

DON'T LET POSSUMS GET AWAY ON YOU



PossumControlAreas

JOIN A PCA NOW

Possum control is the landowner's responsibility. Let Environment Southland staff assist you to manage possums and other pest animals on your property.



environment
SOUTHLAND
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Possum Control Areas (PCA)

Possum control is landowner responsibility. Being part of a PCA allows landowners to work together to control possums in their area.

Environment Southland can provide access to possum control bait, bait stations and traps, as well as best practice advice.

If necessary Environment Southland implements the initial possum control throughout the PCA, to reduce possum numbers to a low level that landowners can then effectively manage and maintain.

Biosecurity staff can have bait stations set up in areas of prime possum habitat and these bait stations can then be used for ongoing control. Staff will liaise with landowners about when they need to do their ongoing possum control work.

Using contractors is recommended as it ensures bait stations are used to their best advantage and Environment Southland provides possum bait and materials at very discounted rates to those involved in a PCA.

Why is a PCA established?

Environment Southland is likely to establish a PCA when:

- A TBfree vector control programme has been in place and has now stopped.
- A possum problem is known to exist or numbers are increasing
- Landowners seek possum control advice and assistance from Environment Southland



Possum browse has caused severe damage to this winter crop.

What are the benefits of a PCA?

There are many benefits in controlling possums on your property including:

- Preventing economic loss to crops, pasture and trees.
- Improved biodiversity.
- Limiting the risk of TB.
- Ensuring a coordinated approach to possum control.



To find out more about pest animals and weeds in Southland, including control advice and the latest rules, visit our Southland Pest Hub – <https://pesthub.es.govt.nz>



If you have any queries or need advice on pest control on your property, get in touch with our biosecurity team.



Dave Burgess
Team Leader – Biosecurity
dave.burgess@es.govt.nz



Kaitlin McKenzie
Biosecurity Officer
kaitlin.mckenzie@es.govt.nz



Raoul Thomas
Biosecurity Officer
raoul.thomas@es.govt.nz