

Bylaw Enforcement Services does provide traps to residents who have issues with stray cats or skunks. It is the same type of trap for both animals; however, we designate one trap specifically for skunks and the other four for cats. They are enclosed traps to ensure safety for both the animal and the person handling the trap. The process to attain a trap and the responsibilities that go along with it are the following:

How to borrow a Cat Trap or Skunk Trap:

1. Call Bylaw at 403.782.1269 to check on the availability of a trap;
2. Come to City Hall, 5432 56 Avenue and fill out a *City of Lacombe Cat Trap Agreement*;
3. Pay a deposit of \$20.00 either by cash or cheque, as security for the return of the cat trap in good condition;
4. Collect a trap from a Community Peace Officer or designated City Employee;
5. The trap may be kept up to 72 hours;
6. Return the trap in good conditions no later than what was identified on the agreement;
7. If the returned trap is in good condition, the deposit will be refunded to the applicant.

Guidelines respecting the trapping of animals:

- Place the trap on your own property and in a sheltered shady area;
- The trap is not to be set when the temperature is, or is forecast, to drop below 0 degrees Celsius;
- The trap is not to be set from Friday evening to Sunday evening or on any statutory holidays;
- The trap is not to be set if the owner of the property is going to be absent from the property for any period of time;
- Check the cat trap hourly;
- Feed, water and care for any trapped animal in a humane manner until delivered to or picked up by the City of Lacombe;
- Deliver/have picked up any trapped animal to the City of Lacombe as soon as possible after trapping, and in any event, within 24 hours of the animal being trapped.

Please note that a Community Peace Officer may enter your property to ensure the agreement is complied with.