

Background

The following analysis is based on data received from the Conservation Officer Service (COS) detailing incidents of pets caught in traps that were reported to the COS. The data ranges from 2015 until September 2021.

There were a total of 74 instances of pets getting caught in traps, with an annual average of 10.6. The vast majority of incidents involved dogs (89%) and the rest involved cats (11%).

77% (57) of incidents occurred between November and April. The highest number of incidents occurred in February (14) and November (12).

Regions

The highest number of incidents occurred in the following regions: Cariboo (13), followed by the Omineca Zone (12), the Lower Mainland (12) and Kootenay (10).

Notes

1. The table in the "Incidents" sheet was adapted from data provided by the COS. Certain columns from the original tables were omitted because they either contained personal information or information that was not relevant for the analysis.
2. The database from which the data was extracted required a manual search of incidents related to pets in traps. As a result, the completeness of the data can not be guaranteed.
3. The information in the categories "Trap Type", "Condition", "Land", "Animal" and "Incident" was not provided by the COS but derived from the incident descriptions. This might result in (minor) inaccuracies.
4. Instances in which more than one animal was involved are counted as one incident. If the incident resulted in at least one fatality, it is counted as such.

Fatalities

Out of all incidents, around 15% (11) resulted in death, 72% (53) in injury and in around 13% (10) of instances, the condition of the dog was unknown. On average, 1.6 incidents resulted in death and 7.6 incidents resulted in injury per year.

Traps

32% (24) of incidents involved snare traps which accounted for 27% (3) of fatalities. 26% (19) of incidents involved leghold traps which accounted for 9% (1) of fatalities. In 42% (31) of cases, the type of trap was unknown. 64% (7) of fatalities involved an unknown trap type.

Crown vs. Private Land

57% (42) of incidents occurred on Crown land, 26% (19) on private land and the exact location is unknown in 17% (13) of instances.

Year	# of Incidents	% of Incidents
2021	15	20.3%
2020	10	13.5%
2019	9	12.2%
2018	11	14.9%
2017	11	14.9%
2016	10	13.5%
2015	8	10.8%
Totals	74.0	100.0%
Average	10.6	

Month	# of Incidents	% of Incidents
January	10	13.5%
February	14	18.9%
March	4	5.4%
April	10	13.5%
May	1	1.4%
June	5	6.8%
July	4	5.4%
August	1	1.4%
September	3	4.1%
October	3	4.1%
November	12	16.2%
December	7	9.5%

Region	# of Incidents	% of Incidents
1 Vancouver Island	7	9.5%
2 Lower Mainland	12	16.2%
3 Thompson-Nicola	4	5.4%
4 Kootenay	10	13.5%
5 Cariboo	13	17.6%
6 Skeena	7	9.5%
7A Omineca Zone	12	16.2%
7B Peace Zone	6	8.1%
8 Okanagan	3	4.1%

Animal	# of Incidents	% of Incidents
Dog	66	89.2%
Cat	8	10.8%


Land	# of Incidents	% of Incidents
Crown	42	56.8%
Private	19	25.7%
Unknown	13	17.6%

Condition	# of Incidents	% of Incidents	Average per year
Death	11	14.9%	1.6
Injury	53	71.6%	7.6
Unknown	10	13.5%	

Trap Type	# of Incidents	% of Incidents	# of Fatalities	% of Fatalities
Unknown	31	41.9%	7	63.6%
Snare	24	32.4%	3	27.3%
Leghold	19	25.7%	1	9.1%

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21-5576	2021	September	6 Skeena	Leghold	Injury	Private	Dog	Report of a dog caught in trap on private property	Advises that there are leg traps set at the above location. Caller states the owner of the property has permission from the cattleman's association for wolf traps though wolf season is not open until Oct. 15. Caller's dog got caught by the foot and will need to go to the vet. Happened 30 min ago. 17:19 CO	DOG GOT CAUGHT IN LEG HOLD TRAPS SET ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, - ERS #21-5576
21-4374	2021	August	1 Vancouver Island	Unknown	Unknown	Private	Cat	Report of a cat caught in trap.	Caller advises her neighbour trapped a baby raccoon last night and drove it off of the property and away from it's mother. The caller knows the raccoon was not 12 weeks old, and was not causing any damage to the property. The neighbour has been known to put traps in the bushes and trap any animal that comes onto the property. s ?? s.22 The caller and her upper neighbour witnessed the subject strike the cage to try and make the baby stop crying while it was in the trap.	ERS 21-4374 - COMPLAINT ABOUT RACCOON TRAPPING BY A NEIGHBOUR
21-2792	2021	July	1 Vancouver Island	Leghold	Injury	Private	Cat	Report of neighbour's cat caught in trap.	Advises that he spoke with CO Pauwels. Subject set a leg hold trap that they bought online to catch a mouse but instead caught the neighbour's cat. After expensive vet bills the cat is ok. Saanich Police File 21-14716	ERS 21-2792 - CAT CAUGHT IN A LEG HOLD TRAP
21-2605	2021	July	1 Vancouver Island	Unknown	Injury	Private	Cat	Report of cat caught in trap.	Neighbour saw the cat caught in a trap. Cut chain picked up cat and trap and took it to the vet. Mckenzie vet. Police advised to call CO.	
21-3669	2021	July	2 Lower Mainland	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in trap.	RCMP are advising that they received a report of a domestic dog in a trap on Texada Island. No details regarding what type of trap it is. Also advised that Cst. Snider s.15 is enroute to investigate but is requesting a call from a CO to get some clarity on the situation. 2225: CO Andrew Anaka - Briefed	RCMP ARE ADVISING THAT THEY RECEIVED A REPORT OF A DOMESTIC DOG IN A TRAP ON TEXADA ISLAND
N/A	2021	June	3 Thompson-Nicola	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Cat	Complaint regarding individual live trapping cats and possibly poisoning them.	N/A	COMPLAINT REGARDING INDIVIDUAL LIVE TRAPPING CATS AND POSSIBLY POISONING THEM.
21-2896	2021	May	5 Cariboo	Unknown	Unknown	Private	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in bear trap at the end of their driveway.	Caller is reporting a dog is caught in the bear trap at the end of her driveway.	
21-0511	2021	April	7A Omineca Zone	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in leghold trap.	Advises that a domestic dog got caught in a leg hold trap at the above location. There's no ID marks on the trap so the owner is unknown. The Constable has the trap in his cruiser and is looking to liaise with a CO. 13:42 Briefed SCO McArthur	ERS 21-0511: DOMESTIC ANIMAL CAUGHT IN LEG HOLD TRAP
20-9074	2021	February	8 Okanagan	Leghold	Unknown	Crown	Dog	Caller advised that dog's foot got caught in trap along the main road.	Advises that their son and dog went out to Proctor Lake, and the dogs foot is trapped in a live foot trap along the main road. They are trying to get out there to get the dogs foot out. They were wondering if a CO would be able to assist them in any way. 13:24 CO Tanner Beck - briefed	COM REPORTING THAT HER SON'S DOG'S FOOT IS IN A TRAP THAT WAS SET ALONG THE ROAD.
20-9131	2021	February	7A Omineca Zone	Snare	Unknown	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in a snare trap.	s ?? s.22 - 15 Feb 2021 found at 1800 - Two snares set on crown land, one of which caught out dog. I have photos. - setting of snares, suspect other snares in the area.	ERS 20-9131 - UNLAWFUL TRAPS SET RESULTING IN DOMESTIC DOG BEING SNARED.
20-9155	2021	February	1 Vancouver Island	Unknown	Injury	Unknown	Cat	Report of cat caught in trap.	Caller is reporting a person has been leaving a trap out regularly to trap raccoons and when he does catch them he leaves them in there for a long time. Caller was unable to provide an exact location for the trap. Trap recently caught her neighbour's cat. Cat was not seriously injured and the trap was removed once the cat was removed from the trap by the owner of the trap. OO suggested caller report to SPCA and Bylaw Enforcement.	ERS 20-9155 REC'D @ 1552 HRS TRAP ANIMALS
20-8496	2021	January	6 Skeena	Leghold	Injury	Private	Dog	Report of dog caught in leghold trap on neighbouring property.	Reporting that over Christmas he was in the area and they went for a walk. His dog was caught in a leg hold trap on the neighbouring property. The dog is fine, limping for a few days. Caller would like a call back.	UNLAWFUL TRAPPING ON WARM BAY ROAD
20-8701	2021	January	7A Omineca Zone	Snare	Injury	Private	Dog	Caller advised that his dog came home with a snare around his neck.	COM states they live on a large property that his dog roams and yesterday his dog came home with a cable like snare around its neck. COM states his dog is okay. COM states they do not allow trapping on the property. COM approached his neighbours and one neighbour did allow trappers to trap wolves. COM states another neighbour that used to trap advised this trap is not for wolves and appears to be a trap to catch beavers. COM states the trap looks new but has been told by his neighbour it is an old system which may be illegal now. COM still has the trap **COM is requesting call from a CO.	ERS 20-8701: ILLEGAL TRAPPING.

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20-8881	2021	January	3 Thompson-Nicola	Unknown	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in trap along a road.	Someone has set traps along Tunkwa Lake Road. COM's dog became caught in one and is injured. COM would like a call back please. Is hoping there is no lasting damage to her dog.	DOMESTIC DOG CAUGHT IN KILLING SNARE
20-8736	2021	January	5 Cariboo	Unknown	Unknown	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in trap along a road.	COM advised that a member from their community had their dog caught in a makeshift trap along s.22 yesterday. Apparently CO Jared Connatty is responding to these trapping issues. COM would like contact with the COS regarding this incident.	ERS 20-8736 - COM ADVISED THAT A MEMBER FROM THEIR COMMUNITY HAD THEIR DOG CAUGHT IN A MAKESHIFT TRAP ALONG s.22 YESTERDAY.
20-8105	2020	December	2 Lower Mainland	Snare	Injury	Private	Dog	Report of dog caught in trap on neighbour's property	Email: cmeyers@spca.bc.ca City where the violation occurred: Surrey Did you observe the violation? No Wildlife Details of the violation: Dec 4, 2020, 1130 hours Type of Violation: Wildlife baiting and trapping using cable snare Description of the Suspect: suspect: unknown name/description Transport Involved: n/a - address is suspects home address, traps place on property Witnesses s.22 Additional Comments A complaint came to our BC SPCA Cruelty hotline that looks more in line with your enforcement concerns the details are below: "VM received at 12:29PM on December 4, 2020. t/c to COMP at 12:54PM on December 4, 2020. COMP is a concerned neighbour and owner of the animal. POI has several snare traps on their property s.22 s.22	
20-7998	2020	December	2 Lower Mainland	Unknown	Injury	Private	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in trap on the border to neighbour's property.	Caller advised that her neighbour has several coyote traps placed on the border of their property. The caller's dog was entangled in a trap. The caller's dog is alive, however is being taken to the vet as it ate some of the bait meat.	
20-8291	2020	December	4 Kootenay	Unknown	Injury	Unknown	Dog		Yesterday at 1630, callers guard dog(protects sheep) came back after 24 hrs of being gone(missing meal time). Dog came back with 4 puncture wounds in leg(photos to share) s.22 indicated caller to report to RAPP as the would suggests an illegal trap. Trapper must have removed trap from dog.	
20-7545	2020	November	7A Omineca Zone	Snare	Injury	Private	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap on neighbour's property.	Caller advised that he found his dog entangled in a snare trap on his neighbour's property (very close to his address). He is inquiring if there is a distance required for snare traps to be set from adjacent neighbour's/what the regulations are and if there is any repercussions that can be taken.	ERS 20-7545: SNARE TRAP ENTANGLED.
20-5992	2020	October	7A Omineca Zone	Unknown	Injury	Unknown	Cat	Caller advised that cat came home with a trap attached to its foot.	Caller advised that his cat came home last night with an animal trap stuck onto its foot. The caller spoke with his vet and believes this is an illegal trap. The caller still has the trap.	ILLEGAL TRAP
20-22275	2020	October	5 Cariboo	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Dog		Reporting that her dog got off the deck and is now stuck in the bear trap.	
N/A	2020	April	8 Okanagan	Leghold	Injury	Private	Cat		N/A	COM REPORTING THAT HER CAT CAME HOME WITH A LEG HOLD TRAP ON IT'S LEG. SHE LIVES IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN SUMMERLAND AND SHE IS WONDERING ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF LEG HOLD TRAPS.
20-0917	2020	April	1 Vancouver Island	Unknown	Injury	Private	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in leghold trap.	Dogs were sniffing in the dirt and then caller heard a sharp snap. Dog's leg was caught in a large trap. Caller was able to remove the leg from the trap. Dog's leg is not broken. Caller was able to carry out the trap. Caller has photos. 10:30 Briefed CO Gord Gudbranson	DOG CAUGHT IN WOLF TRAP DURING WALK ON PRIVATE LAND NEAR TRENT RIVER.

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20-0608	2020	April	2 Lower Mainland	Unknown	Injury	Unknown	Dog		COM advised that one of his goats was killed a year ago by a cougar, COS set a trap but his dog's foot got caught in it (dog ok). COM thinks its returned because he's now missing 3 geese and ducks, plus a large number of feathers were found yesterday near his pond (his brother observed).	
19-6711	2020	February	2 Lower Mainland	Snare	Injury	Private	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap between two farm fields.	COM calling to report that his dog was caught in a snare yesterday. He walks his dog along the dyke and it likes to go off the path and wander through the brush and bramble. COM states the snare was set back and between two fences for farmer's fields. He got the snare off his dogs neck and his dog is ok fortunately. but many people use this area for rec purposes. COM wants to discuss the rules and regulations. He expressed that it was likely set on private property (farmers field) but it's still in a concerning location. he dog was caught in a snare trap around his neck - hanging between the barbed wire fences between the farmers fields -	ERS 19-6711 REC'D @ 1301 HRS TRAP WITHOUT A LICENCE.
N/A	2019	November	4 Kootenay	Leghold	Injury	Unknown	Dog		N/A	DOMESTIC DOG CAUGHT IN LEG HOLD TRAP
19-17180	2019	September	5 Cariboo	Unknown	Injury	Unknown	Dog	Report of dog in cougar trap.	Advises that there is a dog in the cougar trap.	
19-1623	2019	June	2 Lower Mainland	Leghold	Injury	Unknown	Cat	Report of cat caught in leghold trap.	The COM's cat went missing for 3 days. Caller returned home after 3 days with a severe leg injury. Cat had been in a leg hold trap and eventually released by the unknown SUS(s). Caller unsure who is setting the trap??? Caller will give bylaw a call. 12:02 briefed on cell SCO Don Stahl - Chilliwack	ERS 19-1623 REC'D @ 1158 HRS TRAP WITHIN 200 M OF DWELLING ON LAND WITHOUT A LIVE BOX TRAP
19-6553	2019	June	2 Lower Mainland	Unknown	Injury	Private	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in a trap at neighbour's house.	Caller advised there is a dog that is caught in a trap at their neighbour's house that was set by CO Schoenthal. Advised they approached the trap however the dog was barking when they approached. Caller is not sure whose dog it is.	
19-0344	2019	April	2 Lower Mainland	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog trapped in leghold trap over night.	Reporting that his brother's dog was trapped in a leg hold trap all night. The trap was within the District of Lillooet. Caller wondering if this is legal? Caller would like further explanation of the regulations as this happened within the boundary. Caller felt that the CO was very non responsive when caller spoke with him earlier. He would like to speak with the SCOs supervisor for more details.	ERS 19-0344 - REPORTING THAT HIS BROTHER'S DOG WAS TRAPPED IN A LEG HOLD TRAP ALL NIGHT. THE TRAP WAS WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF LILLOOET.
18-25471	2019	March	8 Okanagan	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in leghold trap.	RCMP transferred COM through  he's desperate for help, his dog's leg is caught in a leghold trap on Grayback Mountain Road off of Reservoir Road.	
18-6773	2019	February	6 Skeena	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in beaver, leghold trap, 6 feet off of the logging road.	The COM was walking his dog in the above location when the dog got trapped in a beaver, leg hold trap. The dog is OK. The trap was set 6 feet off of the logging road. There was no flagging or warning signage. Area needs to be posted. Caller located a second trap also.	N/A
18-6734	2019	February	2 Lower Mainland	Unknown	Injury	Private	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in a trap.	Caller's dog got caught in a trap. Believes it is a coyote trap. Caller took the trap away. Caller simply reporting for information purposes to CO's.	ERS 18-6734 REC'D @ 1637 HRS UNLAWFULLY TRAP/INTERFERE WITH LAWFULLY SET TRAP
18-6344	2019	January	6 Skeena	Unknown	Death	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in lynx trap baited with chicken. Trap reported to have been set up close to the road and without warning signs.	Details of the violation I am messaging you regarding a trap line(bc wildlife trap)in Houston that has unfortunately killed my friends dog. Location was at s. 22 On Dec. 24, it was the second day that my friend's dog has been missing. Her and I went snowshoeing looking for her dog and I was the first to find her dog in a lynx trap baited with chicken which killed her (dog's head snapped); nearby was a mink or weasel trap that was on a tree. We were lucky that my friends uncle was on the Rd checking on us and was able to come help get the dog out of the trap. The time the dog never came back was around 10:30 AM on Dec 22. We found her around 3 pm on Dec. 24. Additional Comments We are curious if the trapper is following all rules. We found the trap was near a pull out and close to the Rd with no signs warning us of the trap line in the area. We feel that the trap should of been further in the bushes and that there should of been a sign at the pull out to let people know of the trap line so it doesn't happen again to someone else's dog. She took some pictures of the dog in the trap too. You can contact her about those. Thankyou for taking the time to read this.	ERS 18-6344 REPORT OF DOG KILLED IN TRAP. OWNER WANTS TO SEE IF TRAPPER COMMITTED ANY OFFENCES.
18-6096	2018	December	7B Peace Zone	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap while on a walk.	Reporting that a local resident was walking her dog earlier today when it got caught in a snare trap. The resident was able to free her dog. The resident reported to a friend who then contacted COM to advise of this. COM stated he spoke with a local CO who requested he contact RAPP to generate a report. COM and RCMP attended and took photos which can be provided upon request.	N/A

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18-5339	2018	November	4 Kootenay	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog who's paw got caught in leghold trap while roaming.	On Sunday morning, COM let her dog outside and it freely roamed for 5+ hours in the community. Her dog returned hours later with a leg hold trap on it's paw. She had to take it to the vet and it is currently on antibiotics. She just returned from a meeting with the local CO. OO explained that as a domestic animal owner, she has the responsibility of keeping her pet safe and allowing it to roam at large is taking a risk etc.	ERS 18-5339 COM LET HER DOG ROAM FOR OVER FIVE HOURS AND IT CAME BACK WITH A LEG HOLD TRAP ON IT
18-5665	2018	November	5 Cariboo	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog got caught in neck snare while on a walk.	I often walk my two dogs at this s.?? and don't keep them on leash s.?? tips in and out of the bushes lining the creeks to follow scents as they're wont to do. On the morning of Saturday Nov 17th we were at the far end of the acreage close to s.??, he disappeared and I couldn't find him. I called s.?? to help look and eventually we located him at one of the houses s.?? he had been caught in a neck snare and had been intermittently howling. The woman was able to locate him with the help of her dog and led him to her home. She wasn't able to cut the snare off, my husband did and we have kept it. The next day I searched and found the location of the neck snare. There was a second one set at the same site which I took pictures of and then disabled. There are carcasses of at least three animals at the site - I believe they're all coyotes. I took many pictures. The woman wasn't sure if the second snare was there when she rescued our dog or if it had been set since. To my knowledge it is against the law to set snare traps inside city limits. s.?? a popular spot for people to walk their dogs, and there are rabbits and squirrels in the thickets. The location of these snares were not far off one of the walking trails and close to s.?? What if a child had gotten caught - would they know what to do? s.?? had a similar incident s.?? apparently there is a legal trapline in the area. The dog survived and it was reported to the C.O.	N/A
18-5754	2018	November	4 Kootenay	Unknown	Death	Crown	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in a trap near the road.	Advises that her dog went off the trail about a meter and got stuck in a trap. The caller watched her dog died. The caller is very freaked out and wants to catch the person who set this trap so close to the road.	N/A
18-5761	2018	November	4 Kootenay	Unknown	Death	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in trap, another dog was still missing.	Caller advised that he is a licensed wildlife trapper and has several traps placed near the above location. Yesterday he was notified that an individual's dog was caught and killed in one of his traps while walking nearby. The individual is quite upset at the caller and advised their second dog is missing and they are concerned it is in a different trap in the area. The caller has provided the individual with the locations of his other traps but is looking for COS guidance on how to proceed.	N/A
18-1964	2018	July	2 Lower Mainland	Snare	Death	Crown	Dog	Report of 2 dogs caught in snares along a road.	Caller advise snares are being set along a road near her in-law's property. Two dogs have been caught in the snares, one of which survived and the other died. The snares that they were caught in were about s.?? Caller's husband has pictures of the snare and the dog that died. Caller advised back in mid May, when there was a large wildfire in the area, the fire department reported snares in the forest that had caught a cougar, coyote, and a wolf (4 snares set around a piece of meat). Another neighbour found a dead wolf on the side of the road that appeared to have been caught in a snare as well. Caller thinks it may be an active deer hunter from Pemberton that is setting the snares and mentioned he has a website. Caller was also wondering if people are able to go around in ATV's shooting animals? (Her in-law's saw a Grizzly Bear that was shot a while back)	COM REPORTED TO SGT. BUTCHER ABOUT A TRAP LINE SET NEAR A FIRE PERIMETER OF XUSUM FIRE. ERS#18-1964 - CALLER ADVISE SNARES ARE BEING SET ALONG A ROAD NEAR HER IN-LAW'S PROPERTY. TWO DOGS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE SNARES, ONE OF WHICH SURVIVED AND THE OTHER DIED.

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17-7868	2018	March	2 Lower Mainland	Snare	Death	Crown	Dog	Report of 2 dogs caught in wire snares.	COM calling to report that two of his dogs were caught in wire snares around 14:00 hrs on Sunday. Someone set up a trap line only feet from the edge of the public road with no signage or anything. Four wire snares were set around a hanging piece of meat. COM found his dogs yesterday while riding horseback as he had a visual advantage. One of his dogs is dead and the other he was able to free and seems to be recovering. COM lives off grid and borrowed a phone to file a report. He is devastated at the loss of his dog and doesn't believe this is a legal trapline. He was hoping a CO would be able to attend his property or at least attempt to contact him through the following email address to discuss the legalities and whether something can be done or not (belongs to someone else who lives on the property):	COM CALLING TO REPORT THAT TWO OF HIS DOGS WERE CAUGHT IN WIRE SNARES; ONE OF WHOM SUCCUMBED TO THE INJURIES. HE IS QUESTIONING THE LEGALITY OF THE TRAP LINE.
FLNRO	2018	February	1 Vancouver Island	Leghold	Injury	Unknown	Dog	Report of dogs caught in foothold traps.	N/A	DOGS CAUGHT IN FOOT HOLD TRAPS
17-7454	2018	February	6 Skeena	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog stuck in wire.	Advised there are heavy gauges wires set up all over the place to attempt to catch wild animals. Caller stated on Jan 27th her dog walker was walking the COMs dog when the lab got stuck in wire that ripped apart its sides. Caller stated her dog needed 2 hour long surgery. The local vet also stated there have been a number of similar accidents as multiple dogs came in after getting caught in wire.	ERS 17-7454 TRAPS SET UP IN THE FOREST TO CATCH WILDLIFE ON TERRACE MOUNTAIN. DOGS BEING CAUGHT AND INJURED ON WIRES.
17-7265	2018	January	2 Lower Mainland	Unknown	Injury	Private	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught in bear trap believed to be set up by the neighbour.	Advised the COM's dog was caught in a bear trap set by the neighbour. The dog was released from the trap but the COM does not believe this trap was set by the COS.	ALLEGED UNLAWFUL TRAPPING ACTIVITY IN CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE. VIOLATION TYPE: WILDLIFE ERS 17-7265 OFFENSE WITNESSED: UNOFFICIAL BEAR TRAP OFFENSE LOCATION: NEXT DOOR TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS DETAILS: ADVISED THE COM'S DOG WAS CAUGHT IN A BEAR TRAP SET BY THE NEIGHBOUR. THE DOG WAS RELEASED FROM THE TRAP BUT THE COM DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS TRAP WAS SET BY THE COS.
17-7121	2018	January	7A Omineca Zone	Unknown	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of a dog caught in bear trap near trail while on a walk.	Advised they had been walking on a trail at the above location, there was a smoldering pile next to the trail, and what they found were moose remains. Their dog unfortunately walked into one of the bear traps. Caller found a camera hooked on a tree and took the memory card. Also took photos of the trap. Hasn't looked at the memory card yet and would like to meet a CO to drop it off.	ERS 17-7121: DOG CAUGHT IN WILDLIFE TRAP.
17-6803	2017	December	5 Cariboo	Unknown	Injury	Crown	Dog	Caller reports that his dog's front claw got caught in trap set about 0.5 metres from the edge of the road.	Caller reports that there is a trap on the side of the road and his dog tripped it catching his front claw this morning. The trap was about .5 metre from the edge of the road. Caller tried phoning COS direct and got a busy signal.	ERS#17-6803 - CALLER REPORTS THAT THERE IS A TRAP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND HIS DOG TRIPPED IT CATCHING HIS FRONT CLAW THIS MORNING. THE TRAP WAS ABOUT .5 METRE FROM THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.
17-6288	2017	November	3 Thompson-Nicola	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap while owner was fishing.	Advised he was fishing on the riverbank at the above location when their dog was caught in a snare trap next to a bait pile of fat and meat cut up. They got the dog out of the trap. Unknown who set it.	COM ADVISED HE WAS FISHING ON THE RIVERBANK AT THE ABOVE LOCATION WHEN THEIR DOG WAS CAUGHT IN A SNARE TRAP NEXT TO A BAIT PILE OF FAT AND MEAT CUT UP.
FLNRO	2017	November	3 Thompson-Nicola	Unknown	Death	Unknown	Dog	Report of dog killed in wildlife trap.	N/A	A FLNRO WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST WAS CONTACTED BY A GUY REPORTING HIS DOG HAD BEEN KILLED IN A WILDLIFE TRAP.
17-5166	2017	September	4 Kootenay	Unknown	Death	Unknown	Dog	Caller reported an individual who claimed to have killed a dog when setting bear traps.	An Individual Castlegar, bc, told caller that he had a problem grizzly bear because the COS would not deal with it. He stated that he was going to sit out tonight and try and shoot it. he also said that he has killed a local dog in the past when he set bear traps to catch them. He further claimed that it would be the third grizzly he has shot this year. s.22	AN INDIVIDUAL CASTLEGAR, BC TOLD CALLER THAT HE HAD A PROBLEM GRIZZLY BEAR BECAUSE THE COS WOULD NOT DEAL WITH IT. HE STATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO SIT OUT TONIGHT AND TRY AND SHOOT IT. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS KILLED A LOCAL DOG IN THE PAST WHEN HE SET BEAR TRAPS TO CATCH THEM. HE FURTHER CLAIMED THAT IT WOULD BE THE THIRD GRIZZLY HE HAS SHOT THIS YEAR. s.22
N/A	2017	June	4 Kootenay	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in neck snare.	N/A	COM STOPPED IN AT OFFICE TO REPORT THAT FEW DAYS PRIOR WHILE CAMPING, THEIR DOG WAS CAUGHT AROUND THE NECK IN A SNARE. DOG WAS FREED AND SURVIVED. COM THEN SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 OTHER SET SNARE THAT HE DEACTIVATED. HE FOUND A FEW SKELETONS AND MANY SUPPORT WIRES FASTENED TO TREES TO HOLD SNARES IN POSITION. COM FEELS ILLEGAL TRAPPING TAKING PLACE. COS TO INVESTIGATE.

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17-1569	2017	June	5 Cariboo	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Caller advised that a dog got caught in beaver trap.	Advises that a dog was caught in the snare today.	ERS 17-1569 - ADVISES THAT A DOG WAS CAUGHT IN THE SNARE TODAY. IT IS A BEAVER TRAP THAT HAD BAIT SET IN IT JUST BEFORE THE BRIDGE ON COULTHARD ROAD
17-0343	2017	April	7A Omineca Zone	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Caller stated that dog got caught in leghold trap near a camp fire pit.	Callers dog got caught in a leg hold trap and the caller has destroyed it. Caller refused to give his name as he doesn't trust the COS.	ERS 17-0343; UNLAWFUL TRAPPING s.22
17-0349	2017	April	7A Omineca Zone	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in leghold trap while on a walk.	Advised the dog owner was walking his dog at the above location when the dog became caught in a kona bear leghold trap. Unknown condition of dog. Caller called and left message with him at 09:28.	N/A
16-6388	2017	February	5 Cariboo	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in leghold trap while on a walk.	COM advised while walking her dog late this morning, her dog became caught in a leg hold trap. COM called a friend/neighbour who was able to come up and pry the trap open to release her dog which is not injured and will not be requiring vet assistance. COM stated that she walks the trail frequently and the trap was not there 2 days ago. COM would like a follow up call back.	ERS 16-6388 - COM ADVISED WHILE WALKING HER DOG LATE THIS MORNING, HER DOG BECAME CAUGHT IN A LEG HOLD TRAP. COM CALLED A FRIEND/NEIGHBOUR WHO WAS ABLE TO COME UP AND PRY THE TRAP OPEN TO RELEASE HER DOG WHICH IS NOT INJURED AND WILL NOT BE REQUIRING VET ASSISTANCE. COM STATED THAT SHE WALKS THE TRAIL FREQUENTLY AND THE TRAP WAS NOT THERE 2 DAYS AGO. COM WOULD LIKE A FOLLOW UP CALL BACK.
N/A	2017	February	4 Kootenay	Snare	Death	Private	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap set up on private property without permission.		ACCIDENTALLY CAUGHT A DOG IN SNARE ON IN HIS TRAPLINE TR0408T006 ON PRIVATE PROPERTY W/O PERMISSION AND DOG DIED; WAS CHARGED PREVIOUSLY ON SIMILAR OFFENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A STATEMENT ON THIS OCCURRENCE.
N/A	2017	January	7A Omineca Zone	Unknown	Unknown	Private	Dog	Complainant reported neighbour who is trapping in residential area and has caught dogs.		COMPLAINANT REPORTS NEIGHBOR TRAPPING IN RESIDENTIAL AREA. SOC HAS CAUGHT LOCAL DOMESTIC DOGS AND IS ATTRACTING WILDLIFE TO THE AREA. SOC IS LIKELY TRAPPING WITHOUT A LICENCE.
16-5610	2016	December	7B Peace Zone	Leghold	Death	Private	Dog	Report of dog caught in a trap on dog owner's property. Dog had to be put down.	COM reporting an illegal trap that was set on her property. Her dog got caught in it last Monday and they ended up having to put the dog down. It was along the walking path that borders her property. COM doesn't have any idea of who it might have been that put the trap there.	ERS 16-5610 COM REPORTED THEIR DOG GOT CAUGHT IN A TRAP LAST MONDAY AND THEY HAD TO PUT THE DOG DOWN. TRAP WAS ALONG THE WALKING PATH THAT BORDERS COM'S PROPERTY. CONCLUDED - UNFOUNDED
16-5570	2016	December	6 Skeena	Unknown	Injury	Crown	Dog	Dog owner advised that she came across another dog caught in a trap. After releasing it, one of her own dogs happened to get caught as well.	Advised that while walking in the above location last night, came across a trap line with a dog trapped in it. COM was able to release the dog and one of her dogs happen to get caught. Both dogs were in shock but appeared to be unharmed. COM would like to know if she has the right to go and remove the trap line as she feels it's an illegal trap line. COM would like a call back as she is planning on going into the area at lunch time today.	ERS REPORT OF DOG CAUGHT IN TRAPLINE SET UP OFF LAKE TRAIL
16-4891	2016	November	4 Kootenay	Unknown	Death	Crown	Dog	Caller advised that dog got caught and died in a trap not far off the road while on a walk.	Caller was walking her dog on the road, the dog was just caught and killed in a trap not far off the road. Caller does not see any indication of a trapline in the area, and she is not able to remove the dog from the trap.	ERS 16-4891 CALLER WAS WALKING HER DOG ON THE ROAD, THE DOG WAS JUST CAUGHT AND KILLED IN A TRAP NOT FAR OFF THE ROAD. CALLER DOES NOT SEE ANY INDICATION OF A TRAPLINE IN THE AREA, AND SHE IS NOT ABLE TO REMOVE THE DOG FROM THE TRAP.
N/A	2016	April	7B Peace Zone	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in neck snare.		COMPLAINANT REPORTED TO COS WHILE WALKING DOG ALONG A MUNICIPAL TRAIL DOG WENT MISSING. COMPLAINANT FOUND DOG IN NECK SNARE (DOG WAS UNINJURED). ADDENDUM: CO ATTENDED SITE - NO OTHER SNARES WERE LOCATED. ADDITIONAL INFO, OF SNARES SET ELSEWHERE IS BEING FOLLOWED UP. REGISTERED TRAP LINE HOLDER CONTACTED AND ADAMANT NOT THEIRS AND LIKELY GIVEN SET AND EQUIPMENT IT APPEARS TO BE AN OPPORTUNISTIC PERSON. RCMP AND CITY BYLAW OFFICERS ADVISED AS WELL.
15-7133	2016	March	5 Cariboo	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Caller stated that two dogs got caught in snare traps along the pipeline.	Caller stated that her two dogs got caught in snares set along the pipeline yesterday.	ERS 15-7133 - CALLER STATED THAT HER TWO DOGS GOT CAUGHT IN SNARES SET ALONG THE PIPELINE YESTERDAY.

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15-7069	2016	March	7A Omineca Zone	Snare	Unknown	Crown	Dog	Report of two missing dogs, one came back with half of a snare trap around its neck. The other dog was still missing.	COM advised that yesterday, his 2 dogs went missing. Last night around midnight prior to leaving for work, the one dog returned and had 1/2 of a snare around its neck and may not survive. The other dog is still missing. COM is requesting a follow up call back from a CO. COM also wanted it noted that he lives on s.22	ERS 15-7069: POSSIBLE ILLEGAL TRAP LINE.
15-6928	2016	February	1 Vancouver Island	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in leghold trap.	RCMP received a report from individual that her dog got caught in a leghold trap at the above location. He is hoping to talk with a CO to determine what charges if any can be applied to this incident.	FILE TRANSFERRED FROM CST HOBBS RCMP CALLED ECC TO REPORT RECEIVING A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REPORTED HER DOG GETTING CAUGHT IN A LEGHOLD TRAP.
15-6830	2016	February	6 Skeena	Unknown	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog who's foot got caught in trap.	Wanted to report that someone has been setting up wildlife traps close to the Reserve s.22 r's dog got trapped in one late Sunday night. She's not sure what kind of a trap it is, but a relative told her they're the kind used to trap wolves. The dog's foot was caught in it. 0840 emailed CO.	ERS 15-6830 REPORT OF TRAP CATCHING A DOG NEAR A RESIDENCE ON THE LBN RESERVE.
15-6510	2016	January	5 Cariboo	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught by the neck in a snare while out with owner who was cutting firewood.	COM reports that while out cutting firewood today at above location, his dog was caught by the neck in a snare. Caller found about 12 snares in total in the general area and has brought them out with him. The snares were all made from cable and there were a couple of badly decomposed and predated carcasses in some of the snares. Caller did not think the line had been tended to for a long time as one contained just the spine of a small animal and another just a paw.	ERS 15-6510 - COM REPORTS THAT WHILE OUT CUTTING FIREWOOD TODAY AT ABOVE LOCATION, HIS DOG WAS CAUGHT BY THE NECK IN A SNARE. CALLER FOUND ABOUT 12 SNARES IN TOTAL IN THE GENERAL AREA AND HAS BROUGHT THEM OUT WITH HIM. THE SNARES WERE ALL MADE FROM CABLE AND THERE WERE A COUPLE OF BADLY DECOMPOSED AND PREDATED CARCASSES IN SOME OF THE SNARES. CALLER DID NOT THINK THE LINE HAD BEEN TENDED TO FOR A LONG TIME AS ONE CONTAINED JUST THE SPINE OF A SMALL ANIMAL AND ANOTHER JUST A PAW.
15-6381	2016	January	7B Peace Zone	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare set while on a walk.	COM reports while walking his dog today at above location the dog got into a snare set. Caller was able to free his dog but was surprised to see a trap in that area as it was public access.	ERS 15-6381 COM REPORTED WHILE WALKING THE DOG, THE DOG GOT INTO A SNARE SET. COM WAS ABLE TO FREE DOG.
15-5440	2015	November	4 Kootenay	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of neighbour snaring and trapping coyotes. Caller's son's dog came home with a snare around the neck.	Reporting that the neighbour is snaring and trapping coyotes. Caller's son's dog came home with a snare around its neck. The neighbour is mad because the coyotes have killed his dog so he is setting traps with bait to catch the coyotes. He has tried to use poison in the past. Caller thinks he had a trappers license at one point but thinks he should be telling the neighbours what he is doing. Caller feels that if he is identified there will be retaliation - please keep their names from the SOC.	REPORTING THAT THE NEIGHBOUR IS SNAING AND TRAPPING COYOTES. CALLER'S SON'S DOG CAME HOME WITH A SNARE AROUND ITS NECK. THE NEIGHBOUR IS MAD BECAUSE THE COYOTES HAVE KILLED HIS DOG SO HE IS SETTING TRAPS WITH BAIT TO CATCH THE COYOTES. HE HAS TRIED TO USE POISON IN THE PAST. CALLER THINKS HE HAD A TRAPPERS LICENSE AT ONE POINT BUT THINKS HE SHOULD BE TELLING THE NEIGHBOURS WHAT HE IS DOING. CALLER FEELS THAT IF HE IS IDENTIFIED THERE WILL BE RETALIATION - PLEASE KEEP THEIR NAMES FROM THE SOC.
N/A	2015	November	5 Cariboo	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap which was wired to a tree.		N/A
15-5542	2015	November	7B Peace Zone	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in wolfsnare in a ditch while running with owner.	Yesterday about 2130 while running her dog got caught in wolf snare in the ditch. The snare trapped the dog around his neck but survived.	ERS 15-5542 COM REPORTED THEIR DOG GOT CAUGHT IN A WOLF SNARE IN THE DITCH YESTERDAY. SNARE TRAPPED THE DOG AROUND THE NECK BUT SURVIVED.
15-4996	2015	October	7A Omineca Zone	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in a snare set. Several other snares, bait and a leghold trap in the same area.	COM reports her dog was caught this afternoon in a snare set at above location. The caller also found several other snares, bait and a leg hold trap in the same area. Caller advised the sets are within 150 m of a residence and inside city limits. Caller has disarmed all the traps.	ERS 15-4996: ILLEGAL TRAPPING.
15-0128	2015	April	5 Cariboo	Leghold	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of a dog that walked into leghold trap while on a walk.	COM reports that while walking her dog today at the above location her dog walked into a leghold trap 6 feet off the road. Caller is very concerned that trapping is going on near a walking area advertised in all the tourist books. She would like to talk to a CO about the regulations regarding this incident.	ERS 15-0128 - POSSIBLE TRAPPING VIOLATIONS - COM REPORTS THAT WHILE WALKING HER DOG TODAY AT THE ABOVE LOCATION HER DOG WALKED INTO A LEGHOLD TRAP 6 FEET OFF THE ROAD. CALLER IS VERY CONCERNED THAT TRAPPING IS GOING ON NEAR A WALKING AREA ADVERTISED IN ALL THE TOURIST BOOKS. SHE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO A CO ABOUT THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.
N/A	2015	April	7B Peace Zone	Unknown	Death	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught and killed in beaver trap.		N/A
										WALK IN REPORT OF A DOG BEING CAUGHT AND KILLED IN A BEAVER TRAP IN THE CROWN SUBDIVISION IN CHETWYND

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N/A	2015	February	5 Cariboo	Snare	Injury	Crown	Dog	Report of dog caught in snare trap around 5-10 meters off a well used road.	N/A	COM ATTENDS WL COS OFFICE TO ADVISE WHILE SNOW SHOEING WITH FRIENDS TODAY AROUND 10:30, HIS SMALL DOG WAS CAUGHT IN A SNARE 5-10 METERS OFF A WELL USED TRAIL. HE WAS ABLE TO RELEASE HIS DOG UNHARMED, OTHERS IN THE GROUP NOTED ANOTHER SNARE AND BAIT BOX IN AREA WITH NOTHING IN THEM BUT IN SAME GENERAL AREA. COM BROUGHT SNARE IN FOR COS, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF TRAPPING IN THIS AREA IS LEGAL.
14-5305	2015	February	7A Omineca Zone	Unknown	Injury	Crown	Dog	Caller advised that his dog got caught in a trap while on a walk.	Advised he was walking his dog when it got caught in a trap at the above location. He shot the trap to get it off his dog and so it didnt kill any other animals.	ERS #14-5305 OFFENSE DETAILS: ADVISED HE WAS WALKING HIS DOG WHEN IT GOT CAUGHT IN A TRAP AT THE ABOVE LOCATION. HE SHOT THE TRAP TO GET IT OFF HIS DOG AND SO IT DIDNT KILL ANY OTHER ANIMALS.