



HOW TO SELECT A REMOTE TRAP MONITORING SYSTEM

As more states recognize the value of remote trap monitoring, more companies will jump on the bandwagon and offer all kinds of remote trapping systems. So, here are some questions to help you evaluate a remote monitoring and trapping system... before you get caught by a less than ideal system.

A remote trapping and alert system is a combination of software, hardware, wireless and GPS technologies that provide a convenient way to monitor the location and status of traps in real time. Basically, a sensor (hardware) is attached to door of a trap. When the sensor registers an entry, it fires the trap and sends a signal to the control box. The control box sends a signal to a satellite and sends the alert to your device. This transmission typically takes less than a minute and can use cellular, satellite or a combination of cellular and satellite communications.

As you can see, the concept of a remote trap alert system is quite simple. Trap fires, signal sent. However, it is the underlying technology that makes a difference and sets apart the men from the boys. When you evaluate a remote monitoring and trapping system, make sure to consider the following:

1. Does the sensor work with any trap or only certain types of traps?
2. Can a control box monitor multiple traps or do you need a control box for every trap?
3. How far can you place the traps from the control box? Is the limit 50 ft? 1000 ft?
4. Does the control box require a wired power source? If it has a battery, how long will it last? Is a solar power option available?
5. Can it be located in remote areas? Remote areas, such as the North and South poles can pose an issue.
6. Are there wires that can be chewed by local wildlife? Raccoons like to chew wires and this could be a problem if your system has visible wires.
7. Does it send an alert as soon as the trap fires? The quicker you get the alert, the sooner you can get to the trap and minimize stress on the catch.
8. Does it immediately deliver a text to your mobile or PC when the trap fires? You are mobile so you need a system that travels with you.
9. Does the system have limitations – the number of sensors? Range? Geographic areas?
10. Will adverse weather affect the signal?
11. What kind of support is available?
12. How difficult is it to set up?
13. Can it be turned off by accident?
14. What reports are provided?
15. Can I see where all my traps?
16. If I have multiple traps, how will I know which trap has fired?

TrapSmart™ is the electronic trap monitoring system most often recommended by wildlife experts. Why? TrapSmart uses the latest GPS and satellite technology, customizes every solution and offers outstanding customer support. Here is a note from a customer:

I had been trying to trap a large Mama skunk for months with no success. I relied on the customer to check the traps daily. I got all of her babies but she was smart enough to avoid the traps. The customer was leaving for Florida and they wanted me to shut down trapping until the spring.

I did not want to give up so I decided to try the TrapSmart unit so we could continue trapping without onsite eyes or having to go and check the traps daily as the customer is 1 hour away.

I set up the TrapSmart unit and, because the location had poor cell reception, I had trouble getting a good signal. I spoke with Tom at TrapSmart and he suggested putting the control unit higher off the ground. Being this was a remote location and limited access to electricity I had the unit plugged in at the house 300 yards away and on the ground. Tom reminded me of the long lasting battery in the unit and I was able to put the unit on top of a shed near the trap site. Signal strength greatly improved immediately and at 1:30 AM the next morning I received a text message that the trap door was closed.

When I went to the site around 7 AM, I had Mama in a trap.

What I feel is one of the greatest benefits of the TrapSmart system is that the animal did not linger in the trap and was minimally stressed from the ordeal. Everyone benefits. The Animal, My Company and My Customer. The customer was thrilled and so was I. TrapSmart made me look professional and capable to the customer. Proof is in the picture. In the end I have a very impressed and satisfied customer and now TrapSmart has one in me too.

Thank You TrapSmart. Your system will remain in my arsenal and is going to save me a ton of time and fuel.

Jim Brancato, Affiliated Pest Control LLC



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