

DANGERS & CRUELTIES OF TRAPPING IN VERMONT



Four Senators on the VT Natural Resource & Energy Committee can take testimony on S.201: Ban on Leg Hold Traps, joining 85 other countries and several states.

Trapping is currently in 'season' and various animals, including dogs and cats, are right now trapped, experiencing horrific pain and torment.

Common means of killing animals are stomping on the neck until dead or bludgeoning, thus protecting the fur.

A former trapper once said one of the worst thing for the animal was when he approached, was the look of terror in their eyes, knowing there was no escape. (Lawrence Curtis, formerly of Woodstock, VT) Mr. Curtis testified at the State House to ban these traps – over 25 years ago. These tortuous devices are still used today.

An incident was reported in Windsor, VT where two traps were set in a riverbank. One held a mother raccoon who drowned, next to her was her baby daughter. Before the daughter died, she tried chewing off her leg. Next to them swam a duck and her ten ducklings, likely to be next. (Photo: www.vvsahs.org)

Imagine your fingers slammed in a car door. For hours, possibly days, you suffer, until killed. Animals feel pain & torment. Never would we do this to our animals - there is no difference.

One VT Senator asked, "What is the acceptable level of misery?" The answer is, none.

Thank you Senator Brian Campion (BENNINGTON CTY) for being on this Committee. Legislators need to know what bills are important to hear testimony on and pass out of their Committee. bcampion@leg.state.vt.us

Contact legislators asking them to take testimony. S.201 is important for the safety of animals & people!

