The Horrible Truth About Using Glue Traps, Rodent Traps and Kill Traps

Tucson Wildlife Center admits a large number of suffering animals every year that are caught in kill traps and glue traps. **Glue traps, rodent traps and kill traps cause very painful, slow, cruel deaths and often catch unintended targets like bats, small birds, reptiles, skunks, raccoons, other mammals and even pets.**

Steel jaw traps and rodent traps are excruciatingly painful, often cutting through tissue down to the bone. Wildlife will struggle for hours, sometimes days, being attacked by predators and trying to gnaw or bite off their limbs in attempt to escape before succumbing to exhaustion, dehydration, shock, exposure and death.

This Harris's hawk was rescued after flying around Tucson for several days with a steel-jaw trap attached to his leg. After being rescued by Tucson Wildlife Center, the trap was safely removed to reveal a crushed talon. After surgery and months of rehabilitation, the magnificent hawk was released back to the wild.

A venomous baby Gila monster was rescued after being found stuck on a killer glue trap. He was covered in such strong and thick glue that Tucson Wildlife Center's veterinarians had to be careful to not glue themselves to the animal they were trying to save. Eventually they were able to remove all the glue without harming the reptile and he was released.

Many of the skunks Tucson Wildlife Center rescues are caught in rodent traps. Their paws and toes can be crushed, bones badly broken and the animal often suffers for days before being found and rescued. This spotted skunk was rescued, and needed her toe removed in order to survive. Thankfully she recovered well and was still able to use her paw to forage. She was released back to the wild.

NEVER attempt to remove an animal from ANY trap on your own. For best chances of survival, call Tucson Wildlife Center and bring the animal to our 24/7 rescue, rehab and release hospital. Medical treatment is almost always needed once a trap is removed.

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