



**ATTENTION  
INDIVIDUALS RENTING OR BUYING TRAPS  
IN MASSACHUSETTS**

Wild animals sometimes pose problems by damaging gardens, lawns, or homes. Please be advised of the following law before you buy or rent a trap.

**CAPTURING AND RELOCATING A WILD ANIMAL OFF YOUR PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED BY MASSACHUSETTS STATE LAW.**

This law has been in effect for many years for the protection of wildlife for the following reasons:

1. Capturing and releasing a wild animal elsewhere has been documented to spread diseases into other populations of animals (including pets) that did not previously have the disease. Diseases such as Canine Distemper and Rabies have been moved from one locality to another by well intentioned individuals, who liberated an animal into a new locality.
2. Relocated animals often are likely to return to where they were caught. Squirrels, raccoons, etc. can travel 5, 10, 15 miles and return. Moved animals are stressed, and many wind up being killed by automobiles or other accidental deaths, because they are in an unfamiliar area.
3. Since it is likely that there are already wild animals where you release your "problem" animal, and that these animals are already competing for food resources and denning sites, releasing a new animal will create stress on the animals that have established territories, and upon the animal you release.
4. Relocation only transfers your problems to someone else. Animals accustomed to living in urban areas are likely to search out human habitation in the strange territory, i.e. to end up at someone else's back door, in their chimney, etc.
5. Moving an animal does not solve the problem. Within a very short amount of time, other animals of the same species are likely to move in, unless the food source (garbage, pet food, grain) or access to gardens, chimneys, attics, etc. is corrected.

If you are having a problem with wildlife, we may be able to help. Bain Pest Control can provide information or assistance in methods or techniques that can correct or alleviate the damage caused by wild animals.

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