



EDISON MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER

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Guideline for Trapping

-Trapping should be considered as a last resort-

1. Owner's name and address must appear on all traps (State Law 7:25-5(A)); unless loaned from Edison Animal Shelter
2. No trap should be set from Friday, Noon until Sunday at Noon, reason being that traps must be checked and animals removed within a 24-hour period; no one is available to remove the animal(s) on weekends and township holidays, violation of Animal Cruelty Statute 4:22-17.C. Trapping hours are Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:00PM and Friday from 8:30AM to 12:00PM.
3. Use only box type live traps so as to confine the animals humanely.
4. The animal control officer will decide to remove the animal(s) or release the animal(s) on site as per fish and game guideline 5-96.
5. Contact Animal Control as soon as possible to allow time for removal of the animal(s) from the traps within our schedule; do not allow the animal to sit in the trap for an unprecedented amount of time before calling.
6. Traps should be checked daily, animal(s) are not allowed to remain in traps for longer than a 24-hour period as per Animal Cruelty Statutes.
7. When trapping place trap on the grass in the shade, not on blacktop or concrete.
8. When temperature is expected to exceed 90 degrees F, we recommend that you do not set the trap until the temperature falls. Also do not set traps when the temperature is at or below freezing (32 degrees F). Traps may not be serviced at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer.
9. **Recommended Baits:**
 - a. Cats: Canned cat food, fish, meat
 - b. Groundhog: Apples, cucumber, lettuce
 - c. Opossum: Fruit, Vegetables
 - d. Raccoon: Fresh or canned corn, canned cat food, chicken parts, fish
 - e. Skunks: Chicken parts, fish
10. Do not leave traps set overnight unless you are attempting to trap a skunk, raccoon, or opossum.
11. Do not set traps in confined areas such as low lying trees, under shrubs/bushes, attics, basements, crawlspaces, underneath decks, etc. It is both difficult to service trap and potentially damaging to plants. An Animal Control Officer may refuse to service a trap if unable to get to it safely. Homeowner is responsible to see trap is safely accessible in front of residence and in the shade.