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Trap causes horrific injury to beloved pet

Wildlife protection group offers reward if trap deemed illegal

VANCOUVER – An 8-month-old cat is losing his leg due to grievous injuries caused by a trap near Lumby, British Columbia, and The Fur-Bearers are putting money on the line to find out what happened.

The national wildlife protection group learned of the injuries Monday morning after being directed to a GoFundMe page for Bruce, who was found in a bush near his home after escaping some type of a trap.

“It’s disturbingly common for us to hear about beloved pets being injured in horrific ways by traps in British Columbia,” says Adrian Nelson, spokesperson for The Fur-Bearers. “Due to the nature of traps and trapping laws, we can’t know many things about this incident unless individuals come forward to help identify the person or persons responsible.”

The incident took place in a community not far from Vernon, where the municipality has long-requested the authority to manage traps in their own borders. To date, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources Operations has not given them permission to prevent such disastrous occurrences. In fact, FLNRO noted in a briefing note revealed through a Freedom of Information Act request that more than 85 pets were caught in traps from 2003 to 2013 – and that the number was likely much higher.

Bruce’s family have offered a \$100 reward for information – and The Fur-Bearers are stepping that up. Anyone with information that leads to the identification and conviction of the person(s) responsible for setting this trap will be the recipient of a \$1,000 reward. Those with information regarding this incident should contact the BC SPCA at 1-855-622-7722.

A GoFundMe page to help pay for the expensive medical procedures and care Bruce will now require is available at <https://www.gofundme.com/2jqpubw>.

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Photos are available upon request.

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