

## Glue Traps –mammal and bird removal

1. Put tissue paper or newspaper under and around animal parts not stuck and all the exposed glue on trap. This keeps animal from getting further stuck.

2. Cover the animal's head lightly to keep him from stressing further. You will need someone to gently hold the head if the animal struggles to the point of working himself more into the glue.

3. Sprinkle cornstarch or chinchilla dust on parts of the animal stuck to the glue and slowly lift small parts of the body while sprinkling more dust under each bit of lifting. You can use plastic spoon to gently lift a finger or hand....**one at a time**...continuing to put more dust under each lifting and adding more tissues. Be careful to pull limbs in a direction to keep them from breaking. If you are unsticking a bird you must hold the base of each feather or close to it, as you unstick it. Some of these feathers may be salvageable and you don't want to pull out more than necessary. Feathers that are broken need to be pulled by a bird rehabber so that a new one can grow in.

4. Give the animal a break from time to time to de-stress.

5. If there is no chinchilla dust available then you can use cornstarch or very small amounts of vegetable oil.

6. Once animal is off the glue trap, vegetable oil can be used to gently massage in the fur (carefully) to get excess glue off. For birds it needs to be done feather by feather. Gently washing animal in Dawn will remove the oil. Dry the animal and keep warm until the animal is no longer wet.

\*It can take days to weeks for some animals to recover from this.



## Glue Traps: Snakes and amphibian removal

1. Put tissue paper or newspaper under and around animal parts not stuck and on all the exposed glue on trap. This keeps animal from getting further stuck.

2. Cover the animal's head lightly to keep him from stressing further. You will need someone to gently hold the head if the animal struggles to the point of working himself more into the glue.

3. Using corn oil or vegetable oil gently pry with a Q-tip starting at the tail end, if it is a snake. After removal wash body with dawn; then put in aquarium or small wire cage with a towel or wash cloths.

4. Before release make sure there is no more glue, oil or Dawn left on skin. If animal hasn't been on trap too long and appears hydrated, then release. If animal is lethargic or seems dehydrated contact an experienced rehabber or veterinarian.



***\*Encourage people to never use these traps.***