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Hi Justin,

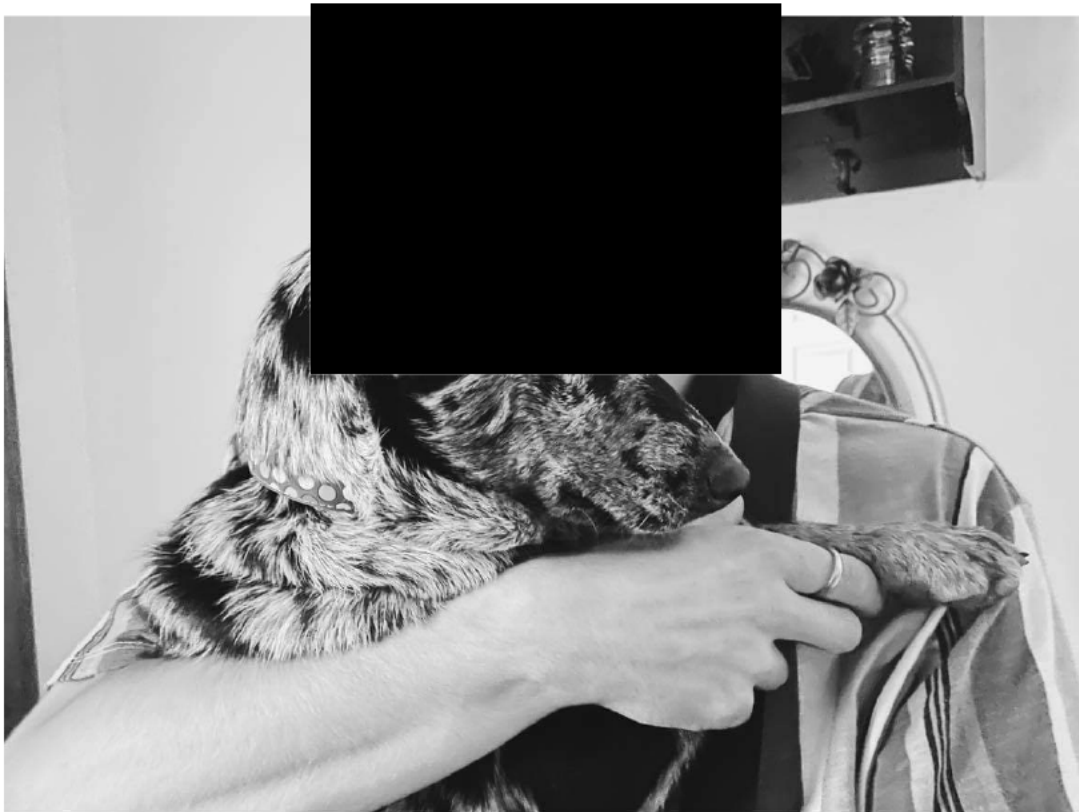
As you may recall, a dog was trapped and killed in Underhill last year in a legally set body-crushing Conibear™ trap. The reason I'm reaching out to you really has to do with title 10 §4828—again. According to the woman whose dog was killed, "the neighbor was baiting racoons with raw chicken in a bucket that held the trap. Turns out he has traps all around his property, all the time! And...it is legal. Not seasonal."

Is the Department interested in cleaning up this dangerously broad statute that essentially allows unregulated trapping and killing year round? I've provided NH's statute with you as something Vermont can borrow from. It still allows landowners to protect property from damage, but in a more responsible manner. This is one area where Vermont is dangerously behind the times.

Bree, this means that you have zero data on the foxes, coyotes, bobcats and other animals that are killed out of season by landowners by unregulated killing. This oftentimes occurs during times of year when wildlife is birthing/nursing their young, which means that animals are left orphaned.

This is the dog that was killed because she smelled bait and ventured into the neighbor's yard and paid with her life. This dog was rescued from the south as a stray where she had to scavenge for food. Her owners only had her for a year.

Vermont is simply uncivilized in so many ways. I appreciate that you agree with the need to tighten up this regulation and I'm truly hoping that you will lead on this.



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