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Humane Animal Trap Contract

By signature hereon, the undersigned agrees to the following terms and accepts a humane live animal trap on loan from the City of Greenbelt Animal Control Division. (Please read all conditions carefully) Failure to comply with the terms of the contract will result in monetary fines and possible court action in accordance with the law.

- ❖ The person accepting the trap is responsible for the security of the trap. The trap must be returned cleaned and in good working order. A refundable deposit is required.
- ❖ The period of the trap loan is seven (7) days from the date of this contract.
- ❖ The borrower is responsible for all the well-being of the animals caught. Traps must be set in a location that is secure and protected from the elements. Traps may not be used during extreme weather conditions. Animals may not be left in traps overnight or for extended periods.
- ❖ All animals captured in traps shall be turned over to the Animal Control Officer or its authorized agent. Disposition of animals captured will be subject to the laws of the State of Maryland and the City of Greenbelt. The Animal Control Officer will pick up wildlife caught in traps. The Animal Control Office must be notified immediately when an animal has been captured. If the office is closed, the on call Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Police Communications at (301) 474-7200 and informing the police dispatcher there is an animal in a trap at your location.
- ❖ Traps must be placed where they can be easily monitored and must be monitored frequently (at least once every four hours.) Traps must only be set between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm during the months of April through October or between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm during the months of November through March. Traps shall not be set on Sundays or holidays unless expressly authorized in writing by the Animal Control Division.
- ❖ In order to protect children or other animals, neighbors must be notified that a trap has been set and the location of the trap.

Person's ID: _____ Type of Trap: _____ Trap No. _____

Name: _____ Amount of Deposit: _____ Cash/Check

Address: _____ Return Date: _____

Home No. _____ Work No. _____ Cell No. _____

Location of Trap: _____

Signature of Borrower: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Animal Control Officer: _____

Deposit Rate: Cat/Raccoon - \$30.00 Squirrel - \$ 20.00 Dog - \$50.00

*The City of Greenbelt has a Nuisance Wildlife Cooperator License with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and has a responsibility to ensure all traps are being used in accordance with the law.

Live Animal Trapping Tips

Cover the wire on the bottom of the trap with a thin layer of sand or leaves so the animal will not feel it when they enter the trap (do not block trap spring). Dig a small hole and place the bait under the trap. Anchor the trap so it cannot be overturned. For cats, tie a feather or something flashy inside the trap. Disguise the outside of the trap with leaves or branches. Place a small amount of the bait near the entrance to attract attention. Place the trap in an area the animal frequents. Give the animal time to get use to the trap. Bait the trap, but do not set it right away. For cats, feces of another cat placed near the trap will also attract attention.

Suggested Baits

Cats:	Fish, canned cat food, shiny or fluttery object or toys, catnip
Dogs:	Canned dog food, table scraps, fresh bones or meat, blanket with scent of female dog in season.
Opossums:	Canned cat food, vegetables, apple slices, scraps
Raccoons:	Unbroken raw egg, fish, corn, canned cat food, chicken /meat scraps
Squirrels:	Peanut butter, apple slices, nuts, bread