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## **Animal Control Capture Methods - Traps**

### **Guideline Statement**

The use of live traps serve a valuable purpose in animal control, but NACA strongly opposes the use of leg hold or snare traps.

### **Basis for Guideline**

The humane capture of animals and the routine use of only humane types of equipment should set an example for the community as to the animal control agency's dedication to promoting positive animal welfare.

### **Guideline Recommendation**

NACA recommends that traps used should capture the animal unharmed. Agencies should develop and employ procedures and guidelines governing trap usage whether the agency maintains or rents the traps. These procedures should ensure the safety and the humane treatment of the target or any animal trapped.

NACA also recommends that agencies work to eliminate laws that allow the use of inhumane leg holds or snares.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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