

Dear (Premier _____ / Minister _____ / MLA _____)

I am writing you today to express my concern about the irresponsible use of snares on the Alberta landscape and the cruelty they are inflicting on wildlife, mainly wild canids like wolves, coyotes and foxes.

It has come to my attention that, once snared, animals often struggle and suffer, sometimes for days. There have been documented cases, videos and photos as well as reports from trappers themselves of wolves and coyotes being caught around the midsection, around the foot, around the nose, etc causing gruesome and painful injuries. (<https://youtu.be/QIw-OGT7Vjf8>) and (<https://youtu.be/ABPOIjku5-s>)

I am equally disturbed by the fact that animals, like wolves, are often baited to these snare sites and that there is no limit on the number of wolves/coyotes that can be taken in a season. Furthermore, I am alarmed to discover that snares and trap lines can be placed along publicly accessible trails, fences, and other multi-use recreational areas, as well as on private property without any signs or warning. I have recently heard stories about people's own pets being snared in unmarked traps and suffering severe injuries and even death (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/trapping-regulations-put-public-at-risk-says-former-predator-control-officer-1.3460593>)

This brings me to another point. Snares are non discriminate and they catch more than the trappers targeted species, including pets as well as threatened or endangered animals.

Many countries have banned snares because of these reasons. (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/>

[canada/calgary/wolf-snares-kill-cougars-sundre-1.3483278](https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/canada/calgary/wolf-snares-kill-cougars-sundre-1.3483278)), (<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/dog-owners-sound-alarm-after-pet-caught-in-fur-trapper-s-snare-in-kananaskis-1.4268391>)

I am asking you for your full attention in regards to my concerns about the use of snares. I am requesting you to take immediate action to abolish the use of snares targeting canine species in Alberta. Science shows that neck snares are incredibly inhumane and rarely kill quickly. Neck snares have never been scientifically proven to kill animals humanely in less than 5 minutes, which is the standard outlined under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards that Canada signed in 1997 and ratified in 1999. Incredibly, neck snares aren't actually part of that agreement, because all relevant Canadian agencies decided that snares were not commercial killing devices because they can also be made at home. You can find many other peer reviewed studies that prove that snares are inhumane in wildlife and trapping specialist Dr. Gilbert Proulx's new book titled Intolerable Cruelty - The Truth Behind Killing Neck Snares and Strychnine (https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328825194_Intolerable_Cruelty_-_The_truth_behind_killing_neck_snares_and_strychnine).

I look forward to your well thought out response and how you plan to take action with regards to these cruel methods used to torture wild canids. Please do not send me a generic form letter that states wolf/coyote/fox numbers are stable and that trapping does not effect the population. I am completely aware of the wolf and coyote population in the province and when this is stated, it detracts from the real issues at hand that I am worried about. My concerns are not about numbers, but about being humane and ethical and taking the lead in Canada to ban such barbaric practices. Please also spare writing a response about the

platitudes of the fur industry. I have received the same letters about this barbaric and out-dated industry in the past and do not need another one. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,