



# TRAPPING IS TORTURE

Animals trapped in the state of Nevada may suffer for up to 96 hours before trappers are required to check on them. Enforcement of the minimal trapping regulations that do exist is rare. The helpless victims are subject to the elements and experience pain, hunger, thirst, fear, and predation. Cubs or pups who are too young to survive on their own may be orphaned, and a mother may chew off her own limb in desperation to free herself and return to her young.

All this cruelty continues despite the fact that fewer than 1% of Nevadans buy licenses to trap.



These inhumane devices have been banned in most foreign countries, and while some states have either banned or restricted their use or limited the trap check time to 24 hours, Nevada is not among them.

In 2017, Nevadans supported reform of the state trapping regulations to reduce the suffering of wildlife and protect companion animals and public safety. However, in 2019, the public call for a shorter trap check time and a ban on leghold traps (in the form of AB 473) was ignored in deference to trapping interests, even though trappers comprise a small percentage of Nevada's overall population.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Watch for hidden traps when you hiking and report any incidents to local law enforcement and to the Nevada Department of Wildlife;

In rural areas, post signs and report those who illegally set traps on private property;

Write letters to the editors of local newspapers that raise awareness about the cruelty of trapping and the dangers to non-targeted animals, such as endangered species and companion animals. Encourage readers to express their opposition to trapping on social media, to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, and to our lawmakers;

Spread the word about trapping on social media and ask your network to take similar actions;



Contact the following decision-makers, indicating your opposition to cruel trapping in Nevada and asking them to ban leghold, snare, and body- gripping traps and any trapping for recreational and commercial purposes. Insist that the trap check time be reduced to 24 hours and that regulations be enforced.

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