

# Mortality of Deer Mice, *Peromyscus maniculatus*, in Wire Mesh Live-Traps: A Cautionary Note

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Live-capture of animals occasionally results in the death of some individuals. Here, we report upon an unusual occurrence of trap-related mortality observed in Deer Mice (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) captured in wire mesh live-traps during field sampling in southeastern Yukon. Eight of 85 marked individuals (9.4%) were found with their snouts caught in the wire mesh of our live-traps; four of these individuals were found dead. We suggest a modification to Ugglan live-traps that would likely decrease such incidents.

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