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Roxann B Borisch

From: Elizabeth <elizabeth.watts@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 3:56 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Death of black lab D2

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I am writing about the tragic death of D2--the loving black lab who died in an instant kill trap while on an outing at a park near Eugene.

If Oregon laws and regulations were written to protect the public, instead of trappers, there would be some closure and recourse for D2's guardians. But as things stand, the trapping laws have no teeth. According to authorities, neither the law or the code of ethics were violated by the trapper who set the trap on private property close to the public trail at Hileman Landing County Park, killing D2 and devastating her family.

I am outraged over D2's death and I ask that you make immediate changes to protect the public from the hidden dangers of inhumane and barbaric traps and snares.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Watts

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Linda Densmore <mslindadensmore@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 5:13 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Protect people, their pets and wildlife, NOT TRAPPERS!

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TRAPPING WILDLIFE MAKES YOU THE SCUM OF THE EARTH! I HOPE YOU ALL GET KICKED OUT OF OFFICE.

Roxann B Borisch

From: Karen Bernard <fashionairedynastar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 6:35 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us
Subject: The need to change trapping laws!

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with utter dismay that this email needs to be written at all. Recently dear friends of mine lost their beloved, kind, gentle Black Lab. She was killed in an "instant kill trap" set to catch Beavers. I can only hope she did not suffer! They were on a well-used trail of a public park but because trapping laws favor the killer (the trapper) their family member, D2, was killed while they looked on in absolute sheer horror!!

Below is a picture of their Adult Black Lab who was simply minding her own business and having fun with her family. Take a good hard look!!! Not that her life is worth anything less than a child's but what would have happened had a human child stepped into this trap instead of D2?



The investigation into this tragedy revealed the trapper (killer) did nothing wrong. All because trapping laws favor the trapper (killer). It is obvious and clear that with the known fact of this recent horrible tragedy trapping laws need to be changed!!! People who feel the need to kill innocent wild animals because they're "bothering them" should be REQUIRED to at the very least post signage warning innocent victims such as D2. Not only do her owners have to live forever with the image of her being killed but they also have to live with the tremendous sense of loss that is the result of this senseless crime! And yes, it is a crime!!

Please do the right, humane thing and work on changing the laws immediately. People will always feel the need to kill wild animals but family members whether they are pets or children should not have to suffer because of it!

With best regards,
Karen Bernard
Kent, Washington

Roxann B Borisch

From: Carole Anne Cech <carolecech@juno.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 9:27 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Traps

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Commission:

I can't believe these traps are being allowed, anywhere. How awful. You can CHANGE this.

Carole Anne Cech
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Roxann B Borisch

From: Diane Toibin <aacr2r@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 5:28 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Traps on public land

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I am a livestock farmer. I fully understand the consequences of predatory animals. Oregon laws and regulations were written to protect the public and their use of public land. Unmanned traps serve the interests of a few who may hunt for recreation, income, and rarely for protection of livestock. Real farmers do not have the time!

It has come to my attention that disastrous outcomes have occurred as a consequence of your oversight. As a tax paying citizen of the United States - yes I do VOTE - I expect that a governmental department is required to address the interests of all people. It is not permissible to offer or encourage the use of public land to those causing grievous harm to others! Traps can be set on private land, but maybe that would be too dangerous?

The solution is simple. The law can be designed with common sense.

All citizens deserve the privilege to enjoy public lands safely.
Diane Tobin

Roxann B Borisch

From: Cheryl Thyken <cthyken@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 8:01 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Kill traps

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Trapping laws need to change....get tougher.
Can I feel safe taking my Grandchildren and dogs on a hike?
Loving members of our families should not be maimed or killed.
Cheryl Thyken

Roxann B Borisch

From: Karin Edwards Wagner <portlandrolfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 5:00 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Dangerous traps

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Please change the rules to protect families and pets. This is outrageous and also is easily preventable.
Thank you,

Karin Edwards Wagner
Certified Rolfer
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Predator Defense

Today we are reporting back on the outcome of our investigation on the tragic death of D2--the loving black lab we told you about over the past few weeks who died in an instant kill trap while on an outing at a park near Eugene. We are grieved and outraged to share our findings and hope you will join us in telling authorities just what you think.

If Oregon laws and regulations were written to protect the public, instead of trappers, there would be some closure and recourse for D2's guardians. But as things stand, the trapping laws have no teeth and are as holey as Swiss cheese. According to authorities, neither the law or the code of ethics were violated by the trapper who set the trap on private property close to the public trail at Hileman Landing County Park, killing D2 and devastating her family.

Here are some questions that show what a reasonable person might assume about the use of traps, followed by answers that show legal realities in Oregon:

Q: Surely a pet or child on public land is safe from snares and traps?

A: Only if they don't behave like an animal or a kid. In other words, only if they know to stay within 50 feet of a maintained trail and within 300 feet of a campground or picnic area. Traps can be set on federal and state lands anywhere outside those distances.

Q: Surely a killing trap that could harm a child can't be used?

A: Not true. The "legal" trap used could kill a child, as evidenced by the size of D2, a healthy adult labrador killed just feet off a well-used trail of a public park.

Q: Surely warning signs must be posted when such traps are set?

A: No, no signs are required under any circumstances.

Q: Surely a person can remove such a dangerous device?

A: No, doing so is illegal on both public and private land.

In spite of these facts, Oregon's Trapping Regulations suggest the following in their "Code of Ethics." They say to: "Set traps in appropriate locations...and to avoid high public use areas, such as hiking trails, campgrounds, and parks."

Please join us in voicing your outrage over D2's death to the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Demand that they make immediate changes to protect the public from the hidden dangers of inhumane and barbaric traps and snares. Email or call them today at:

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ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us

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Roxann B Borisch

From: thebreadhilux <thebreadhilux@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 6:22 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Information

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To Whom It Concerns,

I am writing in regards to the death of the labrador in a kill trap. It defies belief that these things are allowed in public areas. Furthermore why kill wildlife? That's why ppl go to public areas. A trap kills/maims indiscriminately. Very sad.

I only hope that one day, you and those in positions passing these laws and allowances have karma visit you all in one of your own children or relatives receiving the same fate.

Kindest Regards

Roxann B Borisch

From: Melanie Weberg <sheaessencealpacas@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 5:28 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Family pet D2's death should be wakeup call

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Hello

I was saddened by this dog's (D2) needless death and the anguish of this family over the violent death of their beloved pet.

I urge you to immediately change these regulations that protect only trappers and leave all other people including children, pets and wildlife at risk. Most recently there has also been a young child with his hand caught in a trap also.

Melanie Weberg
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Roxann B Borisch

From: rkn97439@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 3:12 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: hidden dangers of inhumane and barbaric traps and snares

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I just became aware of the death of a loving family pet, D2, an adult black labrador who was killed in an instant kill trap while on an outing with his family at a park near Eugene. Imagine their horror at watching their beloved pet die in front of them for no good reason. It could easily have been a child! These traps **MUST BE OUTLAWED!** If trappers can't have the good sense to not put them in areas where children and pets can and will go, then they must be stopped by legal means which requires that the laws be changed.

I want to see these traps outlawed outright! They are much too dangerous to be set anywhere an innocent pet or child might wander.

Roxann B Borisch

From: Tina Shoys <tshoys@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 1:33 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Hidden dangers of inhumane and barbaric traps and snares

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Christine Shoys
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Roxann B Borisch

From: VIONDANA GMAIL <viondana@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 11:59 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: traps on public and private land

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To whom it may concern,

I hope that greeting is not empty, and that there is real concern for the safety of innocent children, adults, wildlife and pets that are at risk from barbaric and inhumane traps set on both private and public land. As a society, I think we can do better than continuing a policy that employs these kind of cruel devices to "manage" wildlife problems, and then simply accept the risks that come with them. Where is the line? Non target species, family pets, children? Instead, how can we manage the "profit at all costs" philosophy that puts our society at this kind of risk. A farmer has a right to deal with nuisance species, but does not have the right to do so at the by ignoring all risks to others and the environment.

Please, ODFW, understand that you are an agency that is funded by ALL taxpayers, and many of us are sadly disappointed by current policies that put wildlife, humans and pets at risk for the benefit of a few.

Dana Vion

Roxann B Borisch

From: Carmen Pearce <cfayre@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 12:02 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Traps

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To Whom it May Concern,

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Carmen Pearce
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Roxann B Borisch

From: Yvonne McGehee <valeska@turbonet.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 10:20 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: trapping in OR

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am an Idaho resident, but many of the dogs I have bred are living in the state of Oregon, belonging to owners who regularly hike trails on state and federal lands. Body-gripping traps with a setback of only 50 feet are an extreme hazard to pets and people. No signs marking the presence of these deadly traps are required.

Surely state lands are for the use of everyone, and not just the few whose activities as trappers destroy the possibility of others for safely utilizing and enjoying the same public lands? Why would the desires of a few be more important than the safety of the many?

Please change your regulations regarding signage where traps are set, increasing set-backs from trails and campgrounds, eliminating trapping altogether in popularly used areas, and eliminating the use of the lethal body-gripping traps.

Sincerely,
Yvonne McGehee
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Roxann B Borisch

From: Warren Troy <wgtroy@ccountry.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2015 8:24 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: rules for trapping

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I oppose any rule change that will make it easier to trap and kill wild animals. thanks Warren Troy

Roxann B Borisch

From: Kermit Williams <kermit.donna@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 5:42 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: Kermit and Donna
Subject: ban trapping in Oregon

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To the ODFW commissioners:

In light of the two trapping injuries / deaths of pets here in Oregon within 2 months, I want to re-emphasize my position concerning trapping in this state. I am vehemently opposed to trapping in Oregon as are at least 40 friends / residents in my small rural community of River Meadows. None of these 40+ people had any clues that they, their pets, their children, or grandchildren could be caught in hidden traps anywhere on public land until I had spent the time educating each and every one of them about Oregon's trapping laws. Our community is surrounded by national forest land which makes this knowledge even more significant.

My decades of veterinary practice and my personal feelings about animal cruelty have made it clear to me that trapping is plain animal abuse and a barbaric practice that has no place in current times. My life has been devoted to humane treatment of animals. Those that support trapping have a terrible disconnect with animal suffering, as they promote it as a sport, a family tradition, or for commercial fur trade, so people in China and Russia can wear a pelt around their shoulders.

Animals, whether they are predators, fur-bearers, or non-target species as a dog, cat, deer, or raptor suffer needlessly in traps that may be checked once in 48 hrs. or not at all. These animals die a painful death, or escape with injuries by chewing off a paw or limb, or slowly die of dehydration, hypothermia, or attack from other animals when left in a trap because they are a predator or "by-catch".

In the past 2 years I have written letters to ODFW and legislators to ask for changes in Oregon's trapping laws to somehow make them more protective to the public and decrease animal suffering. Because ODFW seems to listen to 1200+ trappers, and not the concerned public of over 3+ million, I am now demanding that Oregon join Washington, Arizona, Colorado, and California in banning all trapping on public land with leg hold, body-gripping, and snare traps for recreational and fur-trade use, and for predator control. It's inexcusable to allow 1200+ trappers more rights and protections to public land than I have as a tax-paying citizen. Trappers do not have to warn the public that traps are present, and can set them virtually anywhere on public land, including heavily used public trails and roads. Trappers seem inherently lazy and don't want to hike long distances cross-country in order to set their traps, and therefore don't use common sense as required in their "Code of Ethics" for avoiding high use trails, dirt roads, waterways, and trail heads or campgrounds where the public with pets and children are numerous. Please remember the Wizard Falls fish hatchery trapping death of a dog being walked along the Metolius River a few years back as an example of trapper non-common sense.

On March 10, 2015, upriver on the Deschutes R. from our community of River Meadows, a veterinarian's 80 # lab was caught in a leg hold trap set 5 ft. off a heavily used trail just outside the community of River Forest Acres. By the time she got the trap off her dog's foot, it had severed 2 digital tendons in the paw. At least 6

other traps were found close-by, all within 50 ft. of the trail. We hike this area frequently with our dog, and we found another trap in the same area close to the trail that had been baited within 15 ft. of the trap, in fact, the dead bait was surrounding the trap. The veterinarian /owner of the dog reported this to the Deschutes Co. Sheriff's Deputies, but so far no media reports about the incident and/ or violations by the trapper have been released to the public. We should have access to the report as concerned citizens. Many residents here and at River Forest Acres are appalled that a trapper set so many traps so near a heavily used public trailhead. Imagine if a leg hold trap did this damage to an 80 lb. lab, what it might do to a small child or small dog! Yet ODFW gives trappers the right to set traps on user- created trails with no warning signs. ODFW was recently so concerned about a cougar in a residential area in Bend as a public threat that it shot it even though it was non-threatening to anyone or any domestic animal; why then is ODFW looking the other way when trappers with their traps become a public threat?

On April 17, 2015, a dog was killed in a conibear trap while on a walk with its owner at Hileman Landing County Park in Lane Co. She walked this area five times a week for 3 years. This area is popular with dog walkers, hikers, and families with children, yet a trapper set this horrible trap close-by the park on the edge of his property without any signage that his private property bordered the park or fences to keep the public out. Again, a horrendous loss of a treasured pet with the trapper smugly hiding behind his rights. Who, or what, is really the public threat in this case?

ODFW's support for trappers is so obvious that now, as avid hikers with our dog, we have been forced to purchase a conibear trap just so we can "practice" with it to see if we can release the springs on the trap, in case our dog gets in one. We have found that to be impossible as this is without our beloved pet's neck even in it, much less trying to release the springs with your gasping, dying pet in its grip! What kind of state forces us to go to these extremes and to think of this everytime we go out for a hike on public land?

If any of you commissioners have pets or children or grandchildren and enjoy the outdoors, just put your hand in one of these traps, leg hold or conibear, to set it off and think like a trapper....."oh, no...these are humane and non-painful". Afterwards, I hope you can connect to our anti-cruelty laws and side with the majority opinions of our citizens that trapping is inhumane.

Sincerely,

Donna Harris D.V.M.

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Roxann B Borisch

From: Paula Eve <bennyandblue@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:21 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Help the planet heal

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Please do not expand the cougar hunting. Please change the disgraceful trapping policies. Let's make this state a good example of environmental stewardship. As Oregonians we have everything to gain. Its not too late! ^..^ Paula

Roxann B Borisch

From: Cheryl Thyken <cthyken@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2015 8:01 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us; ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us
Subject: Kill traps

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