

If you're hiking with dogs along public ways during trapping season, be alert.

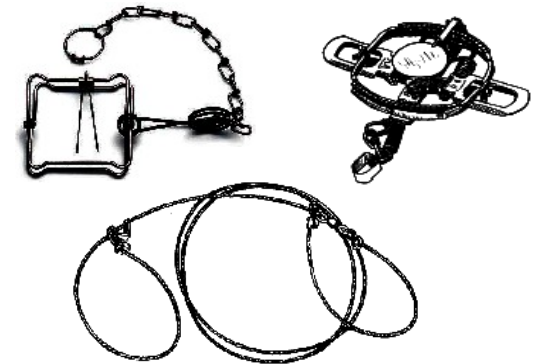
- Most trappers use motorized vehicles to access their traps. In snowy conditions, they leave paths from where they park their vehicles to the traps themselves.
- Check with the ODFW if you think there are traps where you are hiking.
- If you find traps on public land or along a public way, post warnings and write your newspaper.
- If you hear about, or find, any trapped animals, notify the ODFW and inform the local media.
- It's illegal to disturb a trap or free a wild animal.
- To learn about the traps, trapping in Oregon, and how to free your pet, go to trapfreeoregon.org.

If these cruel traps were judged by the agony they inflict, they would never be justified.

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20,000

animals are reported killed by fur trappers during an average trapping season using leg- and body-hold traps. This number includes only furbearing species. Others are not reported.

- Fur trapping season runs from 12/1 to 3/15, although trapping of unprotected species goes on yearlong.
- Any animal can be caught in a trap, including dogs and other pets, protected and endangered species, raptors, and other non-targeted species.
- With few restrictions, traps can be set anywhere on public land.
- There are no required setbacks from trails, roads or public ways.
- Traps are not required to be posted – you cannot tell where they may be.
- Leg-hold traps cause injury. Neck snares and conibear traps are meant to kill.
- Trappers are required to check their traps only every 48 hours.
- There is no limit on the number of traps that may be set.
- Every trapped animal suffers horribly, be it for a day or two in a leg-hold trap or after a death struggle in a conibear trap or neck snare.

IS THIS OK?



OR THIS?



- Fur trappers kill their victims by “chest compression” (i.e.: by standing on their chests) so as not to damage the pelt.
- Pets have been injured and killed by traps in Oregon.
- There were 1133 licensed fur trappers in the 2008-09 season.
- Oregon fur trappers do not make a living selling furs. According to the Oregon Territorial Council, total furs sold wholesale for the 2008-09 season were about \$255,000, averaging \$225 per trapper.
- Any person who treated domestic animals the way fur trappers treat Oregon wildlife would be prosecuted for animal abuse.
- The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife supports and promotes fur trapping.

WHY?



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