

## DID YOU KNOW?

A person shall not interfere with lawful trapping by tampering with traps or any other thing used for trapping.

*Statutes of Ontario, 1997 CH. 41, S. 13.1(1)  
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.*

### Reasons why trapping is beneficial to society

There are many advantages and positive outcomes that are associated with trapping. These include:

Reducing the risk of spreading diseases or parasites such as rabies or sarcoptic mange;

Reducing predation problems on livestock, pets, and other animals;

Limiting damages to private and public infrastructures such as flooding from beavers or drains clogged by muskrats in municipal ditches and agricultural damage to crops.

Maintaining a traditional activity and an economy based on a natural and renewable resource.



For more information

Do not hesitate to contact our organization for more information:



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## SHARING THE LAND WITH TRAPPERS, HIKERS, RECREATIONALISTS AND PETS





While with your dog outdoors, you may be tempted to take its leash off and give it some freedom to roam around. This could be dangerous to your pet as it could be exposed to potential dangers depending on the environment and area:

Your pet could be hurt or attacked by another animal;

Your pet may contract or spread diseases;

Your pet could be mistaken for a wild animal by others;

Your pet may be caught in a lawfully set trap or be accidentally shot.

In most municipalities and on crown land it is illegal to let your dog run off leash. Also, if not under your control and protection, your dog may feel threatened which could lead to an attack on a human or another animal.

## How to keep your dog safe?

### 1. PRIMARY PREVENTION IS TO KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH AND WITHIN EYESIGHT;

2. Make sure you are aware of who owns the land you are walking on and if they have granted permission to hunters or trappers;
3. Visit web pages to learn about periods and seasons of trapping and hunting, as well as methods on how to release a dog from a trap or snare:  
[www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en) – MNR  
[www.furmanagers.com](http://www.furmanagers.com) – Ontario Fur Managers Federation  
[www.pets.ftgq.qc.ca](http://www.pets.ftgq.qc.ca) – FTGQ  
<http://www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/english/publications/online/wildlife/trapping-regulations/> – Québec
4. For hunting dogs, a high-visibility dog vest and tracking collar are recommended.

*More at risk* — Towards the months of October through April, hunters and trappers are very active and weather is favorable. Be more alert during this time of the year.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There are more than 5000 dog bites reported in Ontario each year. In fact, 42 dog bites occur every hour in Canada.

## IS TRAPPING STILL ALLOWED THESE DAYS?

Yes, trapping is legal and is still carried out in all parts of Ontario, both in urban and rural areas. Nowadays, trapping is regulated to ensure humane action is taken without cruelty to animals.

To get a trapping license in our province, one must take a **40 hour mandatory course** which teaches future trappers to learn safe, humane and selective trapping techniques.

Greatly evolved over the centuries, trapping equipment such as traps, snares and cages are not only used for regular trapping but for wildlife research or to control predating and nuisance animals.

