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Time for change: snare nearly severs wolf's leg **National group wants overhaul of Canada's provincial trapping regulations**

ONTARIO - A wolf whose leg was nearly severed by a wire snare and left to suffer for as long as three days is another sign that trapping regulations in every province must change, says animal advocacy group The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (APFA).

The wolf was found by local residents only 10 feet from a publically-used snowmobile trail near Algonquin Park in Ontario. The animal was severely injured and was in a state of extreme despair. The resident, who fortunately had prior knowledge that there were traps in the area, used wire cutters to release the wolf and get her to a wildlife rehabilitator.

“The pain suffered by this poor wolf is extreme and completely preventable,” says Lesley Fox, Executive Director of APFA. “While many people believe traps were banned years ago, they are still very legal and closer to our homes and recreational areas than ever before. Even so-called ‘certified humane traps’ such as leg-holds and snares are indiscriminate machines of torture for our wildlife and, too often, our domestic pets.”

“With ongoing cutbacks to conservation staff, unenforceable trap check times and a clear danger to public safety, it is time to overhaul all provincial trapping regulations,” Fox adds.
The changes that Fox wants to see to most include:

- Prohibition of all bodygripping traps including the leg-hold (YES IT'S STILL LEGAL), Conibear and snare (at least in urban areas and provincial parks).
- Mandatory signage on all active traplines to warn the general public.
- Mandatory identification tags for all traps so trappers breaking the law can be held accountable.

In the coming weeks, APFA will be launching a letter writing and social media campaign targeting encourage citizens to contact their elected government officials and voice their opposition to cruel and dangerous trapping.