TrapSmart Helps Capture Urban Bobcat

Urban Bobcat Study Uses TrapSmart to Humanely Catch Large Bobcat in Texas

Vernon, NJ – April 3, 2014 - TrapSmart, provider of the leading wireless wildlife trap monitoring system, helped catch an large male bobcat that was sighted around the Westdale Hills Apartments and golf course during late February in Hurst, TX.

"Thanks to the TrapSmart transmitters, we received a text message that a trap door had closed around 1:15 in the afternoon, and were on the scene within an hour," said Julie Golla, Graduate Student, Quinney College of Natural Resources, Utah State University. "The bobcat was caught in a trap under a road bridge, with heavy construction taking place a mere 30 meters away. This was an extraordinary scenario for a bobcat capture."

The TrapSmart monitoring system uses advanced GPS technology to instantly alert trappers that a trap has fired. A wireless sensor is affixed to a wildlife trap. When an animal enters the trap, the door closes and the system



Bobcat was safely removed from populated area.

sends a message to the wildlife control professional. The message can be sent via email or text. "With wildlife habits disappearing, we need to have data about urban carnivore populations and their behaviors in order to protect them," states Jim Burgio, Co-founder of TrapSmart. "I am glad we could help the with the Urban Bobcat Study and humanely capture the animal."

The Urban Bobcat Study was initiated in the Dallas Forth Worth Metroplex area in January 2014. The goal is to contribute to urban carnivore conservation practices by gaming spatial data on bobcats in an urban area. The data will enhance future management decisions on the city development while incorporating the conservations of its wildlife.

About TrapSmart

TrapSmart LLP is the manufacturer and distributor of TrapSmart Wildlife Monitoring Systems. TrapSmart systems offer trappers an automated, fail safe methodology to notify trappers as soon as an animal enters the trap. Extensive R&D and testing is performed to ensure that the TrapSmart will work in most environmental conditions. Based in Vernon, NJ, TrapSmart is owned and operated by co-founders, Tom Watson and Jim Burgio. Visit www.trapsmart,com for more information.

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