

**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](http://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 minimal setbacks from trails, none on roads.
- Traps are not required to be posted.
- 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.
- Fur trappers kill their victims by

## IS THIS OK?



## OR THIS?



“chest compression” (standing on their chests) so as not to damage the pelt.

- Pets have been injured and killed by traps in Oregon.
- 766 licensed fur trappers in 2010-11 killed 23,439 animals
- Oregon fur trappers do not make a living selling furs. According to the Oregon Territorial Council, total furs sold wholesale for the 2010-11 season were about \$752,554, averaging \$948 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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