

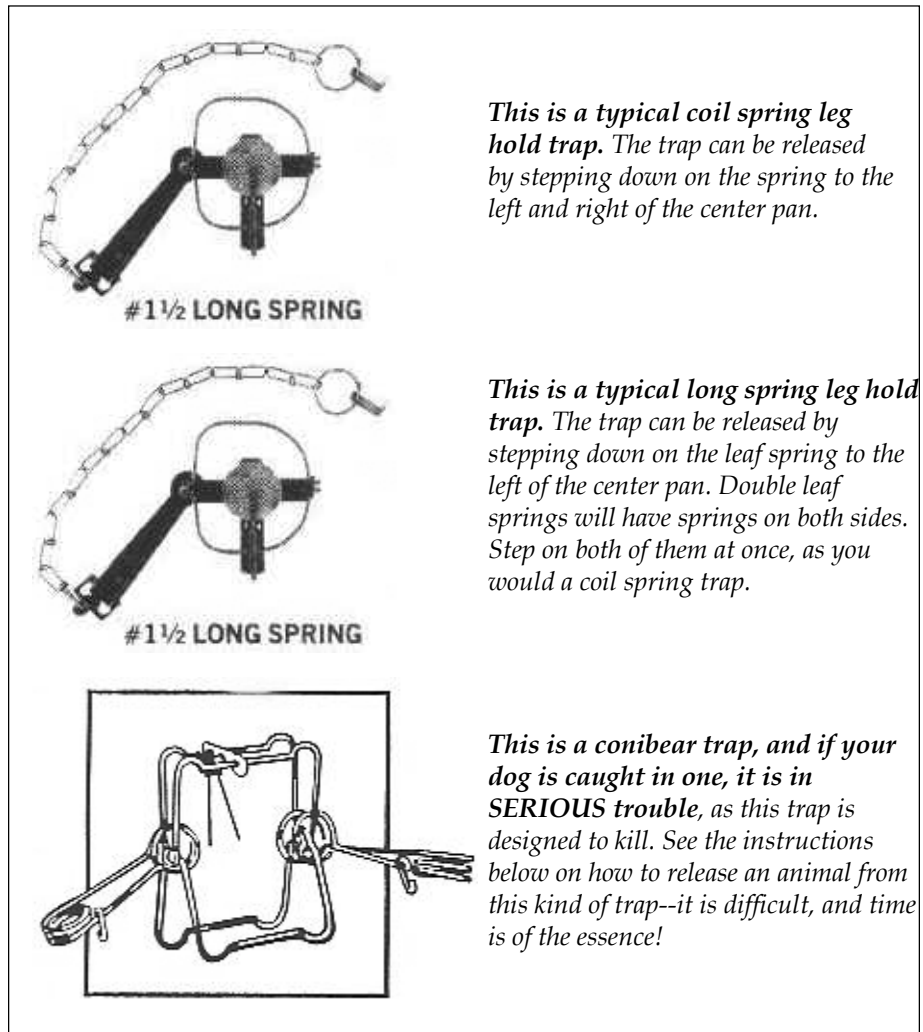
Releasing Your Dog From a Trap

Being prepared for the unthinkable while out hunting with your dog could save his life.

It is generally easy to release your dog from a regular long spring trap, coil spring trap or snare. See the drawings at right for illustrations and details.

In each of these cases, cover your dog's head with a shirt or jacket. This helps calm the dog a little and acts as a muzzle. Though your dog may be very friendly, when in pain he may bite reflexively. And, even if the trap is not hurting your dog, he will most likely be frightened. Once released from the trap, blood flow will return to the trapped limb and foot, which may cause a sharp sting for a moment.

One other recommendation would be to carry a wire cutters at all times to release your dog from a wire snare, as they must be cut off and usually cannot be released manually.

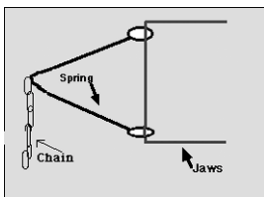


This is a typical coil spring leg hold trap. The trap can be released by stepping down on the spring to the left and right of the center pan.

This is a typical long spring leg hold trap. The trap can be released by stepping down on the leaf spring to the left of the center pan. Double leaf springs will have springs on both sides. Step on both of them at once, as you would a coil spring trap.

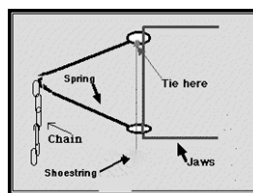
*This is a conibear trap, and if your dog is caught in one, it is in **SERIOUS** trouble, as this trap is designed to kill. See the instructions below on how to release an animal from this kind of trap--it is difficult, and time is of the essence!*

Releasing Your Dog from a Conibear Trap



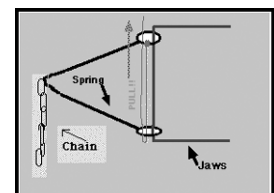
The Conibear Trap, shown in sprung position. Carry two long, strong, boot-type shoestrings with you at ALL times.

To release the trap, tie one end of a shoestring to the top loop of the spring



where it runs along the jaws, run the shoestring through the bottom spring loop and then back through the top spring loop.

Then, stand on the trapchain, pinning



the trap to the ground and haul up on the shoestring. This will compress the spring. Pull and take up the shoestring until both sides of the spring meet. Tie off the shoestring and repeat the process on the other side of the trap, if necessary.