



CITY OF CLEVELAND ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

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LIVE TRAP AGREEMENT

Wildlife Trapping Service will be available from May to October

Please note: Trapping and euthanizing healthy wildlife without addressing the root cause does not result in long term humane/animal conflict resolution. Please refer to the Division's Coexisting with Wildlife handout for preferred solutions to wildlife conflicts.

- Please read the following and sign as proof of having read each section, as well as sign the bottom of the agreement to show that you have read and agree to **ALL** the following terms and conditions.
- You are required to pay a refundable \$20.00 (twenty dollars) cash deposit to the City of Cleveland Animal Control to use a city owned live trap. The \$20.00 (twenty dollars) will be returned upon the return of the live trap and the receipt of the paid deposit. If the trap is picked up by an Animal Control Officer, you have 2 weeks from the date of pick up to bring in the receipt to reclaim your deposit. All traps are required to be returned to the Division of Animal Care & Control located at 9203 Detroit Ave. **THE TRAP IS PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND AND MUST BE RETURNED UPON REQUEST. IF A TRAP IS NOT RETURNED OR LOST/DAMAGED, THE COST TO REPLACE A TRAP IS \$140.**
- If renting a live trap from Animal Control, one live trap per household will be allowed to be rented for a period of up to two weeks. Renting multiple traps at one time is prohibited. If, after two weeks, you wish to rent a trap again, you may call Animal Control to get on the waitlist to be given another trap for a two week period.
- If you are using your own trap, the trap **MUST** be clearly labeled with your address and traps **MUST HAVE HANDLES**
- Only two personal traps will be allowed to be removed from the property at one time. If more than two traps are set with wildlife caught in them, Animal Control will take two and the others will be released. You may attempt to re-trap them at another time. This is in place due to the volume, time and staffing available at Animal Control.
- The undersigned agrees and understands that live trap must be returned within 2 weeks of borrowing the trap. Failure to return the live trap can result in legal action to cover the cost of the live trap.
- The undersigned agrees to assume all liability and responsibility regarding the use of the traps, including but not limited to the replacement cost of traps stolen, lost, or damaged.



- The undersigned further agrees to follow all directions and take all necessary precautions to keep children, pets, and others away from live animal trap and / or trapped animals.
- Signature: _____

Rules for Setting of Traps

- Traps can only be set Monday – Friday during the trapping season
- Trap must be set before sunset in the evening, and must be checked each morning. All trapped animals must be called into the Division of Animal Control (216-664-3069) before 9:00am.
- Any animals called in after 9:00 am will not be picked up and must be released. If the trap is empty, close the trap and do not set again until the evening before sunset. DO NOT set traps on the weekends (Friday evening and Saturday evening). Traps WILL NOT be picked up on Saturday and Sunday. Under no circumstances should an animal be kept in a trap for twenty four (24) hours. Failure to follow these rules can result in the possibility of charges being filed against you for Animal Cruelty.
- The trap should be placed / set in the shade during the summer months to prevent the animals from being in the direct sunlight until they are picked up / removed. DO NOT use a tarp to cover the trap as the animal can pull the tarp inside the trap entangling the trap and making it difficult to lift.
- The trap MUST be placed / set on concrete or a piece of plywood. Traps that are placed on grass or dirt areas can be very difficult to lift. The animal attempts to escape which causes grass, dirt, and mud to accumulate and make the trap very heavy. Please keep in mind our officers have to lift these traps and possibly put their hands close to the wild animal. This is why it is vital to follow our trapping rules to ensure safety of our officers.
- Traps must be placed in an area that is easily accessible for our officers.
- IF AN ANIMAL IS IN THE TRAP PLEASE CALL 216-664-3069. OUR CALL VOLUME IS HIGH IN THE MORNING, so if someone does not answer leave a message on our voicemail with your name, address, and location of the trap in the yard, and type of animal in the trap. **We only pick up trapped raccoons, groundhogs, and skunks.** These animals are then euthanized and disposed of.

Signature: _____

Disqualifications

- You will also not be able to participate in our trapping program if your house is adjacent to a wildlife habitat, such as a Metropark, wooded area or have a garden in your yard that wildlife could be attracted too. **If you have trapped wildlife and an Animal Control Officer notes any of these, the wildlife will be released and the trap will be taken**



- If CACC finds that you have caught a nursing mother in your trap, CACC reserves the right to have an Animal Control Officer bring the nursing mother back out to where it was trapped and release it. In two weeks, you can attempt trapping again. Wildlife babies are not typically with mom for too long and are weened within a few weeks' time
- Wildlife are trying to find food and nesting places. If your yard is not properly cleaned up and free from food sources and debris you will not be able to participate in the trapping program.
- **The wildlife in your trap will be set free and the trap taken if the ACO picking up the trap notes the following:**
 1. Food is set out to feed squirrels, birds and possible other wildlife
 2. Trash cans do not have lids properly secured and wildlife are getting into the trash cans
 3. Food is being set out for community cats
 4. Yard is littered with debris, causing a situation where wildlife is likely to nest and find food
- IF ANY TRAPPING RULES ARE VIOLATED, CACC OFFICERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RELEASE THE ANIMAL BACK ONTO THE PROPERTY IN WHICH THE ANIMAL WAS TRAPPED. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE VIOLATION

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Cell phone/Home Phone: _____

Address, City & Zip Code: _____