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Cat caught by leg-hold reignites call for ban

Leg-hold traps will always be a threat to pets, non-target animals

VANCOUVER - An animal welfare group is reigniting the call to ban the use of leg-hold traps in the province of British Columbia after a domestic cat was found with an injured paw in Campbell River.

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (APFA) has long stated that leg-hold traps are inherently cruel, unnecessary and cause undue suffering to domestic animals and non-target species. In fact, a 2013 survey in British Columbia showed that 85 per cent of respondents were opposed to the killing of animals for their fur.

“Traps are man-made devices created to hold an animal against their will,” says Adrian Nelson, spokesperson for APFA. “No matter how they are designed or regulated, they will catch non-target species and domestic pets and they will cause pain and suffering.”

In the most recent incident, it was noted that the leg-hold was not legal; however the only difference between this trap and those deemed usable under current regulations is a minuet spacing of the jaws or a thin piece of rubber.

“We have asked the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources to update regulations – if not simply ban the use of leg-hold traps for well over a year,” notes Neslon. “These requests – which include the use of signage, trap identification markings and three separate municipalities who have voted to ban the use of traps in their communities – have gone unanswered.”

“We are now reigniting the call to ban the use of leg-hold traps in all communities throughout British Columbia,” Nelson adds. “Every day we see the horrific results of a willfully ignorant provincial government. The time has come for us to be the modern, environmentally-savvy people we claim to be in this province and move past archaic, cruel tools. Join us in asking our MLAs to act now.”

APFA is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone who can provide information leading to the conviction of the person(s) responsible in the use of the illegal leg-hold trap in Campbell River. Additionally, APFA has created a blog (FurBearerDefenders.com) helping residents locate and contact their MLAs to demand for change.