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RICHMOND – A wildlife non-profit is reminding residents that the use of traps can lead to a great deal of suffering for domestic and wild animals and won't solve issues related to conflict.

Critter Care Wildlife Society reported to The Fur-Bearers that on October 16th they met with Richmond RCMP officers who had found a young raccoon hanging upside down from a fence, stuck to a leg-hold trap.

“The trap was clearly on the young raccoon for some time, and the only thing holding his foot onto his body was skin,” explains Adrian Nelson of The Fur-Bearers. “He had clearly tried to escape from the trap with traumatic results.”

While leg-hold traps are legal for licensed trappers to place, The Fur-Bearers notes that these traps can be purchased easily online by anyone and are often found at garage sales.

“The use of traps can be exceptionally dangerous not just for the targeted animal, but for any creature, including domestic cats and dogs or even children, who happen across the trap,” Nelson says. “We advise anyone experiencing wildlife conflict to contact a reputable humane wildlife removal company, such as those certified through the BC SPCA’s AnimalKind program. The use of traps like these will just lead to suffering.”

Unfortunately, this young raccoon was humanely euthanized due to the extent of their injuries.

Anyone with information on who set these traps is asked to contact the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277 or Richmond RCMP at 604-278-1212. Anonymous tips can be provided via Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips for residents to co-exist with wildlife can be found at TheFurBearers.com.

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The Fur-Bearers is a non-profit organization founded in 1953 that advocates on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement and works with communities to co-exist with wildlife through policy, education, and in-field solutions.

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