



# MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## RULES FOR TRAPPING NUISANCE ANIMALS

1. All traps with captured animals must be brought to the front or the side of your home. The only exception is if a skunk has been caught, then you need to stay away from the cage. When you call for a pickup be sure to let us know where the cage is located.
2. When a trap has been set to capture an animal be sure that there is someone available to monitor the trap. Trapped animals cannot be left in the traps for long periods of time. It is inhumane and will not be tolerated by the Animal Control Officers. Deceased and/or dying animals will be reported to the Humane Officer. Failure to treat trapped animals in a humane manner will result in the forfeiture of future trapping services by Animal Control Services.
3. When trapping, if you have captured a nocturnal animal such as a skunk, opossum, or a raccoon, be sure to call for the pick by 9:00 AM. Nocturnal animals tend to become agitated in the trap in the daylight hours and it puts the officer a greater risk of being injured.
4. ***NO TRAPPING IN THE WOODS.*** This service is for removing a nuisance animal, not for trapping animals in their own habitat. You will draw more animals to your home by placing cages close to wooded areas.

## HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PICK-UP AND DELIVERY OF TRAPS

Monday through Friday ***Only*** – 7:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Traps will be given out and animals will be picked up during that timeframe, (with the exception of nocturnal animals which need to be called in by 9:00 AM.

There is no pick up of trapped animals on Saturday or Sunday.

We ask that you abide by the guidelines.

Please call: Bethel Park Police Department for animal pick up or cage delivery – **(412) 833-2000**

Thank you,

Animal Control Services.