



**LIVE TRAPPED BEAR
WITH VETERINARIAN**

MODERN TRAPPING TECHNOLOGIES

Canadian Trap Research
and Development Program

*A SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL,
AND ANIMAL-WELFARE PERSPECTIVE*



**RABIES VACCINATED
RACCOON RELEASED**



SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

INSTALLING A TELEMETRY COLLAR ON AN ANESTHETIZED FISHER



Canada's pioneering trap research and development program is coordinated by the Fur Institute of Canada, and conducted in collaboration with the laboratories of InnoTech Alberta.

An experienced team of scientists: veterinarians, wildlife biologists, engineers, statisticians and technicians follow rigorous research protocols, ensuring the scientific credibility of test results.

All testing work is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Council on Animal Care, which governs the responsible use of animals in research.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH

BEAVER RELOCATION



LIVE RACCOON BLOOD SAMPLING



MECHANICAL LAB TRAP TESTING

COYOTE IN URBAN ENVIRONMENT



Canada's trap research program was established 35 years ago in response to international concerns about animal welfare in the fur industry.

The Program addresses animal welfare as well as efficiency and species selectivity of capture devices. Today, as a result of this state-of-the-art program, Canada is the World Leader in trap research and development of new tools. The expertise is sought after internationally.

Tested trapping systems are now used by professionals for scientific research, public health and safety, conservation of endangered species, protection of property and the environment, and to support the economies and maintaining knowledge bases in rural and remote regions.

Canada is committed to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS) which sets out trap performance requirements for wild animal species that are trapped for various reasons. Traps are tested and are only certified if meeting AIHTS requirements.

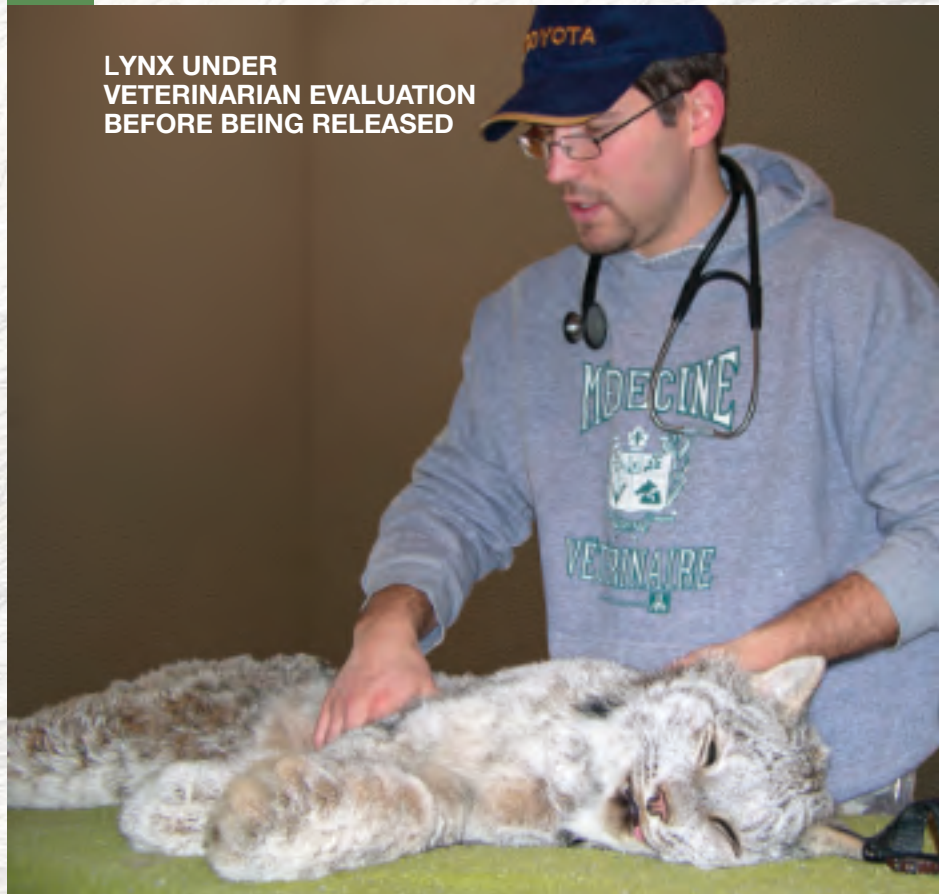
In the development and evaluation of trap designs, live-capture traps must hold an animal of the target species with minimum possible stress, while killing traps must quickly euthanize animals in a matter of seconds.

FUR PRODUCTS



SPECIES AND HABITAT CONSERVATION

LYNX UNDER VETERINARIAN EVALUATION BEFORE BEING RELEASED



With advancements in technology and veterinary guidance, almost all trap testing is now conducted through computer simulation modeling and mechanical laboratory analysis.

This process, unique to the Canadian program, is in demand by many countries throughout the world (USA, Europe, Russia, New Zealand), for evaluating their trap models.



FUR INSTITUTE
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The Fur Institute of Canada was founded in 1983, with a mandate from the Federal, Provincial and Territorial wildlife ministers.

The Institute and its members actively support:

- sustainable use of natural resources;
- conservation and management of renewable natural resources guided by science and traditional knowledge;
- continued improvement of animal welfare by implementation of national and international trap standards adapted through ongoing research and development;

- fostering the animal welfare component of trapping, as recommended by the World Conservation Union (Resolution adopted in 1990).

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