

individuals to be caught at once without an active participant. Several types and designs of live traps can be utilized. The most common design is a 4'x8' heavy duty cage with a spring door, root door (see diagram, p. 19), or drop door.

Snares can also be used effectively when placed under fences in travelways that surround active areas; however nontarget animals may also be captured. In some areas of Texas, aerial gunning from a helicopter is an efficient

technique. There are currently no birth control, toxicants or repellents registered for the control of feral hogs.

Can I wipe out a hog population through hunting or trapping?

The feral hog has managed to survive, adapt, and increase their numbers despite attempts at population control. While it is possible to keep the population in check with continuous control, it is highly unlikely to eradicate a hog population within an established range.



Trapped! All hog pictures shown were taken northeast of Bronte. However, wild hogs have penetrated all areas in Coke County.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden Field Notes

No Fishing Means No Fishing

A Robertson County game warden responded to a trespassing call from a landowner reporting a subject on his property riding an ATV loaded with fishing gear. The landowner, who has ponds stocked with fish on the property, confronted the trespasser and told him to leave, but the individual refused. Upon arrival, the warden found the landowner but no trespasser. After learning the game warden had been called, the man reportedly gathered his fishing gear and fled the scene. The landowner stated that he wanted to pursue any charges. While the warden was talking with the landowner, local police radioed they had stopped a man riding an ATV illegally on a public roadway a short distance away. The warden responded to that scene and made contact with the subject. After a short interview, the man admitted to riding down a public road and entering into the landowner's property through an open gate that was clearly marked with a no trespassing sign. He claimed he was innocent because he had

not yet fished on the property that day. After obtaining a non-consent affidavit and a written statement from the landowner, the subject was placed under arrest for criminal trespass and also charged with operating an ATV on a public roadway. The cases are pending.

High Water Rescues

During a late September flood event in South Texas that saw more than 12 inches of rainfall overnight, game wardens in Dimmit and LaSalle counties assisted with high water rescues and evacuations from ranches involving nearly 250 individuals. A majority of the individuals were oil field workers that had been surrounded by the high water and, in one instance, a crew of 46 workers were having to get on top of their vehicles. With the cooperation of the U.S. Border Patrol, Dimmit County Sheriff's Office, Dimmit County Commissioner's heavy equipment and surrounding fire departments, nearly 100 individuals were rescued/evacuated from the ranch. On the LaSalle County side of the ranch, another 60-plus individuals were also evacuated. Wardens also responded to

another call on a ranch that bordered Dimmit and LaSalle counties and used three airboats to evacuate nearly 80 oil field workers.

Not One of Ours

Game wardens in Bell and Travis counties received calls from an individual inquiring if wardens were investigating a boating accident. Since there were no other officers in the area on duty that day, and no reported accidents, they assumed someone

might be impersonating a game warden. The wardens tried unsuccessfully to make contact with the individual who made the inquiry, and after tracking him down discovered an acquaintance of his had made the call as a prank. The wardens were provided with the names of two people involved. They tracked one of the persons involved, and advised that his phone was used to impersonate a game warden and make the

call. He claimed he was unaware of the incident until the following day. The wardens then tracked down the suspect who admitted making the frightening phone call, who admitted to impersonating a Texas game warden. The suspect also used the actual name of a state police officer. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect for a single felony count of impersonating a public servant. The case is pending.

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