals.
6. Native animals must not be left in a cage for more than 24 hours.
7. The licensee must check each cage daily between the hours of 5am and 10am.
8. Any native animals harmed must only be removed from a roof cavity whilst the native animal is inside a cage covered by a permeable material.
9. The licensee must release native animals:
 - a. unharmed
 - b. after sunset
 - c. on the property on which they were captured
 - d. within 150 metres from the point of capture.
10. The licensee must release native animals against a structure that they can immediately climb.
11. The licensee must not release native animals in an area where there is a high probability of injury or death.
12. After capturing native animals and before their release, the licensee must make a reasonable effort to have the roof cavity sealed. This must be done after the licensee has checked there are no remaining native animals within the roof cavity.
13. The licensee must provide native animals in cages with adequate food and water.
14. Native animals inside a cage must only be moved in a manner that provides:
 - a. adequate ventilation
 - b. protection from wind, rain, and temperature extremes.
15. Cage traps must only be placed:
 - a. on level surfaces

- b. out of reach of cats and dogs
 - c. in an area protected from wind, rain, and direct sunlight.
16. The licensee must keep an accurate and current record of all animals harmed under this licence and must include the following for each:
- a. date the animal was harmed
 - b. species harmed
 - c. number of each species harmed
 - d. the encounter site address
 - e. the authorised person who harmed the animal
 - f. any other comments the person sees as relevant.

The record must be produced for inspection upon request by NPWS.

1. The record sheet must be updated within 24 hours of any animals being harmed under this licence.
2. The licensee must provide NPWS with an accurate and current record of all animals harmed under this licence within 30 days of cessation or expiry of this licence. A renewal application is not considered complete unless a completed record for the previous licence is submitted.

Licences to control or harm animals, other than the removal of possums from premises

To control animals for purposes other than removal of possums from premises, contact the local National Parks and Wildlife office. A biodiversity conservation licence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* is required to control or harm animals.

Other statutory requirements

It is the responsibility of the licensee and all authorised person(s) to comply with other statutory or regulatory provisions relevant to this licence such as local council requirements and *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*.

Privacy statement

Information that identifies you is defined as 'personal information' under the *NSW Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998*. Personal information collected by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment may be disclosed to third parties to confirm information provided by you and for law enforcement purposes.

Public register

As required by the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, a public register of biodiversity conservation licences is published on the Department website. The public register does not include personal information of individuals.

Records and licence renewal

Email all enquiries and correspondence regarding this licence, including the record of animals harmed to NPWS at wildlife.licensing@environment.nsw.gov.au or post to:

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