

Village of Big Valley Policy

SKUNK TRAPS

POLICY NUMBER: 04-13

POLICY PURPOSE: To establish rules and regulations for use of live skunk traps within the corporate limits of the Village of Big Valley.

POLICY

I. General

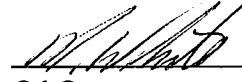
To assist in dealing with problem skunks, the Village of Big Valley will provide Village residents with skunk traps on a sign out basis.

- A) You must be a resident of the Village of Big Valley and over 18 years of age to sign out a trap.
- B) Traps are to be used for the purpose of trapping and removing problem animals and not for commercial trapping.
- C) Trap requests are to be made through the Village Office.
- D) Residents are responsible for picking up and returning empty traps to the Public Works Shop.
- E) Before picking up traps, residents are required to provide a deposit in the amount of \$80 and sign a Trap Use Agreement (Schedule A).
- F) Trap Use Agreements and deposits are not transferable to another person.
- G) The damage deposit will be retained by the Village if;
 - 1. The trap is not returned within the scheduled time according to the Use Agreement
 - 2. The trap is returned damaged.
- H) Village staff are not responsible for;
 - 1. Setting up of traps on privately owned property,
 - 2. Collection of traps either full or empty,
 - 3. Release of animals from traps,where traps have been signed out for use by a resident.

- l) Where municipal staff have set a trap on Village owned property, staff are responsible for ensuring the humane treatment of caught animals until their release or traps containing animals are turned over to a contracted person/business for the purpose of removing an animal from a trap.



Mayor



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SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
Date

SCHEDULE A

TRAP USE AGREEMENT

1. The resident will be responsible for the trap until it is returned to the Village Public Works Shop.
2. The trap is to be returned in the same condition it was rented, i.e. clean and in working condition.
3. A deposit in the amount of \$80 is to be given to and held by the Village and will be held until the trap is returned according to section 2 above.
4. This agreement and deposit are not transferable to another person.
5. The resident agrees to only place the trap on their own property and secure the trap against theft.

I _____ hereby agree to the terms and conditions indicated above and have included my \$80 deposit with this signed agreement.

Signature

Sign out date

Return Date

I _____ being an employee of the Village of Big Valley acknowledge receipt of a \$80 deposit from the above resident.

Signature

Date

Trap returned on _____ (Date) Condition; _____

Deposit returned on _____ (Date) Resident initial _____ Staff initial _____

Trapping Tip Sheet;

- Secure the trap from theft by having it tucked into a semi-private space; tarp or partially cover the trap; attaching it to a tree/bench etc. with a locking bike chain.
- Set the trap in a shaded and/or sheltered area.
- Remove the trap in severe weather conditions.
- Check the trap at least every 8 hours.
- If you need to feed a caught animal before you are able to release it from the trap put soft cat food on a paper plate – mix in a little water and put the plate under the trap. The wire of the trap will pass through the food so the animal can get it without you needing to open the trap door.
- Always spray down the trap to clean it after an animal has been caught and before returning the empty trap.