



Policy

Captive European Red Fox Permit

European Red Fox, Pest Control Order 2014

REVISION HISTORY

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INTRODUCTION

This Captive European Red Fox Permit Policy establishes the Local Land Services protocols for issuing permits to people who keep European Red Fox(es) in captivity under the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, Section 156 and the Pest Control Order for Foxes 2014.

The Team Leader for Invasive Species and Plant Health (or equivalent officer delegated by the General Manager) within each region is responsible for the implementation of this policy and any procedure.

PURPOSE

This policy requires the development of protocols that establish clear and consistent guidelines on the issuing of permit applications, associated inspections and certification (permit) of Captive Europe Red Foxes in New South Wales. Guidelines will be introduced in the form of a procedural document, which shall apply to all Local Land Services regions.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Inspectors employed by Local Land Services.

DEFINITIONS

<i>PCO:</i>	Pest Control Order
<i>LLS:</i>	Local Land Services
<i>GS LLS:</i>	Greater Sydney Local Land Services

REQUIREMENTS

1. The requirements of the Pest Control Order (PCO) for Foxes 2014 under the Local Land Services Act 2013 section 156 - Approval to keep pest in captivity will be strictly enforced for the term of the PCO.
2. In accordance with the PCO, all people who kept a fox in captivity prior to March 31, 2015 are required to apply for a permit to comply with the PCO and adhere to the permit conditions. The adoption, rehoming or rescue of any new foxes after March 31, 2015 is not permitted.
3. Movement of a trapped European Red Fox for the purposes of humane destruction is permissible with a European Red Fox Movement Permit.
4. All alleged or suspected breaches of the PCO are to be promptly investigated by an Inspector as soon as practicable. Evidence should be collected at the time of investigation to support prosecution of offenders. A penalty notice or warning letter may be appropriate for minor cases.
5. Inspections of fox owners' premises (as part of the application process) will be carried out by LLS Inspectors.
6. Programmed publicity may be carried out by LLS staff.
7. All Captive European Red Fox Permit application and inspection forms will be processed centrally by the Captive European Red Fox Co-ordinator at GS LLS via fox.permit@lls.nsw.gov.au

PROCEDURES

- Captive European Red Fox Permit Procedure

DELEGATIONS

- The Team Leader for Invasive Species and Plant Health (or equivalent officer delegated by the General Manager) within each region is responsible for the implementation of this policy and any procedure.

LEGISLATION

- *Local Land Services Act 2013*, Section 156 - Approval to keep pest in captivity
- *Exhibited Animal Protection Act 1996* - Approval to display a pest animal
- *Companion Animals Act 1998*
- *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*

Local Land Services and the NSW Government are not liable for the actions of the applicant or the actions of any permitted animals under their care.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Captive European Red Fox Permit Application and General license conditions
- Captive European Red Fox Inspection form
- European Red Fox Movement Permit
- European Red Fox Pest Control Order 2014, 8 December 2014

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