

PRE-TRAPPING PROGRAM

- Low or moderate levels of trapping (predation) can cause wildlife populations to increase. The most intelligent alternative to evict nuisance wildlife is to make its existence uncomfortable and encourage it to relocate on its own, especially when young are involved.
- COMMERCIAL REPELLENTS can be either "fear based" or "taste based". Deterrents do not aim to kill wildlife; just deter them from doing any more damage. Fear based repellents contain the scent of the predator that the prey would naturally fear, such as coyote. Sprinkle them in the yard to keep the prey animal away from the vicinity of the house. Taste based repellents just plain taste horrible with hot or bitter components.
- Remove any outdoor food sources.
- Locate the entry/exit point to the building.
- Have owners/property managers obtain the materials necessary to close off the entry/exit.
- Owners must have materials and ready to go before we trap.

TO TRAP or NOT TO TRAP

- Snowmass Village Animal Services does not trap wildlife that are foraging and moving through property / under decks / on decks.
- Live trapping and relocating can be used to move an animal, however chances of survival are not very good once the animal is relocated. Here are pointers to keep in mind before deciding to trap and relocate:
- Do not relocate wildlife during spring if they have babies that are dependent on them for survival.
- In the cold winter months, relocated animals face harsh weather conditions and scarce resources. Survival of winter relocated animals is low.
- Permission is needed by a landowner before an animal can be released on the land even in the case of state, county, or national forest or park land.
- Leaving an animal in a trap for an extended period is inhumane.
- **Traps should be checked a few times a day by the property owner or Officers.**

LIVE TRAPPING AGREEMENT

1. Animal Services will set the appropriate trap and show the owner/representative how to reset it.
2. The property owner/representative will check the trap several times per day and notify Animal Services immediately if an animal is captured.
3. Animal Services will remove the captured wildlife and will determine its outcome. Most animals are relocated, but depending on the State of Colorado guidelines and the condition of the animal, euthanasia is sometimes required.
4. Traps must be returned in 7 days. Please bring them to the Police Department at Town Hall, 130 Kearns Road.

POST-TRAPPING PROGRAM

1. When the trapping is complete, the property owner / representative will immediately seal and wildlife proof the entry location and any other potential access points.
2. The property owner/representative will make a concerted effort to reduce the chance of re-occurrence by following good prevention practices.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read Snowmass Village Animal Services Trapping Guidelines and wish to participate in a trapping program which follows these guidelines.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Trap # / Type: _____

Wildlife: _____

Captured: _____

End date: _____

