SCHEDULE 'E' CAT TRAPPING
PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES:

1. A resident of Airdrie over the age of 18, who suspects that damage has been done as a result of a stray cat, may telephone Municipal Enforcement and voice a complaint, requesting a cat trap. If no cat traps are available, the resident will be invited to provide his/her contact information and become part of the waiting list.

2. When a trap is available, the Complainant will be asked to attend the policing building. The complainant will provide the deposit and sign the cat trap agreement provided by Municipal Enforcement. Municipal Enforcement will then provide a cat trap to the Complainant for a period of 72 hours.

3. The Complainant will be required to pay a $100.00 deposit to borrow the cat trap from Municipal Enforcement. This deposit will be returned to the Complainant at such time as the trap is returned and is found to be in the same condition it was at the time it was obtained from Municipal Enforcement.

4. If a Complainant is disabled and therefore unable to pick up the cat trap, Municipal Enforcement will deliver the trap to the Complainant's property. The trap will be collected 72 hours later or the complainant may call Municipal Enforcement to pick it up, should a cat be caught. No fee will be charged to such Complainant.

5. The Complainant will set the cat trap in a place shaded from the hot sun, on the premises of the Complainant for a period of not more than 72 hours, after which time he will return the trap to Municipal Enforcement.

6. It is the responsibility of the Complainant to check the trap hourly, or as approved by Municipal Enforcement. If a cat is caught, the Complainant must bring the cat and the trap to Municipal Enforcement within 4 hours following the trapping.

7. Should an animal other than a cat be caught in the trap, it is the responsibility of the Complainant to release the animal from the trap prior to bringing the trap back to Municipal Enforcement. Municipal Enforcement will only receive a cat trap if it is empty or contains a cat. No other animals will be accepted by Municipal Enforcement.

8. Pursuant to Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act, Municipal Enforcement may enter and inspect the premises of the Complainant and ascertain if a cat trap has been properly placed or set and if a cat has been trapped.

9. The Complainant shall not leave a trap set on his property unattended when absent therefrom for any period of time whatsoever, except as approved by Municipal Enforcement.

10. The Complainant shall check the trap prior to 7:00 p.m. each night that the trap is on his property and, if no animal is caught, he shall, unless otherwise approved by Municipal Enforcement, trip the trap and render it harmless by 6:30 a.m. the following day, when the Complainant may again set the trap.

11. At such time as Municipal Enforcement takes possession of a trapped cat, Municipal Enforcement will try to locate an identifying tag or tattoo on the cat and, if found, will make every effort to contact the Owner of the cat in order to report that it has been impounded by Municipal Enforcement.

12. If an identification tag or tattoo cannot be found on the impounded cat, Municipal Enforcement will keep the cat for a period of at 10 days and, after that time, as space permits. After said 10 day period, it shall be at the discretion of Municipal Enforcement as to whether or not the trapped cat shall be kept, sold to a new owner, or be euthanized. However, notwithstanding the care taken to ensure return of an Owner's cat, if a trapped cat shall be found by Municipal Enforcement to be wild and dangerous and/or seriously injured, it may be euthanized immediately upon being impounded by Municipal Enforcement.

13. At such time as a cat owner attends at Municipal Enforcement for the purpose of picking up his or her cat which was running at large, an offence ticket will be issued in accordance with this Bylaw.

14. It is the responsibility of the Complainant to ensure, once a cat is trapped on his property that said cat shall not be abused contrary to section 7.3 of this Bylaw, by anyone on his property or anyone coming onto his property.

15. Any person seeing a trapped cat being abused is encouraged to telephone and report the abuse to Municipal Enforcement. Municipal Enforcement will immediately attend at the premises where the abuse has taken place and will remove the cat and the trap forthwith.

16. Municipal Enforcement will not provide service after normal business hours.

17. No cat traps will be provided by Municipal Enforcement to a Complainant when weather conditions are, or are forecast to be, colder than 0°C or hotter than 25°C within the 72 hour period from the time of issue. Cat trapping is only permitted between May 1st and October 31st. Traps will not be provided in extreme weather conditions.

18. Any person who abuses, teases, or plays an animal in a cat trap or is causing pain, suffering, or injury to any animal may be charged with an offence under section 2(1.1) of the Animal Protection Act.