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# WHAT TO DO WHEN AN ANIMAL WON'T GO IN A TRAP

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Sometimes when you've set out a trap for a nuisance animal, they just don't seem to want to go in. And even the best trap is of no use if an animal won't go inside it. In case you've ever come across this issue, here's a few trapping tips to entice a stubborn animal to explore the inside of your trap.

## 1. ALLOW FOR A "GET ACQUAINTED" PERIOD

In many cases, an animal won't go in the trap immediately after placement if it is new and unfamiliar. Instead, don't set the trap at first so the animal can get used to it and not view it as a threat. Fasten the doors so they remain open and place some bait inside. When the bait has been disturbed, it's time to set the trap.

## 2. CAMOUFLAGE THE TRAP

In many cases, an animal won't go in the trap because it looks like, well... a trap. By camouflaging the trap, you can make it look more like a natural part of the surroundings and increase the likelihood the critter will enter it. Cover the top with leaves or twigs to make it look less shiny and obtrusive.

### 3. CONSIDER YOUR BAIT

Choosing the right bait is essential to trapping success. If your nuisance animal won't go inside the trap, you might want to reevaluate the food you're using to lure it. Do some research on your target animal to find out their food preferences.

Proper bait placement is also key. In addition to placing the bait under the trap's trigger mechanism, create a bait trail that starts outside the trap and leads the animal inside.



### 4. CHECK YOUR TRAP PLACEMENT

Just like in real estate, with animal trapping, location is everything. Obviously, an animal can't go in a trap that's not in its neighborhood! Be sure you are placing the trap in an area that the animal frequents. Look for telltale signs like animal droppings or places where animal damage is present. Also, be sure to place it on a level surface so that the tripping mechanism can work properly.