



Owl Rescue Centre

Dedicated to the protection of owls in South Africa.

OWL FRIENDLY RAT TRAP RENTAL AGREEMENT

1. BASIC TERMS

- 1.1. All payments are to be made to OWL RESCUE CENTRE NPC | NEDBANK CURRENT ACCOUNT | ACCOUNT NO 1030819580 | BRANCH CODE 198765 by means of debit order.
- 1.2. A replacement fee of R700 will be charged for any Owl-friendly Rat Trap that is 'Lost' or 'Damaged' while in possession of the lessee for the duration of this Rental Agreement.
- 1.3. The debit order will only be cancelled once the trap has been returned in good order to Owl Rescue Centre. Early cancellations will incur a collection fee.
- 1.4. A minimum rental period of 6 months applies, thereafter this lease can be cancelled with a one month written notice and is subject to the TERMS AND CONDITIONS contained in this agreement.

2. CONDITIONS OF USE

- 2.1. The lessee shall use or permit the use of the Owl-friendly Rat Trap solely at the location specified in the lease, or if none is specified, at the lessee's billing address set forth in communications upon ordering the trap. The Owl-friendly Rat Trap shall not be moved without Owl Rescue Centre's prior written consent.
- 2.2. Owl Rescue Centre shall maintain the equipment in good repair, condition, and functional order.
- 2.3. The lessee is responsible for replenishing of food and water sources to attract rodents to the trap, on a regular basis. Fresh food will increase the success rate in catching of rodents. Good examples of food sources that are effective in luring rodents into a trap include fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, bread, dog or cat food.

- 2.4. The lessee is responsible to ensure that when a rodent is caught, that the trap is in an area where it is protected from harsh weather conditions and that the rodent(s) have sufficient food and water supply available to them at all times.
- 2.5. Rodents will be collected as often as required. Trap(s) are exchanged for an empty one to allow for immediate rodent control to resume. No rodents will be removed from a trap on site and all precaution will be taken to minimize any risk of escape (trap doors are secured for transportation).
- 2.6. The lessee agrees to check the traps daily and shall **immediately** notify Owl Rescue Centre of any rodents caught in the trap.
- 2.7. Collections will **not** be done on weekends or public holidays, and it remains the responsibility of the lessee to ensure that all necessary precaution is taken to minimize stress or harm of any kind, to trapped rodents. Collections will be arranged on the consecutive working day.
- 2.8. In cases where the collection cannot be achieved by any reason, within a fair time frame, the rodents shall be released by the lessee for recapturing at a later stage.

3. SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

- 3.1. In the case where problems relating to the functionality of traps occur, the lessee shall immediately bring it to the attention of Owl Rescue Centre who will then attend to the matter within a reasonable time.
- 3.2. On expiration of the lease term or on demand by Owl Rescue Centre the lessee shall return the Owl-friendly Rat Trap in good repair with ordinary wear and tear excepted. The debit order can only be cancelled upon the return of the trap.
- 3.3. The Owl-friendly Rat Trap is, and shall always remain, property of Owl Rescue Centre unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties and a remunerable fee is received by Owl Rescue Centre in exchange for the trap.
- 3.4. Owl Rescue Centre NPC gives no express or implied guarantee for the eradication of rats, mice, or other rodents.
- 3.5. Refunds are at the sole discretion of the organisation.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1. The project is successfully active since 2010 and was implemented by Owl Rescue Centre as a method to reduce the number of cases of secondary poisoning in non-target species such as owls and other wildlife and/or domestic animals.

- 4.2. The purpose of the Owl-friendly Rat Trap Project is to provide an alternative and effective rodent control option to poison and other harmful methods, to those plagued by rodents.
- 4.3. To our knowledge humane catch-and-release rodent traps, if used correctly, is the only effective rodent control method that is safe for the species involved, the biodiversity of South Africa and/or the environment.
- 4.4. The project aims to effectively control invasive wild animals (rodents) that is harmful to property, can carry disease or is of concern to an eco-system.
- 4.5. We believe that every animal, whether regarded as 'pest' or 'vermin' or not, has the right to be free from pain or suffering and our Owl-friendly Rat Trap Project is therefore not only aimed at the protection of owls and other non-target wildlife and animal species, but also considers the welfare of targeted creatures and the severe suffering that is caused to them by rodenticides.
We strongly condemn the use of poison of any sort or kind.
- 4.6. Rodents are kept in quarantine to ensure that they are safe for consumption before they are humanely euthanized and fed to the owls in our care.