

# Trap Prep 101



# New Traps

- Every single new trap out of the box needs to be properly tuned.
- The oil and grease must be removed.
- A lite coating of rust helps ensure whatever type of coating will properly adhere to the trap.
- Needs to be done in your pre-season prep
- Pan tension is important

# Traps must be checked & tuned

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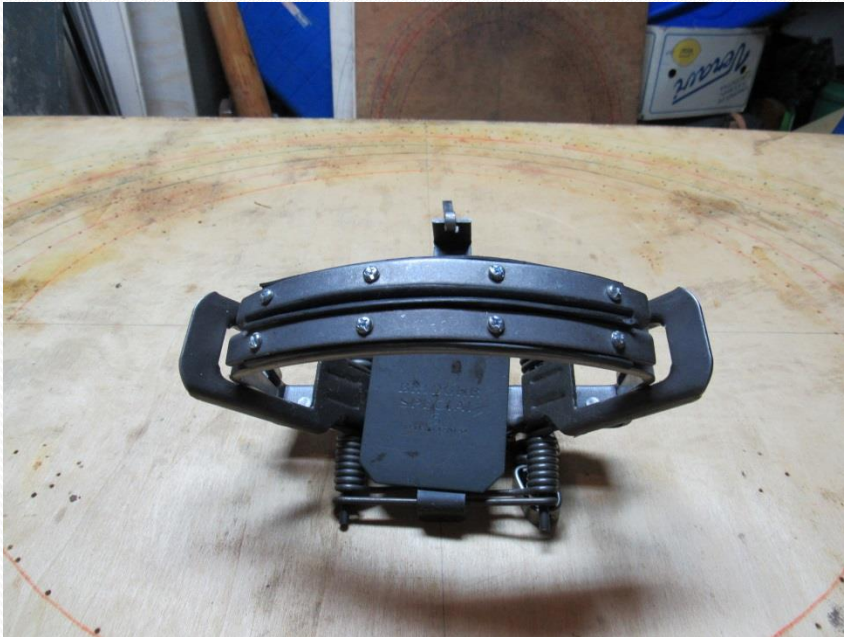
ALL KINDS OF ERRORS

New traps right out of the box.

# Multi step process

Involves:

- Proper de-greasing
- Lite rusting
- Cleaning
- Tuning
- Coating
- Storage



# Step One



- Degreasing
- Canadian Tire, gallon of de-greaser
- Plastic tub
- Dip trap completely in de-greaser
- Reuse de-greaser
- Power wash or rinse with garden hose

# De-greasing

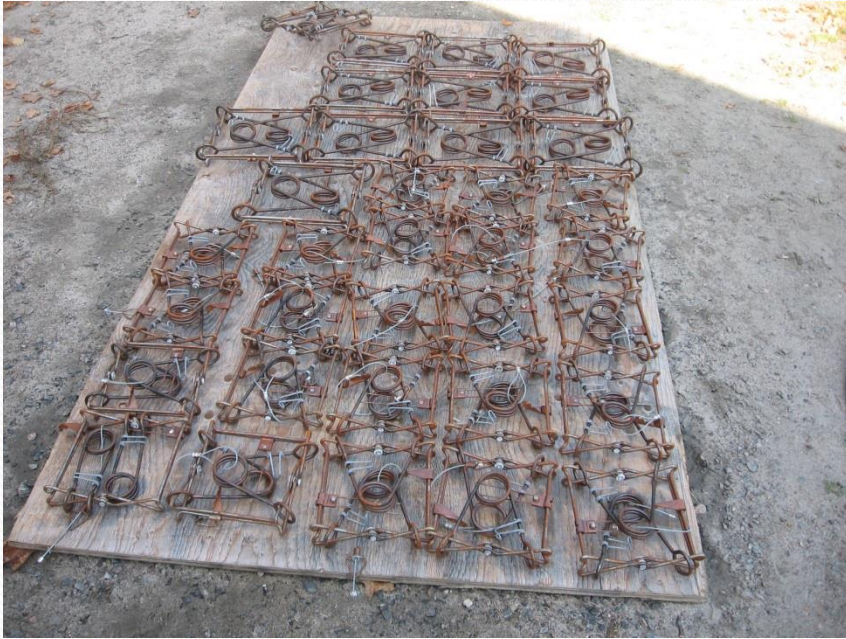


# Step 2



- Once cleaned of degreaser dip in vinegar
- Use regular white vinegar
- Dip only, do not leave in pure vinegar
- Leave to dry overnight
- Fine layer of rust
- Power wash before next step

# Allow to sit overnight





# Step 3



- Power wash or spray with garden hose
- Allow to dry

# Step 4



- Trap is clean
- Ready for dipping
- Take the time to read the instructions on the can.
- Follow the instructions
- Set pan tension
- Coyotes 3lbs
- Wolf 5lbs

# Sullivan's trap tester



- Each black line is one pound pressure
- Critical for avoid non-target catches.
- Ensure a solid catch rather than toe catches
- Remember Murphy's Law "what can go wrong will go wrong".

# Remember to open jaws



# Water based Trap Coat



- No GAS FUMES
- Never sticky
- Easy to store unused dip
- Use a container with lid
- Store in a heated area.
- Just add year to year
- Easy to reapply during season.

# Dip each trap



# Dipping



- Multiple Coats
- Allow to dry between each coat
- Best done on a warm day
- Once dry traps are ready to store.

# Done



- Do before the season
- Store in a clean dry location away from any odours or containments
- Plastic Rubbermaid totes  
- Wal-Mart or Canadian Tire



# Storage Totes



- Come in a number of different sizes
- Cheap - go on sale all the time.
- Stackable - take up less room.
- Convenient for travelling in truck, bike or sleigh.