

If your pet is caught in a foothold trap, do not panic. First, calm the animal by covering it with your jacket or shirt. Then remove its foot from the trap by pressing the trap spring levers on each side of the closed jaws. This can be done by either stepping on them with your feet or by pressing down with the palms of your hands and using your body weight do compress the springs. See pictures below: **If you pet is caught in a snare**, do not panic. If it is struggling, cover the animal with your jacket or shirt. To remove the snare, pinch the lock that closes it to reverse the lock. Then slip the lock up the snare cable to enlarge the loop and free the dog. Snares also may be cut to remove a pet. See pictures below:



Please note: It is unlawful to tamper with or remove wildlife from the traps or snares of another person EXCEPT licensed trappers with written permission from the owner. In no instance should you dispatch a trapped furbearer. If you accidentally or intentionally disturb a trap or snare (e.g., to remove a trapped pet), please contact IDFG at 208-334-3700 so that the trapper can be notified. Thank you.