

Title	Prepare and use traps to control rural pest animals		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to, for rural pest animals: prepare for trapping; set traps, and place baits and lures; check traps and clear them of pest animals and non-target species, and process, and store or dispose of carcasses; and clean, store, and maintain equipment and materials, and records.
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Classification	Pest Management > Pest Control
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996; and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Definitions

Predator refers to mustelid, rodents, and feral cats.

Rural pest animal refers to possums, rabbits, predators and avian pests.

Workplace procedures are the documented policies and practices for safety and procedures within a particular worksite, and are consistent with equipment manufacturers' guidelines; site signage; and company health and safety plans. This includes all best practice guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as set out by industry groups such as - Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), and Department of Conservation (DOC).

Vehicles refer to things used for transporting people or pest management goods. It may include but not limited to car, horse, motorcycle.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from the workplace.
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare for the trapping of rural pest animals.

Range evidence of one trap type for one species of rural pest animal is required.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Confirm location and boundaries for the placement of traps consistent with rural pest animal behaviour.
- 1.2 Confirm timing and duration of the trapping operation, arrange access, and obtain any necessary permits.
- 1.3 Identify, manage, and report personal and environmental risks associated with the trapping operation.
- 1.4 Prepare vehicles, equipment, and materials suitable for the trapping operation and type of rural pest animals.
- 1.5 Determine prevailing weather conditions and implications for pest control operations.

Outcome 2

Set traps, and place baits and lures for rural pest animal control.

Range evidence of one trap type for one species of rural pest animal is required.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Select a suitable trap for the rural pest animal and the physical environment.
- 2.2 Select sites for placement of the traps to maximise chance of trapping the rural pest animal, and minimise chance of trapping non-target species.
- 2.3 Deploy traps.
- 2.4 Place baits and lures.

Outcome 3

Check traps and clear them of pest animals and non-target species, and process, and store or dispose of carcasses.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Check traps.

- 3.2 Release trapped pest animals from the trap and destroy humanely.
- 3.3 Process trapped non-target species.
- 3.4 Handle trapped pest animals and non-target species without injury to self or other people.
- 3.5 Process and store or dispose of pest animal carcasses.

Outcome 4

Clean, store, and maintain equipment and materials, and records.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Clean and store equipment and materials used in the trapping operation.
- 4.2 Record pest animals and non-target animals which have been trapped, killed or released.
- 4.3 Maintain set traps.

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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Muka Tangata – People, Food, and Fibre Workforce Development Council qualifications@mukatangata.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.