



Skunk in Trap

Please call your local wildlife rehabilitator for advice before trying to trap any wildlife. They can give advice on the species and help the homeowner or business while also doing what is best for the animal.

Skunks are often caught in traps set for woodchucks. Woodchucks are active during the day while skunks are nocturnal. If a trap is set overnight it is likely to capture a skunk or other nocturnal animal. If the skunk is unharmed it must be freed from the trap.

What to expect from the skunk:

The skunk has been trapped and trying to escape for some time. It is stressed. You can expect warnings from the skunk such as stomping and showing the rear. Next is often when the skunk sprays.

How to avoid getting sprayed while letting the skunk out:

Lower the skunk's stress by slowly approaching the trap. Cover the trap with a large dark towel or similar to further calm it. When the skunk settles, open the trap door and walk away slowly. Let the skunk come out when it is ready. Return to check after a few hours.

The most important thing is no sudden movements.