

The “BIG DOG” Project

Invasive Animals CRC Wild Dog Demonstration Site

BACKGROUND

In recent times many people have stated a belief that wild dogs are getting bigger but little scientific evidence has been recorded that supports this. In order to examine this issue in more detail we are aiming to work with LHPAs, NPWS, FNSW, The Game Council, Local Government, Professional trappers and private landholders to examine “BIG” wild dogs trapped / shot across Eastern NSW.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you trap or shoot a **wild** dog that you believe is 25kg or more we would like to examine the carcass and take samples from it for further analysis.

We would like the **whole dog** (frozen) and are asking individuals or groups with appropriate facilities to assist us by (1) keeping carcasses in their freezers, and (2) contacting us to arrange collection/processing as soon as possible.

PLEASE ALWAYS TREAT ANIMALS HUMANELY

Humane treatment of animals is vitally important and we encourage you to follow Standard Operating Procedures for Leg-hold Trapping and Ground Shooting of Wild Dogs are available, online, from:

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/vertebrate-pests/codes/humane-pest-animal-control

INFORMATION / DETAILS FOR EACH DOG

We need a small amount of information recorded for each dog contributed to the study.

- Location of capture (GPS position or mapped feature, e.g. trail intersection)
- Method of capture (trapped / shot)
 - If trapped, the type of trap and which foot was caught
- Your estimate of the animal’s mass (kg)
- Date / time of capture

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more details, please contact:

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