




"How long can you hear someone crying -  
how long can you hear someone dying -  
before you ask yourself why?"  
~~Jackson Browne



"We call them dumb animals, and so they are,  
for they cannot tell us how they feel, but they do  
not suffer less because they have no words."  
~ Anna Sewall

For more information Google these:

-  Animal Welfare Institute
-  Humane Society of the US
- Furfree Campaign
-  Animal Protection Institute



**No Money! No Dues!  
Just Love of Animals &  
Outdoor Recreation**

**Trail Safe Nevada**  
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**Carol and Duke.** Duke was caught by the neck in a steel jaw leg hold trap in 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 led to the organization of **TrailSafe**.

**TrailSafe** charges no dues. We are an affiliation of Nevada residents believing all animals should be treated humanely, and that hidden, unidentified steel jaw traps set near outdoor recreation defy common sense or safety concerns. 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 issues such as humane traps or contraception. Leghold traps were designed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century: their day should be long gone. The European Union, eight US states and 88 nations worldwide have outlawed these devices.



The steel-jawed 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.

Trappers are after fur, or animals labeled "nuisance." Many "non-target" animals such as family pets and endangered species fall prey to traps. Wildlife 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 road. Traps are hidden behind logs, under brush and loose leaves and twigs on the ground, and on shallow edges of ponds and streams.

### Dealing with a Trapped Animal

Be careful. Trapped animals are hysterical with pain and fear. Follow instructions at [www.trailsafe.org](http://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. See illustrated instructions at [trailsafe.org](http://trailsafe.org) Carry sturdy bolt cutters and pliers, especially in winter (fur season.) Wear sturdy boots.

### TrailSafe Nevada: Just Getting Started

Our job is just begun! 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.

Please join us to get outdated trapping laws revised to protect the public and relieve animal suffering.

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