

OREGON TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS

Association members subscribe to the following Code of Ethics:

1. *I shall always be mindful of public safety when setting traps. I will avoid setting traps near high public use areas such as hiking trails, campgrounds, parks or other high use areas.*
2. *Whenever the opportunity presents itself I will help to educate new or inexperienced trappers in safe, humane, ethical and effective trapping methods. I shall pass on to younger trapper's attitudes and skills essential to be a true sportsman.*
3. *I shall consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking their permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.*
4. *I shall avoid setting traps in areas where domestic animals may be caught and release and notify the rightful owners of domestic pets or proper authorities when possible.*
5. *I shall obey the rules of safe trapping and safe gun handling and shall insist that others who trap with me do the same.*
6. *I shall obey all game laws and regulations, and will insist that my companions do likewise.*
7. *I shall not tamper with the traps of another trapper.*
8. *I shall check my traps as required by law.*
9. *I shall dispose of animal carcasses properly.*
10. *I shall strive to maintain a good relationship with other sportsmen. and the general public.*
11. *I shall support conservation efforts that will assure good trapping for future generations of Americans.*

12. *I will endeavor to set traps in a way that minimizes the chance of taking non-target animals.*
13. *I will take great care in taking pictures or posting them to web sites that may be found offensive to the general public or may be used by anti trapping organizations to condemn trappers*
14. *With the help of my association I will continually re-educate myself in the most up to date methods of humane, target specific, public safety and ethical trapping techniques available.*