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## **Animal protection group launches campaign calling for a ban on snare traps**

Animal Aid, one of the longest established animal campaign groups in the world, is today calling for a ban on snares.



Snares are a type of trap designed to catch animals around their leg or neck, holding them until they are 'dispatched' by the trapper. While snares are intended only to catch animals such as foxes and rabbits, they are indiscriminate and frequently capture other, 'non-target', species. Snares can, and do, cause severe injuries and even death.

MPs voted in 2016 to ban snares, but instead, a code of practice was introduced. Since then, groups such as the Hunt Investigation Team, OneKind and the National Anti-Snaring Campaign have recorded and reported numerous violations of this code. Images and footage to accompany the campaign launch include badgers, covered in flies, dying in snares, a fox hanging from a fence post, gasping for air until bludgeoned to death and numerous companion animals who have suffered horrific injuries.

Animal Aid are calling on their supporters and concerned members of the public to write to their MPs and local councillors requesting action to be taken to secure a ban on the use of snares. This can be done through Animal Aid's website.

Says Jade Emery, wildlife campaigner for Animal Aid:

*"Snares are undeniably barbaric. They can, and do, cause serious injuries and death to wildlife and domestic animals. This has been highlighted many times in local newspapers who've run stories of wildlife and cats and dogs tragically getting caught in snares, and sometimes dying of their injuries. Even when snares are used, as directed by the code of practice, it is irrefutable that they can cause immense injury, stress and suffering to animals. The current code of practice does not protect animals. A ban must be secured."*

### **Notes for editors:**

- For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact [jade@animalaid.co.uk](mailto:jade@animalaid.co.uk) or call: 07864 830589
- Find out more about this campaign – [animalaid.org.uk/snares](http://animalaid.org.uk/snares)
- Find out more about the Hunt Investigation Team's previous investigations on snaring <https://huntinvestigationteam.org/>
- Images available on request