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## Protect families and pets with trapping policy updates

*Non-profit suggests setbacks, signage, to prevent more tragic losses*

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The horrifying story of a beloved family pet dying in a snare only 10 feet from the side of a road near Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland, could have been prevented with common sense upgrades to trapping policies, says a national non-profit.

“This is not the first time a dog was killed by a snare or trap in Newfoundland, nor will it be the last,” says Michael Howie, spokesperson for The Fur-Bearers. “We are advocating for an immediate change in trapping policies to reflect common sense upgrades that will help keep families and pets safe.”

The Fur-Bearers, who advocate for co-existing with wildlife through non-lethal means, suggest simple measures such as increased setbacks from trails or roads, and signage warning walkers or pet owners of traps in the area will go a long way in preventing these incidents.

“The only way to protect families from these barbaric devices, short of finally getting rid of them, is to give people an abundance of information so they can actively take precautions to reduce their personal risks,” Howie says. “No family should have to watch their beloved pets suffer or die due to poor policy, or a lack of courage to change that policy.”

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The Fur-Bearers, formed in 1953, is a national non-profit society based in Vancouver that advocates for fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement, as well as co-existence with wildlife through education. In 2014 they helped provide funds for extensive veterinary treatment for Bella, a dog who was injured by a leg-hold trap in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

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