



Office of Environment and Heritage

Licence to Catch and Release Possums

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Example licence conditions

1. For the purposes of this licence and conditions the term:
 - a. 'OEH' means: the Office of Environment and Heritage
 - b. 'BC Act' means: the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
 - c. 'cage traps' means: a trap with dimensions of at least 60cm by 30cm by 30cm
 - d. 'property' means: the place identified in the property address
 - e. 'harm' is restricted to the trap and release of the native animals specified.
2. Only the authorised person(s) named to perform the activity allowed by this licence may undertake the activity allowed by this licence. This licence is not transferable.
3. The licensee will ensure that persons operating under the authority of this licence will be provided with a copy of the licence and comply with all the conditions of the licence.
4. A register of the full names and date of birth of all persons (employees) operating under the terms of this licence must be maintained by the licensee and submitted with their annual licence renewal.
5. The licensee must not kill or injure any native animals whilst carrying out activities in connection with this licence.
6. The licensee must only harm native animals on properties where the landholder holds a valid Landholder's Licence under Part 2 of the BC Act.
7. Native animals harmed under this licence must be caught live using cage traps.
8. Lethal traps, leg snares, or poison of any kind must not be used to harm native animals.
9. Native animals must not be left in a cage for a period of more than 24 hours.
10. The licensee must check each cage daily between the hours of 5am and 10am.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The licensee must release native animals against a structure that they can immediately climb.
14. The licensee must not release native animals in an area where there is a high probability of injury or death.
15. After capturing native animals and prior to 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.
16. The licensee must provide native animals in cages with adequate food and water.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. The licensee must keep a true and accurate record of the capture and release of each individual native animal harmed under this licence.
20. The licensee must ensure that capture and release records are completed and submitted to the OEH Wildlife Team before the licence expiry date.
21. Pouch young and dependant young are not included in the total number of native animals that may be harmed under this licence.