

Wild dog facts

Wild dog control decision support table

The choice of control methods is based on an understanding of wild dog behaviour, social structure, habitats and food preferences, with effective control involving a combination of techniques. The choice is also influenced by concerns for animal welfare and non-target impacts, public safety, occupational health and safety issues, and by the restrictions (legislative and practical) on applying some techniques (e.g. use of 1080). Effective control requires an assessment of each individual situation and the circumstances surrounding each problem. As with most pest problems, no single 'quick and easy' method will solve all problems. Best results are achieved through a suite of complimentary control methods. The information in the table indicates the qualities of each control method and what they can be expected to achieve when the methods are used correctly, the operator is experienced and/or trained, and the correct equipment is used.

Techniques	Fast acting (lethal method)	Target specificity	Cost of material	Labour requirement (preparation time)	Specialist equipment required	Covers broad areas	Requires licence or permit	Specific conditions apply (law or label)	Training required to undertake technique	Skill level to use technique	Animal Welfare concerns with technique
Pesticides—bait											
Fluroacetate (1080) for ground baiting	No	High	Low	Low	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Medium	Medium
Fluroacetate (1080) for aerial baiting	No	High	High	Low	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium
Strychnine	Yes	Moderate	Low	Low	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Medium	High
Trapping											
Collarum™	n/a	High	Medium	High	Yes	No	No	No	No	High	Low
Cage trap	n/a	Low	High	High	Yes	No	No	No	No	Medium	Low
Foot-hold trap (rubber, padded, laminated and/or offset)	n/a	Moderate, but high when Paws -I- Trip trigger system added	Medium	High	Yes	No	No	No	No	High	Low to Medium
Leg-hold trap (rubber, padded, laminated and/or offset)	n/a	Moderate	High	High	Yes	No	No	No	No	High	Medium
Exclusion fencing											
Exclusion fencing	n/a	Low	High	High	No	No	No	No	No	Low	Low
Shooting											
Ground shooting	Yes	High	Medium	High	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	Low
Guard animals											
Guard animals	n/a	Medium	High	Medium	Yes	No	No	No	No	Medium	Medium

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