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## Advocates offer reward in cat-trapping case

\$1,000 on the table for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for cruel act

**SASKATOON** - No animal should suffer in the grip of a leg-hold trap and The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (APFA) is willing to back that up with a plan.

When news broke of a cat found in an illegal leg-hold trap, APFA immediately contacted the Saskatoon SPCA and the City of Saskatoon to offer assistance.

"We are prepared to offer \$1,000 to anyone who can provide information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this act of cruelty," says APFA spokesman and Wildlife Conflict Manager Adrian Nelson. "This kind of horrific incident is entirely preventable and there is no excuse for setting such a dangerous device in a public park."

While the toothed model of trap seen in images from the incident are illegal, other leg-hold traps are still legal – and commonly used – across Canada, Nelson notes.

"The City of Saskatoon can issue an ordinance to outright ban the use of body-gripping, Conibear or snare-type traps in their areas," Nelson says. "The use of these traps is a cruel, outdated method of attempting to control wildlife populations. It is entirely unnecessary when modern co-existence methods are explored, and we're willing to offer whatever support the City may accept."