

THE NIGHT KILLERS



Feral Cats are silent, voracious predators of native animals, small livestock & domestic pets.

They hunt mostly at night, hiding in rabbit warrens, rock dens, tree hollows & farm sheds during the day.



Why Control Feral Cats?

- Australia's feral cat population is estimated at 18 million (Game Council NSW).
- A female cat is sexually mature from 5 to 9 months of age and breeds all year, with up to 3 litters per year.
- When feeding kittens, she needs to consume at least 20% of her body weight on a daily basis.
- With an average weight of 3.5 kg, every female cat has a huge impact on native fauna populations and small livestock.
- Diseases such as Toxoplasmosis and Sarcosporidiosis are transmitted by feral cats. Both diseases can cause severe illness with occasional death in livestock, humans, and native animals.
- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline AIDS) is spread by feral, stray and domestic cats fighting. It can be life threatening to domestic cats.

How you can help

- Integrate feral cat trapping programs with your existing control measures for foxes, wild dogs, and rabbits.
- Coordinate your eradication program with your neighbours' programs.
- Avoid feeding feral and stray cats.
- Surrender unwanted cats & kittens to Glen Innes Severn Council rangers or the RSPCA
- Desex you domestic cat.
- Keep your cat indoors at night.
- An outdoor enclosure is ideal for cat daytime play.

Contacts You might need

To report feral cat populations, hire traps, or surrender cats & kittens, ring Glen Innes Severn Council rangers on 0417 890 889.

To report feral cat populations on Travelling Stock Routes call Livestock Health & Pest Authority Glen Innes on 6732 1200.

For animal health information, microchipping and desexing, call Glen Innes Veterinary Hospital on 6732 1988 or High Country Vet on 6732 4603.

For resources and assistance, ring Glenrac on 6732 3443 or go to www.glenrac.org.au

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