

### For more information and assistance please contact:

For Kimberley residents and visitors please call DEC's Kununurra office on (08) 9168 4200.

For all other areas of WA please call 1800 084 881.

[www.dec.wa.gov.au/canetoads](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/canetoads)

### Live cane toad drop-off points in Kununurra are:

DEC Kununurra Depot – Lot 248 Ivanhoe Road

Kimberley Vet Centre – 10 Leichhardt Street

SWEK Depot – Bandicoot Drive



Drop-off point

# Safety and cane toads



The fight against cane toads continues and everyone needs to be on the lookout, especially for hitchhiker toads. However, handling cane toads can be dangerous so the following guidelines should be considered.

### If you see a cane toad:

- take pets away from the vicinity and make sure children are supervised;
- wear rubber or gardening gloves and safety glasses, where possible, and have a plastic bag or a sealed container (with air holes and a small amount of water) ready to contain the cane toad;
- carefully pick up the cane toad by the back legs or use a broom or similar to 'sweep' the toad into a container;
- sterilise your hands and other items that have come into contact with the toad using antiseptic wash;



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- transport the suspected cane toad to one of the drop-off points listed overleaf to be identified, humanely euthanased and appropriately disposed of. Alternatively, email a digital photograph of the suspected cane toad to a DEC office, so it can be correctly identified;
- be careful when handling cane toads: toxin is produced in their shoulder glands and is present in the skin of the back;
- if cane toad toxin is squirted onto the skin or into the eyes, first aid should be immediately performed. The toxin can cause pain and severe irritation to the eyes, or temporary visual disturbances.

### First aid treatment:

First aid treatment includes irrigating (flushing with water) the eyes, mouth and nose if exposed to toad venom. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

**If toxin is squirted into the mouth, immediately flush the mouth with water and take the patient to the emergency department of the nearest hospital.**

When swallowed, the toxin may affect the heart, blood pressure and breathing and cause paralysis, salivation, twitching and vomiting, with death being possible in severe cases through cardiac arrest, sometimes within 15 minutes.

**For more information on cane toad poisoning, contact the Poisons Information Line on 13 11 26 anywhere in Australia, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

For more information about identifying native frogs, visit [www.dec.wa.gov.au/canetoads](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/canetoads)

