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The pain inflicted on animals are tremendous and extremely cruel. Pennsylvania hunters had already killed 50 bobcats, most of whom suffered agonizing deaths in leghold traps.

We enclosed the following article from the citizens who had experience with the cruel LEGHOLD TRAPS. After reviewing them you will understand more about the pain from "LEGHOLD TRAPS".

Dear Legislator, while the hunters and National Riffle Association colluded together , while the one sided Congress and President are=20 in favor of "killing" (they call "wildlife management"!), this country =

has long been betraying the civilization, humanity, harmony with=20 millions of other species. The country is the world's biggest animal=20 killing country.

Wild animals are killed for money, for pleasure, for politics.

Now, under such one sided political climate, the situation will be far worse as we had predicted.

Animals are sentient! Please VOICE for millions of innocent wildlife tortured and killed in this country each year in the HUNTERS hands, especially those killed by the most cruel "LEGHOLD TRAPS".

While nearly all of the civilized countries in the world had banned the use of Leghold traps, the U.S. is continuously using such barbaric and cruel killing machines to kill millions of innocent, sentient = animals.

PLEASE STOP CRUEL HUNTERS USING LEGHOLD TRAPS
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As always, we are so grateful to you for your kindness, compassion and help.

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P.S.: Enclosed the following important article:

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OREGON TRAPPING TRAGEDIES

Very Truly Yours,

On February 15, 1997 I found a trap submerged in the water of a pond near my home. There were no signs or warnings of any kind. The pond is only a quarter of a mile from the nearest house where children live, and where residents of our rural community walk their dogs along the=20 creek, as I do.

Out of concern for neighborhood children and pets, I pulled the trap out of the water. It was a strange heavy gauge wire device that I had never seen before and I could not tell if it was set or sprung.

As I was setting it down it snapped on my hand. I have never experienced anything that hurt so badly in all my life. My hand felt like it was on fire and I knew there was no way I could get it off. I also knew that I could not allow myself to get shocky or faint, that=20 I had to keep my head and get help.

I managed to hike the quarter mile back to my car and drive to a friend's house. Fortunately, he was home. After unsuccessfully trying to pry it open, he drove two wedges between the metal jaws with a=20 hammer which gave me just enough space to get my hand out. =20 The pain did not stop. My hand was paralyzed and had no sensation=20 but pain. The hand specialist explained I had sustained severe nerve=20 damage in my wrist that would take at least nine months to heal, and=20 that there is no medication to alleviate the pain of nerve damage.

For months I lived with the sensation of my hand being alternately on fire or submerged in ice water. Sometimes it felt like needles being shoved into it, or that my fingernails were being pulled out by the roots. The pain never stopped. Some days, all I could do was wrap up in a blanket on the couch and cry. I had no use of my hand and could not work, or even carry out my day-to-day tasks without help.

Finally, after several months, the pain began to diminish and function to return. I will never forget the pain, the shock or the fear and desperation I felt when that trap (a conibear trap, I later learned) slammed shut on my hand. I had the ability to get help, and I knew that one way or another I would get it off. I now know how an animal must feel when caught in such a trap; terrified, in excruciating pain, and desperate enough to chew off its own limb to get free. The agony inflicted on living beings by traps is almost beyond description.

I know, I have experienced it. Let my voice speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Jennifer Kirkpatrick Scappoose, Oregon

My wife Kerstin and I were walking on a public dirt road in Colorado in 1984, beginning what we thought would be a relaxing vacation. Suddenly our West Highland Terrier, who was a little behind us, cried out. We turned to see her writhing on the ground, her leg caught in a steel-jawed leghold trap. In the desperate, bloody minutes that followed, Kerstin was severely bitten twice before we could find a way to release the traumatized dog. Although two hours of driving finally brought medical attention to Kerstin, and although our dog eventually recovered from her injuries, the incident is one we can never forget.

Robert and Kerstin Adams Astoria, Oregon

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