



10 Good Reasons Why Trappers Should Wear Waterproof Gloves

Protection from animal-borne diseases is as easy as slipping on a pair of gloves, but it may not be the first thing you think of when handling animals. Here are 10 good reasons why waterproof gloves need to be part of your trapping kit.

1. Rabies

How you can contract it – bite wounds, contact of infectious materials (saliva, salivary glands, brain and spinal cord tissue) from infected animals with cuts in the skin, or mucous membranes (eyes, nose or mouth)

2. Tularemia

How you can contract it – contact of an infected animal's blood, body fluids and body tissues with a trapper's skin, cuts in the skin, or mucous membranes

3. Leptospirosis

How you can contract it – contact of an infected animal's urine, blood, body fluids and body tissues with the trapper's skin, cuts in the skin, or mucous membranes

4. Listeriosis

How you can contract it - contact of an infected animal's blood, body fluids and body tissues with the trapper's skin, cuts in the skin, or mucous membranes; ingestion of inadequately cooked meat

5. Erysipelas

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6. Sarcoptic Mange

How you can contract it – contact of an infected animal's skin and hair with a trapper's skin

7. Giardiasis ("Beaver Fever")

How you can contract it – contact of fecal material from the gut or skin of an infected animal with a trapper's hands and mouth

8. Baylisascaris (Raccoon Roundworm) Visceral Larval Migrans

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9. Echinococcosis

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10. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome

How you can contract it – contact of fresh or dried saliva, urine or feces from an infected rodent with a trapper's mucous membranes; also bite wounds

Many of these animal-borne diseases are quite serious when contracted by humans – even fatal! The risk isn't worth it. Protect yourself by always handling trapped animals with waterproof or surgical gloves. Even the rubber gloves found in the housecleaning section of the grocery store work well!

For more information on how to protect you and your loved ones from animal-borne diseases, visit www.gnb.ca/rabies.