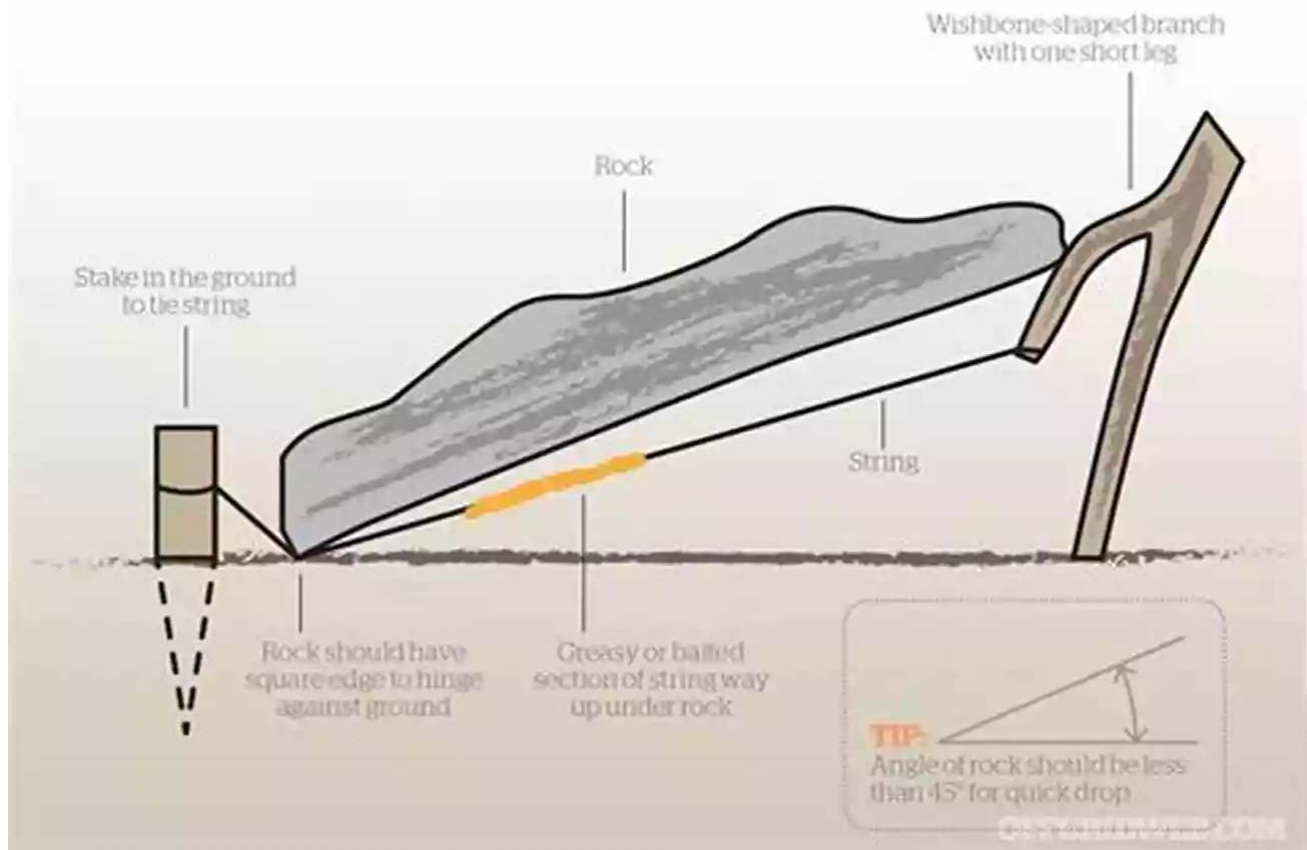


# Old Time Lessons On Catching Animals For Fur: A Glimpse into the Past

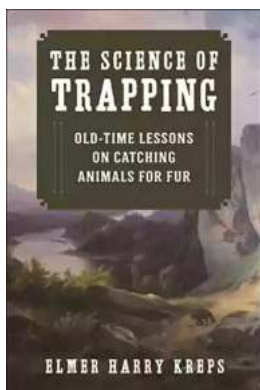


Trapping animals for their fur has been a skill passed down through generations for centuries. It is an art form that requires patience, wisdom, and a deep understanding of nature. In this article, we will take you on a journey back in time to learn the old-time lessons on catching animals for fur.

## 1. Understanding Animal Behavior and Habitat

One of the fundamental lessons in trapping animals for fur is understanding their behavior and habitat. As trappers in old times roamed the wilderness, they observed the patterns and habits of various animals. By patiently studying their

movements, the trappers were able to create effective traps and devise strategies to catch them.



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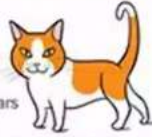
YOUR CAT'S BODY LANGUAGE CAN HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY ARE FEELING

## A happy cat

These cats are relaxed and happy.

1

Cat is standing, has a relaxed body posture, ears are in a natural position, tail is held upright with the tip of the tail curved, eyes are a normal shape, mouth is closed.



2

Cat is lying down, belly is exposed, body posture is relaxed, body is stretched out, ears are in natural position, eyes may be partly closed, mouth is closed.



3

Cat is sitting, body posture is relaxed, tail is held out loosely from body, ears are in natural position, eyes are a normal shape, mouth is closed.

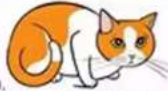


## A worried cat

These cats are telling you that they are uncomfortable and don't want you near them.

1

Cat is in a crouched position, muscles are tense, body is held tightly, tail is tucked tightly into body, ears are slightly swivelled sideways, head is slightly lowered and tucked into body, pupils are dilated, mild tension shows in face.



2

Cats who are worried or anxious may hide.



## An angry or very unhappy cat

These cats are not happy and want you to stay away or go away.

1

Cat is lying down, body is flattened, ears are flattened to the head, pupils are dilated, tail is held tightly into body, body is tense, limbs are held tight and close to body.



2

Cat is lying down, body is flattened, ears are flattened to the head and drawn back, body is slightly rolled over to one side, pupils are dilated, mouth is open and tense, teeth are showing.



3

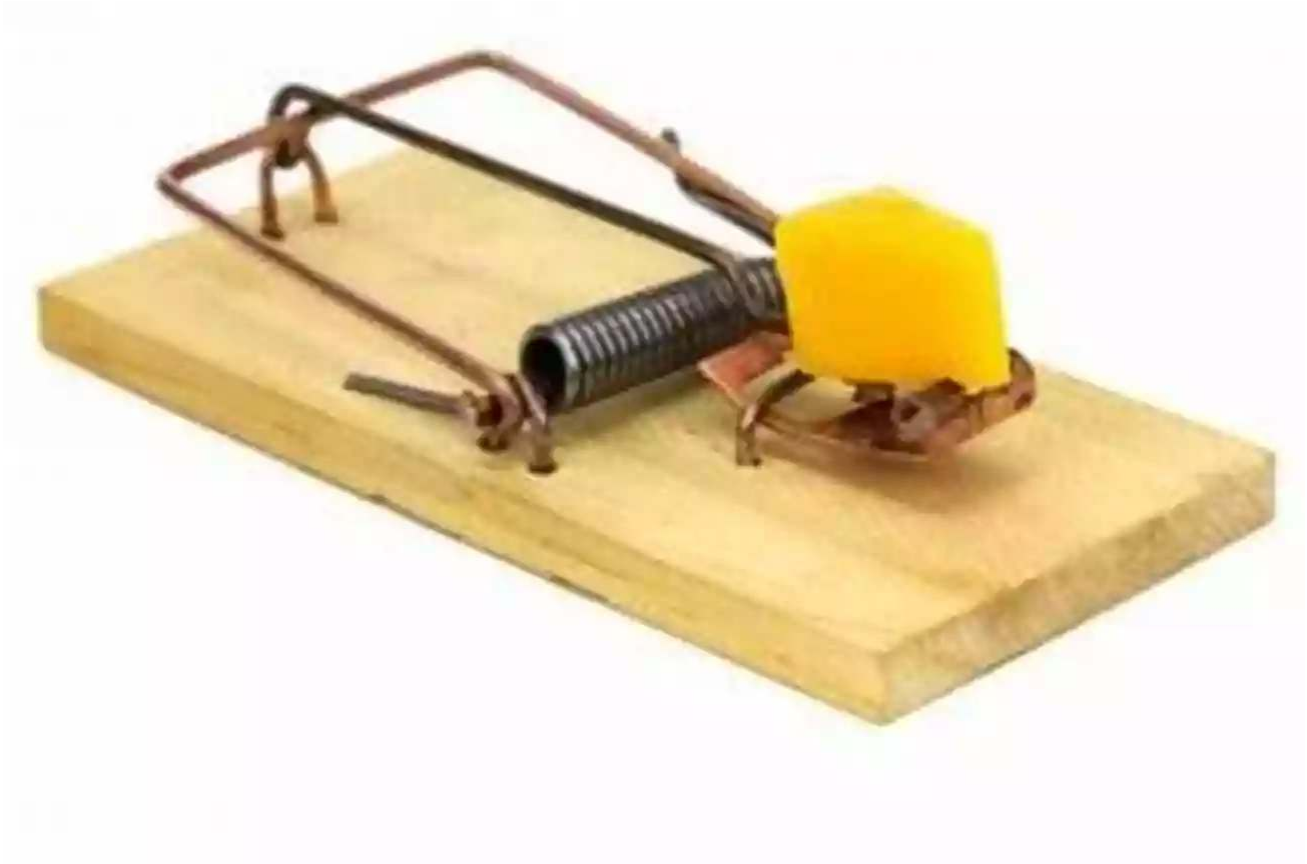
Cat is standing, back is arched, body is held sideways, hair is raised, posture is tense, front paw is slightly lifted off the ground (ready to swipe if needed), ears are lowered and pointing out to the side, mouth is open and tense, teeth are showing, tail is tense.



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## 2. Choosing the Right Trap

The choice of trap is crucial when it comes to catching animals for their fur. Trappers in the past had a wide range of traps at their disposal, each designed to target specific animals. From leg-hold traps to snares, the art of trapping involved selecting the most appropriate trap for the target animal.



### **3. Baiting Techniques**

Trappers had various techniques for enticing animals into their traps. They used natural baits like fruits, nuts, and animal parts, strategically placed in and around the traps. By understanding the animal's diet and preferences, trappers were able to lure them with irresistible scents, ultimately leading to a successful catch.



#### **4. Camouflage and Concealment**

To outsmart animals, trappers had to become one with their surroundings. Camouflage and concealment were critical skills that allowed trappers to blend in seamlessly with the environment, making their traps nearly invisible. Whether it was using natural materials to cover the traps or donning disguises, the ability to hide effectively played a significant role in securing valuable furs.





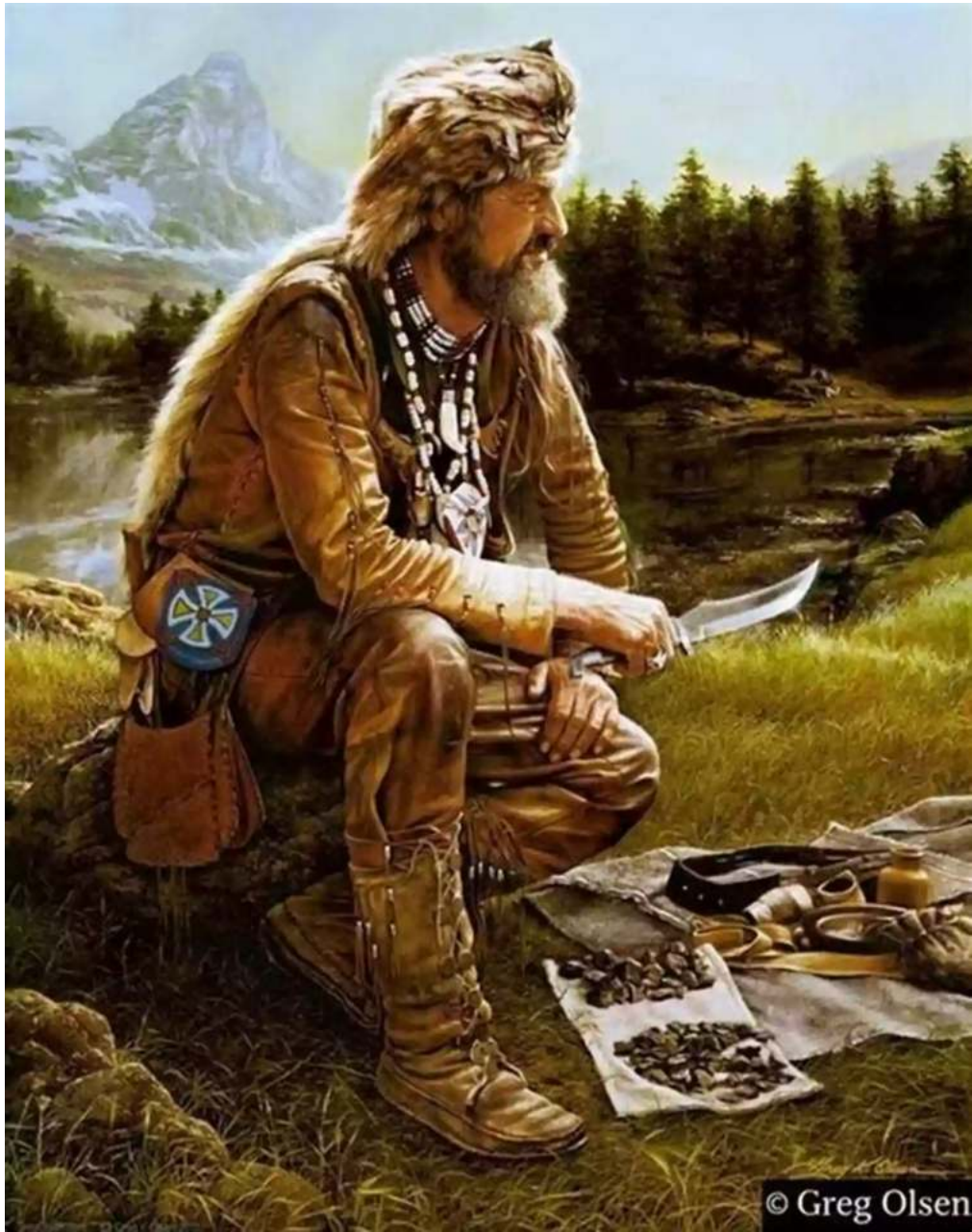
## 5. Ethical and Sustainable Trapping

While trapping animals for fur was a way of life for many in the past, it is essential to acknowledge the importance of ethical and sustainable practices in today's world. Trappers of old understood the balance between human needs and preserving wildlife populations. They ensured that only mature animals were caught, leaving behind enough to maintain the ecological equilibrium.



## **6. Honoring the Tradition**

The old-time lessons on trapping animals for fur serve as a reminder of our connection with nature. Mastering these ancient skills not only preserves a valuable form of heritage but also allows us to gain valuable knowledge about living in harmony with the environment. By honoring the traditions and lessons of the past, we can continue to learn and pass down this timeless art to future generations.



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Trapping animals for fur is more than just a means of acquiring valuable resources. It is a skill rooted in the understanding of animal behavior, habitat, and the importance of ethical practices. By delving into the old-time lessons on trapping, we can appreciate the wisdom passed down through generations and apply it to our modern lives, thereby preserving the art for years to come.





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“Trapping in itself is an art.” Elmer Harry Kreps  
In recent years, the fur trade has experienced a rebirth as nations such as Russia and China demand more and more of these fine pelts. Answering this demand is a growing contingent of modern-day trappers, poised to reap the rewards of this economic boom. While many have the niftiest gadgets and tools at their disposal when capturing animals, others still use time-tested trapping techniques. Such techniques originated and were perfected in the woods of North America. Counted among this previous generation of trappers is Elmer Harry Kreps, a man who grew up in the woods of the Northeast, where he fostered a great passion for nature and its life. Spending countless hours observing these creatures, he quickly learned to trap them. He collected his lessons into the now classic *The Science of Trapping*, an immensely useful book on the trade of capturing animals for fur. *The Science of Trapping* describes methods to capture various kinds of animals in both warm and cold months; skunk, fox, bear, mink, and the shy lynx are all covered, among others. Kreps ends with a review of the various kinds of traps popular during his day. Interspersed throughout this helpful volume is a unique glimpse into the fur economy of the early twentieth century. Skyhorse Publishing is proud to publish a

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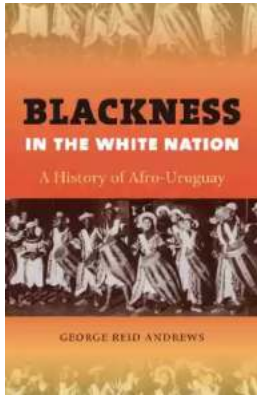
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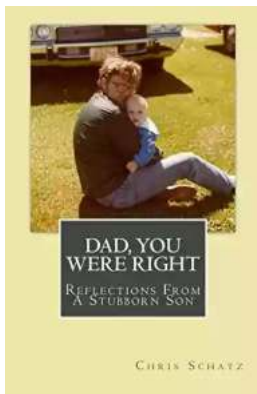
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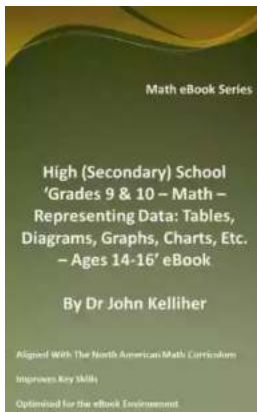
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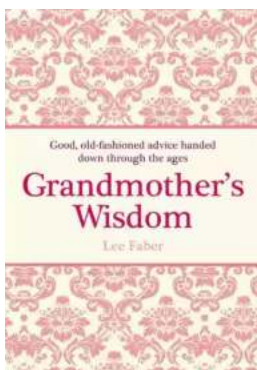
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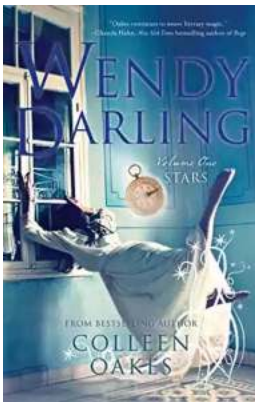
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