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Terms and Conditions - Shire of Yalgoo Wild Dog Bounty Trial

1. Objective:

Wild dogs are established declared pest animals in WA requiring ongoing management by all public and private landowners.

The Shire of Yalgoo has allowed \$10,000.00 in the 16/17 financial year as a bounty scheme for the destruction of wild dogs. Current existing wild dog control programs on public land, government properties, and pastoral stations are currently being conducted by paid doggers, pastoral owners, and staff.

The most effective means of achieving a sustained reduction in wild dog numbers is through simultaneous and coordinated community baiting programs, implemented at a landscape scale and supported by other control techniques. Effective wild dog management requires an integrated approach utilising all available management practices including poison baiting, trapping, exclusion fencing, and opportunistic shooting.

Whilst many of these programs offer a financial reward or bounty for these animals, it should be noted that the Shire of Yalgoo wishes to 'value add' to these programs by increasing the total numbers removed from the environment per annum, not to subsidise paid staff currently employed for such reasons.

This program intends to increase the total numbers taken to improve the overall viability of small livestock holding within the Shire of Yalgoo. This additional bounty scheme is to attract other community members to participate that are not doing so currently.

2. Eligible Applicants:

The following list highlights individuals or groups that are not eligible to take part in the scheme. It should be noted that this is not intended to restrict the intent of wild dog destruction, but to administer the scheme in a clear and transparent manner that gains the maximum effectiveness of funds allocated and removes the possibility of 'double dipping' or abuse of the scheme. Some exclusions also remove any perceived or potential conflict of interest from council on this matter.

Excluded parties include:

- a) Paid Doggers
- b) Shire of Yalgoo designated staff and immediate family
- c) Shire of Yalgoo elected members and immediate family
- d) Dogs obtained without correct permits and authority documents
- e) Dogs that have been submitted for or paid from another source
- f) DPAW staff and immediate family.

3. Wild Dog Bounty:

All claims made from approved eligible properties, are able to submit acceptable wild dog scalps providing that those body parts were collected in the designated area during the bounty period (i.e. period commencing from 1 July each financial year funds have been allocated until funds are exhausted) and are acceptable for identification.

Claimants must carry written authorisation from the property owner when making a claim. (Claim Form).

4. Eligible Properties:

All properties designated within the Shire of Yalgoo are applicable to this scheme. Therefore, pastoral stations that pay rates of some level are qualified to participate in the scheme.

DPAW properties are encouraged to continue in their removal of pest species. However, their employees and immediate families are also included in the Excluded Parties list (item 2).

5. Proof of Eligibility:

When submitting the acceptable wild dog scalp for bounty reward an applicant must:

Present a signed and fully completed claim form (Yalgoo Wild Dog Bounty Claim Form) acknowledging:

- **the dog has been destroyed on an eligible property:**
- **agree with the terms and conditions provided: and**
- **confirm all details provided are true and correct.**

6. Definition and Acceptable Condition of Wild Dog Body Parts for Bounty Reward:

- **Eligible applicants must submit pieces of wild dog skin and fur, incorporating both ears and the strip of skin joining them in one piece and the tip of the tail as a second piece, to the nominated collection point.**
- **The skin must be submitted in a manner that enables it to be easily identified as a wild dog; for example, being flat and air-dried.**
- **No blocks of frozen wild dog skins will be accepted.**
- **Frozen material must be defrosted prior to being submitted.**
- **No putrefying or rotting material will be accepted.**
- **No other body parts other than that specified will be accepted.**

7. Legal Considerations:

All legislation regarding use of firearms, poisons, traps, and animal welfare must be adhered to at all times. Shooting must be conducted in an ethical manner that reduces the likelihood of unnecessary suffering of animals.

The scheme supports the use of the National Model Code of Practice for the Humane Control of Wild Dogs and associated Standard Operating Procedures.

8. Bounty Rewards:

The following terms of payment will be carried out on an as presented case by case submission. The annual scheme will be deemed closed once the allocated funds have been exhausted.

- Acceptable wild dog skin pieces, being the ears and the strip of skin joining them and the tip of the tail, will be rewarded at \$100 each (Exc. any GST).
- Payment will be made within 30 days of receipt of claim form. No payments will be made on submissions that are received after funds have been exhausted.
- Eligible applicants will be paid by electronic fund transfer to their nominated account. Payment will not be made on the day of collection.

9. Collection Point:

Acceptable samples as listed in item (6) above, will be accepted at the shire office (37 Gibbons St Yalgoo) during normal office hours.

These will be stored for transport to the MRBA for data logging and overall record collection to evaluate the effectiveness of the scheme.

10. General Conditions:

- No scalps will be accepted after annual funds have been exhausted. Skins will not be taken pro-rata. Council may review the funds allocated per annum at their discretion.
- The Shire of Yalgoo CEO reserves the right to reject material submitted for bounty reward if the CEO deems the submitted material does not meet the terms and conditions described in these Terms and Conditions.
- The decisions of the CEO to accept or reject entire wild dog skin pieces submitted for bounty reward are final and non-negotiable.

NOTE:

1. Payment will not be authorised unless all paperwork is presented and completed correctly.
2. The term 'immediate family' means the wife, husband or partner and children.
3. The Shire of Yalgoo reserves the right to review and change any aspect of these terms and conditions at any time.
4. 'CEO' means the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Yalgoo.
5. 'DPAW' means the Department of Parks and Wildlife.
6. Some information within this scheme is referenced from other sources.

11. Further Information:

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