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Family cat caught in leg-hold trap

Minister Steve Thomson continues to ignore plight of animals

VANCOUVER – A family cat was one of the lucky few who wasn't maimed or killed by a leg-hold trap in Penticton last week. But a national wildlife protection group is continuing their call on Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Steve Thomson to take action on the alarming trend of animals being caught in these inherently inhumane devices.

"It fills us with dread every time we see another headline about a beloved pet or a wild animal caught in one of these horrific traps," says Adrian Nelson, manager of wildlife conflict for The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (The Fur-Bearers). "Several municipalities across British Columbia have stated they want to ban traps in their borders, and we've made several reasonable requests for updates to existing laws. But the Minister has refused to discuss any of these important items. It's time for that to change."

Leg-hold traps, which many residents believe have been banned, are still legally used – even outside of traditional trapping seasons. Each year, untold numbers of family pets are maimed or killed – and hundreds of thousands of wild animals are killed in their cruel grasps.

"We want to know why the Minister is hiding from this issue – and we want him to know we, and the hundreds of thousands of voting citizens represented by these municipalities and our membership, will not stop asking."

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