

"The animals of the world exist
for their own reasons.."
~ Alice Walker



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- 🐾 Animal Welfare Institute/Animals in the Wild
- 🐾 Humane Society of the US/ Furfree Campaign
- 🐾 Born Free USA/Trapping and Fur Trade
- 🐾 Project Coyote
- 🐾 Wild Earth Guardians
- 🐾 Trapfree Oregon
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**For the
Love of
Animals
&
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Photo Courtesy of Reno Gazette Journal

Carol and Duke Duke was caught by the neck in a steel jaw leg hold trap February, '07 while hiking in the popular Galena area. Luckily, the loose flesh on his neck protected him from serious injury. Carol's outrage got the ball rolling and so TrailSafe began.

TrailSafe is a Nevada grassroots group believing all animals should be treated humanely, and that hidden, unidentified steel jaw traps set near outdoor recreation defy common sense and public safety. Yet current laws allow this dangerous practice. At least 100 Nevada dogs are accidentally trapped annually.

☹ Trapping is widespread in Nevada and vigorously defended. There were 937 Nevada trap licenses issued in 07-08.

☹ Modern science presents new, humane solutions to wildlife management, and advocates co-existence. Leghold traps were designed in the 16th Century: their day should be long gone. The European

Union, eight US states and 88 nations worldwide have outlawed these devices.



The steel-jaw leg hold trap is a spring-powered device with two opposing steel jaws designed to capture an animal by snapping closed on the animal's limb.

The leg hold trap does not kill – it traps and holds the animal alive in cold steel jaws. Pain is long, death is slow. Finally, hunger, cold, exhaustion, or the returning trapper ends it all. Snare and body-crushing traps and poisoning devices are equally cruel and a threat to public safety.

Trappers are after fur, or animals labeled "nuisance." Many "non-target" animals such as family pets and endangered species fall prey to traps. Coyotes suffer year-round.

American Veterinary Association and all humane organizations call trapping "inhumane – an abomination".

Traps Are Camouflaged

Watch where your pet goes, even on leash. Baited traps can be hidden just a few feet off the trail. Traps are hidden behind logs, under brush and loose leaves and twigs or under trees. Shallow edges of ponds and streams are especially dangerous.

Dealing with a Trapped Animal

Be careful. Trapped animals are hysterical with pain and fear. Follow instructions at

www.trailsafe.org Learn these techniques in advance!

If you can, call animal control officer, local ranger, or game warden. Traps can be opened, but it's difficult. Carry sturdy bolt cutters and pliers, especially in winter (fur season.) Wear hiking boots.

TrailSafe Nevada: Just Getting Started

In 2007, we won 1000' trap setback from some Galena area trails. A good beginning. But vast areas remain where traps lurk. As development extends into former outback, more pets and people are at risk. Current regulations give no protection. Traps are even set in urban neighborhoods.

Please join us to get outdated trapping laws revised -- to educate and protect the public and relieve animal suffering.

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