

COUNCIL POLICY

Wild Dog Control Measures Policy



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DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	12 December 2021
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	Rural Lands
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN:	Environment - Ongoing Control of Invasive Pest Animals and Plants

1. OBJECTIVE

For the efficient Coordinated Control of Wild Dog throughout the Shire.

2. SCOPE

Sets the guidelines for expenditure of the Wild Dog Levy and Council's budget through –

- Coordinated Baiting;
- Baiting outside of Coordinated Baiting times;
- De-K9 Manufactured Baits; and
- Dingo Scalp Bounty

3. DEFINITIONS

Designated Sites

- Hughenden Aerodrome
- Torrens Creek Aerodrome
- Moorrinya National Park Aerodrome
- Prairie Aerodrome
- Stamford Reserve Dam
- Boonderoo Aerodrome
- Gregory Springs Aerodrome
- Barenya Aerodrome

Property - Being one rateable assessment.

Baiting - Includes Coordinated Baiting, Arranged Baiting, Meat Baits, De-K9.

Participation in Coordinated Baitings - Participation in Coordinated Baiting Program in the previous twelve months.

4. POLICY

5.1 Guidelines – Coordinated Baiting

- All Baiting is held in accordance with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) and DAF Regional Guidelines;
- Two Co-ordinated Baitings per year around April/May & September/October;
- Wild Dog Levy to be expended on the supply of aeroplane and treatment of 1080 baits at Coordinated Baiting times;
- Property owner to supply their own meat with the size specifications set by DAF;
- Property owners can supply a map of their property, with a suggested route for the aeroplane;
- Baits to be dropped on creeks, tree lines, etc where dogs tend to live - not just on property boundaries; and
- Meat Baits will be done with the Coordinated Baiting Campaign at designated sites (refer definitions) and times.

5.2 Guidelines – Baiting Outside Of Coordinated Baiting Times

- Baiting with 1080 meat baits will be via arrangement with the Rural Lands Officer;
- 1080 treatment of baits requested outside of Coordinated Baiting will be provided free-of-charge from Hughenden. Treatment of baits on properties will be charged for full travel times only and an invoice raised via Private Works;
- A minimum of four properties (at the discretion of the Rural Lands Officer) required for baiting to proceed outside of Coordinated Baiting. Meat Baits to be supplied by the grazier and treated from a designated site;
- Authorisations and Private Works Authorisation to be signed by the graziers on collection/treatment of baits; and
- Failure to honour accounts for baiting makes the landowner ineligible for future baitings outside of coordinated baiting times.

5.3 De-K9 Manufactured Baits

- Baiting with De-K9 will be via arrangement with Rural Lands Officer;
- Baits to be collected from designated collection points on the south or north side of Hughenden;
- Baits to be made available by Council all year round and to be sold as a sealed bucket as supplied by manufacturer, at cost plus Council overheads as listed in Council's Commercial Fees Register;
- Baits to remain unopened until they reach destination;
- At the discretion of the Rural Lands Officer, with a minimum of 200 baits (1 Bucket), as to the quantity to be sold to each property;
- Declarations to be signed by the graziers on collection of baits;
- De-K9 can be used by graziers at coordinated baiting times; and
- All De-K9 baits must be placed on the described property listed on the authorisation form - within twenty-four hours of issue.

5.4 Dingo Scalps Bounty

- The bounty on dingo scalps to be \$40.00 per scalp; and
- Scalps are to be presented at the Shire Landfill, dried and bagged individually.

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5. REVIEW TRIGGER

Policy is to be reviewed every 4 years.

This policy is subject to review earlier than the review date if Council deems it necessary.

6. PRIVACY PROVISION

Council respects and protects people's privacy and collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information responsibly and transparently when delivering Council services and business.

7. APPROVAL

Adopted at the December 2017 Council Meeting - Resolution Number 1657.