



Dane County Humane Society Board of Directors Position Statement Trapping

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Trapping

Wildlife populations may exceed the carrying capacity of their natural habitat and DCHS recognizes that trapping may be a useful and necessary method for managing these populations through appropriately trained individuals and entities such as state wildlife agencies or similarly-situated agencies or organizations.

DCHS does not support trapping that involves practices, equipment, or techniques that inhumanely undermine the welfare of trapped animals, that result in the unplanned capture, injury, or death of animals not intended for trapping, and that have been specifically shown to be inhumane. DCHS specifically considers the steel jaw leg-hold trap to be inhumane.

DCHS does encourage those lawfully involved in trapping to utilize the principle of live trapping without pain or injury to the animal. DCHS further encourages the continued development of techniques and devices consistent with the principles set forth in this statement.

References:

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