Application for Wild Dog Trapping Services

Are wild dogs an issue on your property inside the Dog Fence?

Do you require the services of a wild dog trapper?

Land managers in areas affected by wild dogs inside (south of) the Dog Fence can access trapping services through Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) to support wild dog management on their properties.

Wild dog trapping services will be available from 1 July 2018. The State Government, along with the sheep industry and NRM boards have committed to fund this service for the next four years, at $300,000 per year.

Applications will only be considered from properties who meet the following criteria:

• Properties must, in the last six months, have carried out baiting activities at a minimum rate of one bait per kilometre of vehicle track across their entire property; plus one bait per 200m of vehicle track within 10km of any wild dog activity - in line with the SA Arid Lands NRM Best Practice Guidelines for Wild Dog Control (this can be downloaded at http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/files/assets/sa_arid_lands/saal_wilddog_bpg_fs_final.pdf).

• Preference will be given to applications that involve a group of neighbouring properties. The trapper must be able to work across all of the properties.

• Land managers must allow Government and NRM boards to have unrestricted use of information collected by trappers (including locations of wild dog evidence and control, baiting activities, and livestock impacts). This data will also be made publicly available through WildDogScan.

• Preference will be given to properties who commit staff to participate in training by the trapper.

To better assist the trappers, applying land managers are encouraged to upload recent wild dog activity and control data onto PestSmart’s WildDogScan. Participating properties will also be able to track the trapper’s results through WildDogScan.

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) through Biosecurity SA will oversee the program, with support provided by the State Wild Dog Coordinator. The Coordinator will allocate trappers to land managers in accordance with the decision support tool developed by the South Australian Wild Dog Advisory Group (SAWDAG).
To make an application:

1. Fill out and submit the application form.
2. The State Wild Dog Coordinator will contact you to discuss the issue and confirm in writing if your property has been approved for wild dog trapping services.
3. Once you have entered a written agreement with PIRSA and received written approval, a wild dog trapper will be assigned to your property/group of properties. You will not be able to select your own trapper.
4. Once the agreed works are completed, the trapper will upload all information, including locations of wild dogs, livestock impacts, baiting activities and locations of trapped dogs, to WildDogScan.

For further information, contact: Marty Bower, State Wild Dog Coordinator.

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