



THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
**PROTECTION**  
of Fur-Bearing Animals

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Dear Manager,

As an animal lover and local resident, I am providing you this letter in hopes that you may alter the way certain products are sold in your establishment.

Snap and glue traps are sold for a relatively low cost to thousands of consumers in British Columbia every day.

These devices are sold without any warning of their potentially devastating impact on non-target wildlife. As they are simple mechanisms, they are unable to differentiate between species or recognize what part of an animal is in their grasp. Snap traps can cause broken bones, loss of limbs and other horrendous injuries. Glue traps leave animals desperate to escape – it is not unusual to see paws left on the trap and the animal gone. In both types, animals can be left for days – or longer – while they struggle and slowly die of injuries or dehydration.

These devices cause slow, indiscriminate and painful deaths. They are unnecessary. Across British Columbia, traps like this one are sold without proper information being given to consumers. They are told that these traps are effective and affordable – and that's about it.

Please consider not selling them - or at least providing the full details of the potential consequences consumers will face when they are used.

The image attached to this letter is disturbing, I know. But it is the result of someone placing a rat trap without understanding the potential results. This squirrel had its jaw crushed, creating multiple fractures. He was found, fortunately, before other injuries or a slower death could occur. He was humanely euthanized by wildlife rehabilitators.

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals has supplied this information and is happy to work with you to offer solutions.

Sincerely,