



**City of Portland
Animal Control Services
Small Trap Rental Agreement**

Date of Rental / /

Date to be Returned / /

Renter Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Driver's License # _____

I hereby agree to pay a non-refundable charge of **ten dollars (\$10.00)**, for the **rental** of this trap. This rental fee provides for the use of a trap for **fourteen (14) calendar days**. I understand failure to or willfully refusing to return the trap on the agreed date could result in additional fees along with theft charges filed by the City of Portland.

I hereby give the Animal Control Officers, or any other City of Portland employee permission to enter my property (front, back or side yard, fenced or not) to empty or pick up the trap for any reason the City may deem necessary. **Traps must be placed in the front yard for pickup.**

The intent of trapping is to safely contain an animal so that it can be safely transported somewhere else. Traps should be used as a last resort and not in any way to make the animal suffer. Improper care or neglect of a trapped animal is considered animal cruelty and a crime. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that the animal is trapped and maintained in a humane manner until it can be picked up by Animal Control Services. We recommend checking on the animal every 6 hours or less due to South Texas weather extremes. Please expect delays in Animal Control Services response times due to the high volume of emergency calls that take priority over trapped animals on private property.

City Ordinance Sec. 3-4. - Animal traps without holding mechanism. Humane traps used to capture dogs, cats, and other small animals, alive shall be checked at least once every twelve (12) hours by the individual setting the trap. Humane care shall be provided for any trapped animals including the provision of food, water and protection from extremes of the environment including heat, cold, and precipitation. Trapped animals bearing identification, and/or city registration shall be turned over to the city animal control facility or the animal's owner.

Call the Portland Police Department – Animal Control at **361-777-4444, between 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM,** to have trapped animals picked up.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

ALL TRAPPED ANIMALS, IN CITY OR PERSONALLY OWNED TRAPS, ARE PICKED UP BY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES IN THE MORNING HOURS BETWEEN 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. IF THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO HAVE A TRAPPED ANIMAL PICKED UP DURING OTHER DAY TIME HOURS, PLEASE CALL US.