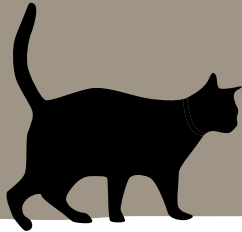


Feral cats in Tasmania



Protecting wildlife and agriculture

Feral and stray cats are believed to have a significant impact on wildlife and livestock through predation, competition, and disease transmission. The *Cat Management Act 2009* allows land owners and managers to take action to protect wildlife and livestock on their land.

Cat control on private land

Primary producers, and people working on their behalf, may trap, seize or humanely destroy any cat found on rural land where livestock are grazed.

On other private land that is more than 1 km from a place of residence, a person can trap, seize or humanely destroy a cat.

Cats found on any private land, including rural and remote areas, may be returned to their owners or taken to a Cat Management Facility so that the owner can be contacted.

Cat control on public land

Prohibited areas for cats include:

- All reserved lands under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, including national parks and conservation areas, as well as land subject to conservation covenants;
- Public reserves under the *Crown Lands Act 1976*; and
- Private timber reserves, forest reserves and state forest under the *Forestry Act 1920*.

Local Government may, after consulting with its local community, also declare council-controlled land as a prohibited area or cat management area. Trapping and other control measures may be undertaken by the land managers of these areas.

Responsible cat ownership

Cat owners should consider keeping cats inside or having an outside cat enclosure, especially if living near a prohibited area declared under the Act or in rural or remote areas. Desexing your cat may also deter it from wandering from your property. Microchip your cat so it can be returned to you.

From 1 July 2012, cat management laws will apply throughout Tasmania. Under the *Cat Management Act 2009* cats found in a prohibited, rural or remote area may be trapped and returned to their owners, seized or humanely destroyed.



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Copies of the *Cat Management Act 2009* and the *Cat Management Regulations 2012* are available from
www.thelaw.tas.gov.au



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