



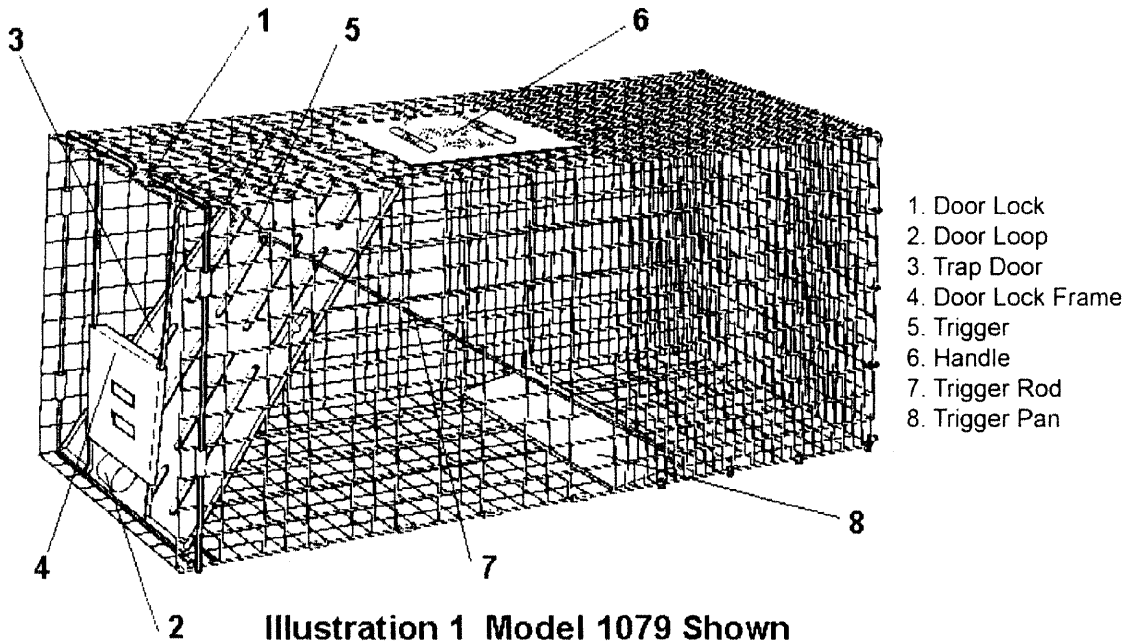
THE TRAPPING PROGRAM IS FOR NUISANCE ANIMALS ONLY! A NUISANCE ANIMAL IS DEFINED BY THE PA GAME COMMISSION BELOW. SETTING THE BOX TRAP MEANS THAT YOU HAVE READ THESE RULES AND YOU AGREE TO FOLLOW THEM. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES CAN/WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF USING THIS SERVICE. If you have questions call before setting the trap.

Trap Rules and Regulations: AGAIN, THIS PROGRAM IS FOR NUISANCE ANIMALS ONLY!

- 1) *You are responsible to check the trap first thing in the morning and often throughout the day. CALL as soon as you catch a nuisance animal. Inform the dispatcher of the nuisance animal that you caught. If you caught something other than a nuisance animal please release it.*
- 2) *Animal Control allows you to use the trap for 7 days understanding that the seventh day is for pick up and not trapping. For the first 6 days, you are responsible for setting & baiting the trap. Animal Control will plan to pick up the trap on day 7. Please make sure the trap is clean and ready for pickup on day 7.*
- 3) **Do not set and leave the traps in direct sunlight.** *Most animals will not go into a hot metal trap. Leaving an animal exposed to suffer can be considered animal cruelty under the PA animal cruelty laws.*
- 4) *If you are going to be away from your property for a long period of time, DO NOT SET THE BOX TRAP!!!*
- 5) *During Trapping season, please keep an eye on the weather, and DO NOT SET THE TRAP IN INCLEMENT WEATHER. Animal Control DOES NOT provide traps during the cold season when the temperatures fall below 40 degrees. Follow our Facebook page for other trapping information. [Search South Hills Cooperative Animal Control.](#)*
- 6) **For nuisance Skunks and rats:** *This program is **NOT** for skunks or rats! Due to the smell of skunks and the damage to equipment and trucks, we DO NOT HANDLE these animals. If you catch a skunk or rat in our box traps YOU are responsible for releasing them. You can contact a private pest company that specializes with these animals. These companies will charge you a fee for their services.*
- 7) **For nuisance Raccoon: Night trapping only.** *Use fish parts, tuna, chicken bones or scraps and only set the trap at night. Check the trap at 7am, If no Raccoon was caught, clean out the food and close the trap to prepare it for the next trapping night. All nighttime trapping must be checked no later than 7am and make the call for pickup before 9am if needed.*
- 8) **For nuisance Groundhogs: Daytime trapping only** *Use apples or cantaloupe and only set the trap early morning and during daylight hours (CLOSE THE TRAP AT NIGHT). Very important that the bait is fresh. Check the trap every hour or so during the day. If no Groundhog was caught, clean out the food and close the trap to prepare it for the next trapping day.*
- 9) *Wild animals may be on your property because they are looking for things like food and shelter. This program is not to be used to remove an animal that is not a nuisance. The property owner is responsible to keep their property clean, free from debris and food sources. The property owner is responsible to make any changes that the responding Animal Control Officer makes to eliminate any of the above issues. Failure to make the suggested changes can/will result in the loss of using this service.*
- 10) *Homeowners/property owners with their own traps must follow and abide by all local, state and federal wildlife trapping rules and regulations. The use of this service does not supersede any laws.*
- 11) *You are only permitted to catch one nuisance animal per day. Animal Control is not staffed to make multiple trips per house per day.*
- 12) *For trap questions, request or pickups call: Upper St. Clair 412-833-7501, Whitehall 412-884-1100, Bethel Park 412-833-2000 all other municipalities with SHCAC as their Animal Control call **Allegheny County Dispatch at 412-279-6911.***

From the PA Game Commission website: Getting Involved – Landowners have a right to protect their property from damages caused by wildlife. With the exception of deer, bear, elk, beaver, bobcat, fisher, wild turkey, migratory birds, threatened species and endangered species, landowners may take action when personal property – other than an agricultural crop – is being destroyed, or when a sick or diseased animal poses a threat to humans, farm animals or pets. Only the property owner or person in charge of the property may take steps to capture or kill wildlife. US Department of Agriculture-APHIS-Wildlife Services: Toll Free 866-487-3297; website is www.pgc.pa.gov (724) 238-9523

Animal Control pickup hours: Mon thru Fri. 7am-7pm. Weekends 7am-1pm.



Trapping Tips:

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when trapping a nuisance animal: (Video can be found on You Tube)

- Locate the box trap in an area where the animal is often observed.
- Place the trap on a level surface.
- Position a side of the trap against a wall of a building or in the path commonly traveled by the animal.
- Do not attempt trapping in the rain or severe weather.
- Do not leave the trap out in direct sunlight, provide shade if it's not available.

Baiting Instructions:

- Lift door lock up from the top (Item #1 above)
- Place a forefinger through the loop (item #2) and push inward on the attached plate (item #4) with your thumb
- Release the lock on the top (item #1)
- While pushing in on the attached plate, pull up toward the lock to open main door (item #3)
- Place the bait about 2 inches from the rear of the trap. DO NOT place bait on the trigger pan (item #8)
- Set the trap door by pulling the metal trigger rod (item #5) Gently maneuver the door while lining up the trigger rod with the holes in the main door (item #3)

Releasing an Animal:

- Follow instructions above to open the door. Lift the door up and insert stick through both sides of the trap to prop the door open. Walk away from trap, animal will exit trap.