

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE FROM TRAPS

Trapping is widespread across the United States, found on public, private, and even protected lands and recreational areas. Trappers use body-gripping traps, such as leg-hold, Conibear, and snare traps, to capture or kill animals who are deemed a “nuisance” or who are valued only for the fur on their backs. Trapping causes immense suffering and is indiscriminate. As a result, targeted and non-targeted animals, including household pets and even humans, can fall victim to these traps. Keep your pets safe from trapping with these nine tips!



1. Know when trapping season is. Check your state trapping regulations, maintained by state fish and wildlife agencies. However, still watch out for traps set out of season or traps left behind after the season ends.

2. Find out if trapping is allowed in the area in which you and your dog are walking. But, even if trapping is not allowed, still beware of illegally set traps. Remember, trapping is even allowed on many national wildlife refuges!

3. Remember that most states and municipalities do not require signs or warnings to be posted when and where traps are set.

4. Always keep dogs leashed. Traps are often set close to trails.

5. If walking or hiking in an off-leash park, and you choose to let your dog off leash, keep dogs on trails and within visual sight and verbal command.

6. Remember that traps also can be set in water, in rivers, and streams – especially near banks – so always check the area before allowing your dog to swim.

7. Carry a smaller, extra leash (thick shoestring or small rope), that can be used to help compress the springs of a Conibear, spring-loaded, kill-type trap.

8. Carry wire cutters strong enough to snip through the airplane-grade cable often used in snare traps.

9. Keep cats indoors or create a cat-proofed fenced in yard.



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