

Selected Comments from 505 support emails and letters  
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- This problem is very common in my residential area on the far north and west side of Las Vegas. It's heartbreaking to see.
- I regard leg-hold traps as a hideous method of hunting. How can we hope to turn our economy around and attract new people and businesses to Nevada when we allow such cruel practices?
- There is no need for something so archaic or inhumane for any wild animal in our state, dont we have enough bad publicity with the helicopter run ups on tv of the wild horses?. What is the purpose and why and why now?
- Mesquite depends upon snowbirds and tourists for its livelihood. However, when dog lovers cannot safely walk their dogs at Gold Butte, in the Virgin Mountains, even in the City of Mesquite without fear of leg traps then Nevada deserves its sometimes reputation of backwardness and inhospitality.
- We have had pets get caught in these traps and we were traumatized to great extent as was our pets when this happened. Our Dalmation was so scared as my dad had to use all of his might to release the dog. Thank goodness he did or Dice would have died.  
Also if other animals are trapped near roads the animals that are trapped (and very angry since they are inhumanely dieing) are a danger to us walking by. Not only our pets but us as well. The traps should be very far off of any road where people may be walking there animals.
- I am against animal trapping! It is inhumane , and truely the most horrible way to kill an animal. Last week I took my dog on a hike and his leg was trapped in a animal trap. He was in so much pain, it gave me a glimpse of what it would be like for an animal to die this way.
- **Habitat reduction, rather than trapping, is one safer and kinder way to control the numbers of wild animals in the urban interface that we share with them.**
- This is insane in today's society!
- I personally witnessed the consequences of a pet being accidentally trapped, further, the perpetrator clubbed the dog on the head to kill him so to keep the activity hidden. The dog lived and found his way home, but was crippled forever as a result.
- I have personally known people whose pets have been seriously injured in these traps very close to housing.
- I live in coyote country, I ride my horses and take my dogs on rides and have run into a pack of coyotes wanting to get my dogs, but managed to keep the dogs close to me on the horse and the coyotes afraid enough to not snap them. I realize one day I might not be so lucky, but \*I\* was the one moving into their terrain, and I have to come to terms with that fact. Unfortunately humans don't learn from history, we weed out the people or animals we don't like living where we move into.
- No community should be run by people who so egregiously disrespect animals that they would rather deal with the animals to their death and/or extreme harm.
- Until you come across a small animal caught in a trap with his leg half chewed off and out of his mind with pain, as I have, you may not fully understand the crulity of this law as now written.

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- 🐾 If someone wants to trap an animal, make them use an humane trap. This way they will have to look the animal in the eye when they kill it, although I doubt they would care. This is a disgusting situation. Please change it.
- 🐾 Trapping in legal wilderness areas is one thing, but allowing traps in highly populated suburban and urban areas is flat-out irresponsible. Curious kids, as well as household pets, can potentially sustain injuries. To allow trapping in such locales is cruel and doesn't reflect the way our communities value and respect animals.
- 🐾 Please stop the use of inhumane traps. The use of these traps is horribly cruel and I can't believe they are still legal, still exist in this day and age. I personally know a child who lost a finger in one. I also have heard of the poor animals that chew their own legs off to escape these horrifying devices. Can anything be more terrible than to be caught in one of those things ! Please make this cruel trapping stop now. Please !
- 🐾 I am an active participant and advocate of TNR; Trap, Neuter, Return. This program of supporting feral cat colonies can and does work in reducing the population and suffering of abandoned felines
- 🐾 A couple of years ago I saw an heart breaking article in the Nevada Appeal about a bobcat who had been caught in trap in King's Canyon, west of Carson City. That poor animal was left to suffer.

🐾 As a Nevada voter, I am outraged to learn of the medieval tactics that continue to be allowed in a civilized society. To hear that the laws continue to allow inhumane procedures to control and manage living beings is a deep concern.

🐾 We are no longer the wild west...show the spirit of love and kindness...protect those that we love, our pets, from this backward and savage trapping.

🐾 Ours is supposed to be a humane and enlightened society. Traps are inhumane, indiscriminate devices that inflict unimaginable harm on targeted and non-targeted species alike. Your consideration to support the prohibition of inhumane traps in highly congested counties is greatly appreciated.

🐾 I truly believe leg hold traps are inhumane and should be banned ... permanently. Imagine the terror of your child being caught in one of these traps and no one finding him/ her for 96 hours. Then try to imagine an animal in the same situation ... child or animal ... it doesn't matter ... leg hold traps are wrong, heartless, inhumane and should be outlawed.

🐾 It is difficult enough to protect your pet even while hiking in the more remote areas of Nevada. My husband and I were hiking with our two dogs in an area southeast of Minden-Gardnerville and one of our dogs became ensnared in a leg trap. Thank goodness we had taken a pet first aid class and were able to muzzle her in order to calm her down and release her from the trap totally unharmed. When trapping occurs in congested areas, there is even more of a possibility that someones beloved pet could be

caught in one of these traps and not have their human counterpart there to release and care for them. Please pass this legislation.

- 🐾 **It's sad and cruel.**
- 🐾 **Animal traps should not be allowed anywhere, but especially in congested areas.**  
**There is way too much risk to the rest of the human/animal population.**
- 🐾 **Here in Nevada we have the rare privilege of living and recreating near our metro areas.**
- 🐾 **Our pets depend on us to protect them. Please help us to provide a more safe environment for them in congested areas.**
- 🐾 **Who in their right mind would want to trap animals in a congested area?**  
Nevada is made up of mostly vacant and BLM land - thousands and thousands of acres that are available to hunt and trap. Why would anyone feel the necessity to use the leg-hold trap in congested areas? To do so puts not only our pets at risk but also anyone who happens to step in the wrong area.
- 🐾 **There is a great risk not only to companion animals but to children who in the excitement of being on an adventure in the great out of doors decide to go exploring.**
- 🐾 **. . . If someone is having a problem with, say, a raccoon, "safe traps" are available for a nominal deposit/rental fee from several shelters. I have trapped several raccoons as well as many feral cats (and, inadvertently, domestic cats) this way--and I checked the traps several times daily. With this alternative, there is absolutely no reason for barbaric traps in urban and suburban neighborhoods.**
- 🐾 **Traps do not belong in public parks, residential neighborhoods or anywhere including the wild. Traps are only animal abuse in the highest form, should not be allowed at all, many time the animals suffer greatly for hours and days while in the traps.**
- 🐾 **I walk my dog in the hills so that he can get the exercise he needs. You can't even imagine how outraged I would be if he stumbled into an animal trap.**
- 🐾 **A few years ago I had a friend who lived in Golden Valley who's dog was caught in a trap just 200 yards off their back fence. Traps should not be used at all in my opinion, but definitely not this close to someone's home. They also have small children, what if one of those traps got them. I think trapping is a cruel punishment.**
- 🐾 **Trish- they are trapping now!! behind Double Diamond!!! [March, 2011]**
- 🐾 **I am horrified to learn that leg traps are still legal ANYWHERE in Washoe County ! This is not about regulating trapping , but banning dangerous uses, like steel-jaw and other**
- 🐾 **You have the power to ban such a barbaric form of torture for the residents of Washoe County ....and I hope you use that power to do just that ! This is a local issue ....not one for the State Department of Wildlife to determine . No child has been caught yet ....but , that seems to be just a matter of time .**
- 🐾 **There are laws to protect animals from cruel and unusual punishment.**
- 🐾 **This has got to stop! [re Trapper Jane story 9/1/10]**
- 🐾 **We have had pets get caught in these traps and we were traumatized to great extent as was our pets when this happened. Our Dalmation was so scared as my dad had to use all of his might to release the dog. Thank goodness he did or Dice would have died.**

- I'm a voting Nevada resident. I don't want traps other than the humane cage kind, used in urban areas. They are too likely to injure or kill domestic pets- even outside of urban areas they don't discriminate between legal and illegal species.
- We live in Churchill County, which is not covered by SB226. Yesterday, one of our dogs ran off on an adventure( he's not supposed to, but we do live in a semi-rural are)and did not come back. My husband tracked him down this morning and found him caught in a snare trap on Navy land near the Air Station.
- I was the first to comment on the legislation and I support it as long as it does not impede wildlife officials from doing their job. I am probably the only sportsman who supported the bill.
- I am terrified of losing a pet to a trap or a snare. I know this is only in congested areas of Clark and Washoe counties; I wish it were statewide. I read an account of a woman who couldn't free her dog from a snare and she watched while he slowly strangled to death.
- My dog would have drowned had I not jumped in the river to remove the leg trap. Labrador retrievers like water. I frankly do not like the trapping.
- I hope this horrible practice of torturing and killing any poor innocent animal for their fur will be completely banned every where. Nothing is more terrible than to be tortured and murdered for your skin. It's hard to believe in this day and age this is still going on. Please do every thing you can to stop this cruel trapping and protect our animals wild and domestic from this disgusting, heinous practice.
- I can think of nothing more painful and inhumane than being caught in a trap, injured and bleeding, in the Nevada heat of 115 degrees, and left to die. There must be a better way. How about the method used to catch feral cats for spay and neutering? This cages them and doesn't hurt them so that they can be returned to the wild after their surgery.
- The tradition of trapping has become another antiquated societal custom. It has been replaced with more ethical and socially accepted methods of killing animals.
- I almost never see animals with trap injuries. I do know that one of my neighbors dogs lost a leg to a trap injury though..it was very sad. I feel that trap regulation is very important and if one is allowed to trap the traps must be checked very frequently. I like the idea of not allowing trapping in congested areas. [local veterinarian]