

KEEPING CATS SAFE AT HOME

Cat Enclosure Incentive
Program Guidelines
and Application



As part of the **Keeping Cats Safe at Home** initiative RSPCA NSW, **Weddin Shire Council** and **Weddin Landcare** are pleased to offer a new incentive to eligible cat owners in the Weddin Shire. Cat owners can apply to receive a **Catnets** enclosure for their backyard to help contain their cat/s within their property while giving the cat/s the ability to spend quality time outdoors.

**Applications close on
Friday 1 March 2024.**

Application forms can be
downloaded from

[weddinlandcare.com.au/
catnets-enclosure](http://weddinlandcare.com.au/catnets-enclosure)

or contact Allison Knowles
on 0427 246 787 or Melanie
Cooper on 0417 963 475 to
obtain a hardcopy.

ABOUT THE FUNDING

\$10,000 has been allocated for this incentive program, with the aim to help reduce the number of domestic cats that roam and ensure that cats that are confined to the home live a healthy and happy life.

Each year in Australia, roaming pet cats kill around 390 million native animals. Roaming cats are also at significant risk of contracting infectious diseases and being hurt or dying in an accident. They are also at risk of being lost.

Preventing pet cats from roaming away from their owner's property is recommended by RSPCA Australia to keep them safe and protected from harm. Catnets have developed a range of enclosures that can keep both our feline friends and wildlife safe and happy.

WHAT THE FUNDING COVERS

The range of cat enclosures will be limited to the three Catnets products listed overpage, to help ensure the enclosures meet Council's development standards.

The funding will cover the cost of the chosen Catnets enclosure (with hammock) and a suitable shade cloth.

The funding WILL NOT cover installation or additional accessories for the enclosure such as flooring, bedding, toys, bowls, scratching posts, carry bag, waterproof covers and skywalks; however, owners may wish to purchase these additional extras at their own expense.



HOW THE APPLICATION IS ASSESSED

As funding is limited, applications will be assessed on merit by Weddin Shire Council and Weddin Landcare, based on the following criteria:

1. Applicant meets the terms and conditions of the incentive program
2. Demonstrated need for a cat enclosure
3. Suitability of the property for a cat enclosure
4. Demonstrated commitment to preventing cats from roaming
5. Demonstrated responsible cat ownership to date

TIMELINE

• Applications open	15 January 2024
• Applications close	1 March 2024
• Assessments completed	12 April 2024
• Notify applicants	26 April 2024
• Cat enclosure received by	31 May 2024
• Cat enclosures completed	26 July 2024
• Final inspections completed	30 August 2024



Lite Portable 2.3m



Single Size 1.8m Freestanding



Double Size 3.6m Freestanding

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Application must be received no later than 11pm, Friday 1 March 2024.
2. Applicants must be residents of the Weddin Shire and the premises where the cat enclosure will be installed must be within the Weddin Shire.
3. Individuals can only apply for one cat enclosure.
4. Applicants are responsible for the installation of the enclosure, which must be erected by 26 July 2024.
5. All cats on the premises must be microchipped and desexed.
6. Applicants must choose from one of the three Catnets enclosures listed above – no alternatives will be offered or accepted.
7. Development Consent will not be required provided the cat enclosure is placed in the back yard, is no higher than 1.8m high from ground level and is placed at least 1 m from the property boundary. The enclosure should not be placed adjacent to a pool fence. The location of overhanging trees that may drop limbs should also be considered.
8. Applicants must agree to allow the Weddin Shire Council Ranger to inspect the site where the cat enclosure will be erected to ensure it is a suitable location both prior to approval and, if successful, once the cat enclosure has been erected.
9. Applicants must agree to allow Weddin Shire Council, Weddin Landcare and RSPCA NSW to include their name, photographs of the cat enclosure and information about their cats and cat enclosure in case studies and/or media to promote the outcomes of the incentive program.
10. As the aim of the incentive is to encourage cats to be kept on their owner's property, cats should not be allowed to roam once the cat enclosure is in place.
11. Weddin Shire Council, Weddin Landcare, RSPCA NSW and Catnets will not be responsible for the maintenance or replacement of the cat enclosure if it is damaged or destroyed, beyond any warranties offered by Catnets.
12. Cat owners will remain responsible for the welfare of cats housed within the cat enclosures and must ensure the cats have adequate water, food, shelter and veterinary care.
13. Cat owners should be mindful of the area/space available within the enclosure and must avoid overcrowding cats within the enclosure.
14. Cat owners should adhere to all safety recommendations outlined by the manufacturer (Catnets).
15. Applicants should notify Weddin Shire Council if they have a change of circumstances, which may affect their ability to meet these terms and conditions.

CAT ENCLOSURE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

Submit by
1 March 2024

PART 1: CONTACT DETAILS

FULL NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

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PHONE/MOBILE:

EMAIL:

PART 2: CAT DETAILS

NUMBER OF CATS OWNED/ON PREMISES:.....

CAT DETAILS:

(Please attach additional pages if required)

NAME	AGE	DATE/YEAR MICROCHIPPED	MICROCHIP NO. (If known)	DESEXED Y/N	REGISTERED Y/N	HEALTH ISSUES

CAT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS:

(Please tick one only)

- Indoor and outdoor (free choice)
- Outdoor only
- Indoor with restricted outdoor access (eg. an escape-proof yard; on lead)
- Other - Please describe:

PART 3: CAT ENCLOSURE DETAILS

WHICH CATNETS ENCLOSURE WOULD YOU LIKE? (Please circle one option)

Lite Portable 2.3m

Single Size 1.8m Freestanding

Double Size 3.6m Freestanding

HOW MANY CATS DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP IN THE ENCLOSURE AT ONCE?

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AREA IN YOUR YARD WHERE YOU WOULD PLACE THE ENCLOSURE:

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PART 4: GENERAL INFORMATION

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PART IN THE KEEPING CATS SAFE AT HOME PROGRAM?

(Eg. Free Desexing/Microchipping. Please tick Yes or No)

Yes No

PLEASE TELL US WHY YOU WOULD LIKE A CATNETS ENCLOSURE:

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PART 5: DECLARATION

By signing and submitting this form, I agree to meet the terms and conditions outlined in the Weddin Shire Keeping Cats Safe at Home Cat Enclosure Incentive Program Guidelines.

SIGNED:..... **DATE:**

**Submit your application to Allison Knowles, Weddin Shire Council
PO Box 125 Grenfell NSW 2810 or animalcontrol@weddin.nsw.gov.au**

