

BEGINNER'S TRAPPING GUIDE

TRAP TYPES

FOOT HOLD



Foothold traps are most often used for taking coyote, fox, bobcat, skunk, and badger.

The most common types of sets that incorporate foothold traps are dirt hole, flat, and scent post sets. Of these, dirt hole and flat sets are usually baited.

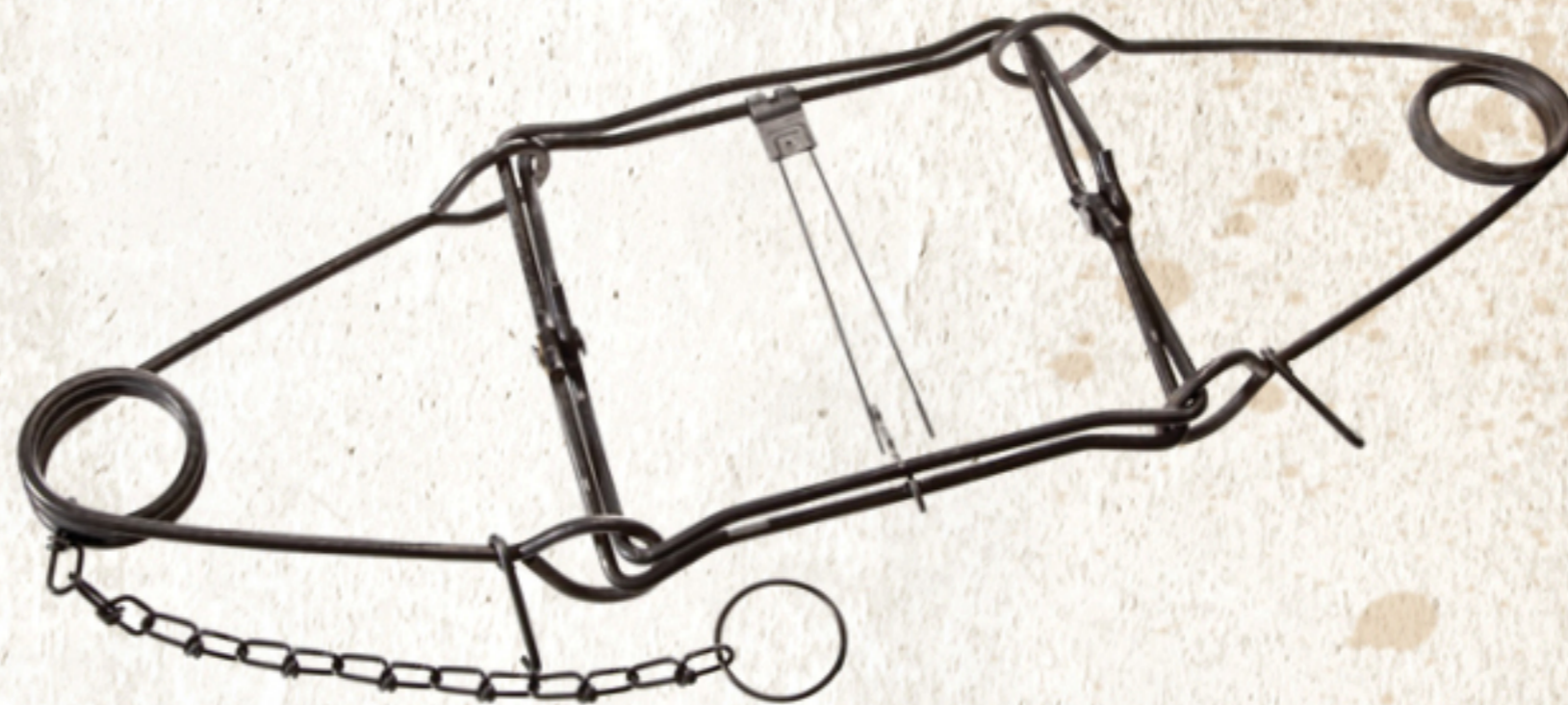
PROS:

- Trapped animals experience no permanent damage
- Non-target animals can be released unharmed
- Can be used on land or in water
- Cause little or no damage to pelt
- Easy to conceal for wary animals such as fox and coyote

CONS:

- Choosing the correct trap size is essential
- Regulations may restrict trap size that can be used on land

CONIBEAR



Conibears are typically used for taking beaver, raccoon, mink, otter, muskrat, marten, and fisher.

The most common sets in which conibear traps are used include water, tunnel, and trail sets.

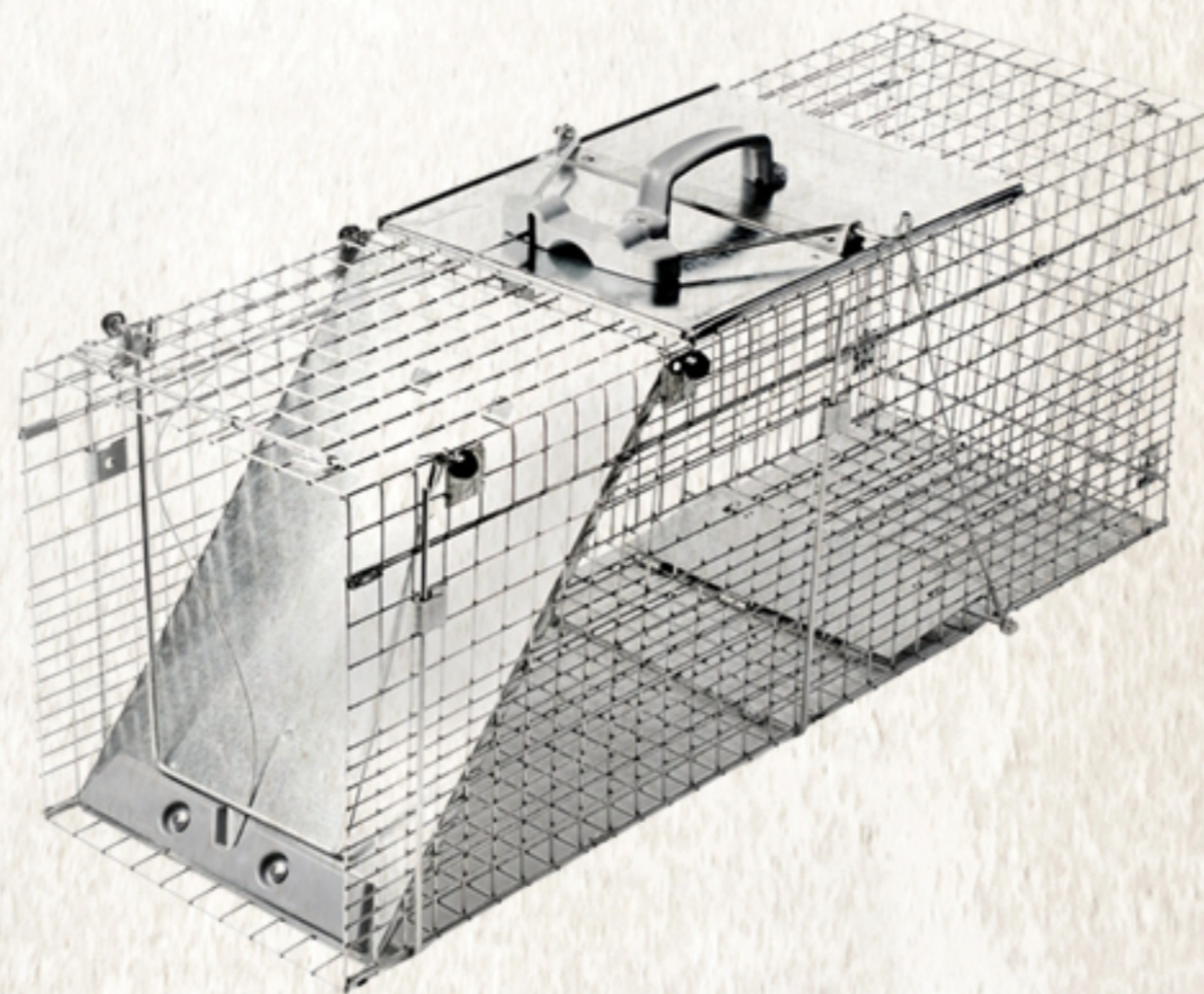
PROS:

- Very efficient trap with low escape rate
- Causes instant unconsciousness and a quick humane death for trapped animal

CONS:

- Non-target animals cannot be released
- Not safe for use where domestic animals, such as dogs and cats, may be present

BOX/CUBBY



Box traps, aka cubbies or live traps, are most often used to catch pest animals like squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, raccoons, skunks, opossum, and other yard invaders.

The cubby is really its own set, but can be camouflaged with natural cover to make it resemble a tunnel or hole in the ground. They should always be baited to lure the animal inside and trigger the trap.

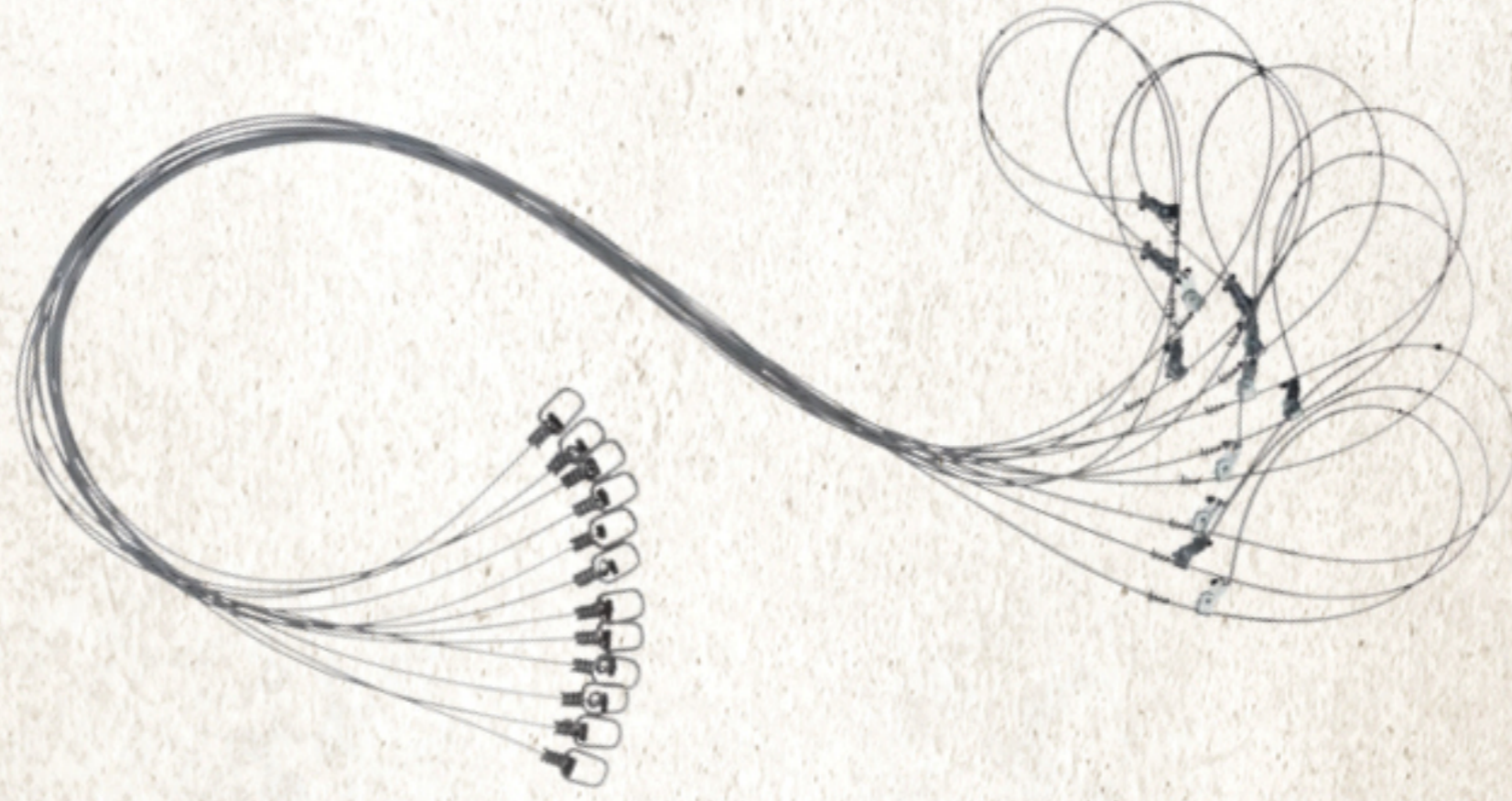
PROS:

- Allows animal to be released unharmed
- Can be used safely around dwellings where the odds of encountering domestic animals are high.

CONS:

- Can be expensive
- Bulky and difficult to transport
- Not practical for everyday trap line use
- Not effective for wary species, such as coyote and fox

SNARE



Snares are most often used to take larger furbearers such as coyotes, wolves, fox, and bobcat.

Snares are usually set in trails or runways where the animals are prone to pass naturally, but are sometimes baited.

PROS:

- Lightweight and easy to transport
- Relatively inexpensive
- The most effective land trap for large furbearers

CONS:

- Can do permanent damage to pelt or hide
- Does not allow for release of non-target animals
- Perfect placement is necessary to avoid entanglement situations