

OUTSMARTING AUSTRALIA'S MOST SKILLFUL FERAL



Robert Stain holding up one of the 'efficient killing machines'.

A recent article in the Australian Magazine (June 21st 2003) quoted David Gold from Australian Hunting Safaris For Feral Pests saying;

"... that for every domestic cat basking in front of the family heater this winter there are at least six feral cats prowling around Australia's bushlands ... estimated to be around 18 million ... Cats are only loyal until their next meal: take that away and they'll soon abandon you for the next food supply... They are prolific breeders: kitten season can extend from February to November and some females have three litters of six or seven each year."

Land For Wildlife members, Donna and Robert Stain, are becoming expert feral cat 'trappers'. They live on a 604 acre property approximately twelve kilometres north of Mount Barker. In the last three years they have captured thirty feral cats in their one cage trap which they leave permanently open. The local butcher in Mt. Barker kindly donates the fresh fish heads or mullies which Donna and Robert say is the magic ingredient to attract these wary predators into the cage.

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