



Farmer Assist Kangaroo Partnership Program Guidelines

Overview

All participants in the SSAA Farmer Assist Kangaroo Partnership Program must follow the [National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-Commercial Purposes](#) (the “Code”). The Code outlines the humane, ethical, and safety standards required when undertaking kangaroo management activities under this program.

1. Humane Shooting Practices

Participants must always take humane action in line with the Code. This includes:

Shooting technique: Aim for a single, accurate headshot to destroy the brain and ensure an instant, humane death. Only use firearms and ammunition that meet or exceed the minimum specifications in the Code.

Post-shot procedure: Confirm that each animal is dead before continuing. If an animal is wounded, every effort must be made to locate and humanely dispatch it before resuming culling.

Prohibited methods: Shooting from moving vehicles is prohibited.

2. Duty of Care and Competence

Shooters have a duty of care to ensure all kangaroo control activities are conducted humanely, safely, and in accordance with the Code. Participants must be skilled and competent in marksmanship, species identification, and animal welfare procedures.

3. Handling of Dependent Young

When a female kangaroo is shot, shooters must check for dependent young and take immediate humane action.

Pouch young: Must be euthanised promptly using the recommended method — a single, forceful blow to the head to destroy the brain.

Young-at-foot: Should be dispatched with a single, accurate shot to the brain or heart using

appropriate firearms and ammunition as outlined in the Code.

4. Equipment and Identification

Only use firearms and ammunition that comply with the Code's requirements. The use of thermal imaging may assist with detection; however, spotlights must be used at the time of shooting to ensure correct species identification. Refer to the Farmer Assist Volunteer Kangaroo Destruction Form for guidance on identifying kangaroo species.

5. Activity Reporting

Participants must accurately record and report their culling activities, including the number and species of kangaroos taken.

Culling limits may vary between properties based on individual permit conditions. At the end of each activity, participants must complete and submit the tally form included in the Farmer Assist Volunteer Kangaroo Destruction Form to the Farmer Assist National Coordinator.

6. Compliance and Penalties

All participants must comply with these guidelines and the national Code of Practice. Failure to do so may result in penalties under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 and removal from the Farmer Assist Program.

The Kangaroo Partnership Program Coordinator will conduct audits to ensure that kangaroo culling is carried out in accordance with the Code. Areas where culling occurs must be identified either on a map or by providing GPS coordinates. The [Avenza Maps App](#), a free tool, can be used to record culling events using its Basemap feature and drop Pins to indicate where animals were culled along the route.

7. Participant Declaration

All participants in the Farmer Assist Kangaroo Partnership Program must acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of these guidelines by signing below.

Participant Declaration

I, _____(full name), have read, understood, and agree to follow all conditions and guidelines set by the Farmer Assist Kangaroo Partnership Program.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/ ____/ ____

Please forward scanned copy of signed form to SSAA Farmer Assist Coordinator at farmerassist@ssaa.org.au prior to beginning activities.