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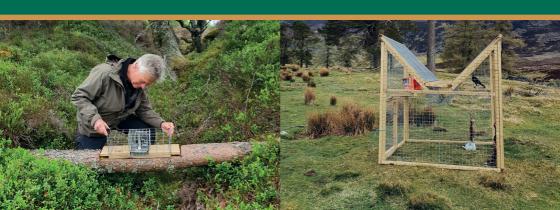## ADVISORY SERVICES

PREDATOR CONTROL ASSESSMENTS

GWCT research has repeatedly demonstrated the importance and benefits of targeted, legal and humane predator control for the conservation and management of game and wildlife. Trapping using spring traps, corvid cages and snares/humane cable restraints are vital to achieve effective predator control. Trapping in Scotland, be it for foxes, mustelids or corvids, is regulated by a large number of laws, general licenses and Codes of Best Practice. Acting in accordance with these various regulations is now more challenging and important than ever.

Additionally, the concept of 'vicarious liability' in the *Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011(WANE Act)*, makes the ownership of any estate or farm, including everyone in a position of management, rather than the individual trap operator, responsible for the legal and code-compliant operation of traps. Due diligence and ongoing documentation of best practice provide the best defence against potential charges of vicarious liability.

GWCT Scotland Advisory Services offer Predator Control Assessments as an effective documentation tool for estates or farms to ensure and demonstrate legal and best-practice trap operation. Regular annual or biannual visits by one of our expert advisors provide professional up to date advice to trap operators on the ground. Reports produced on the basis of these inspections help equip estates or farms with the documentation required to display ongoing due diligence. In this way, Predator Control Assessments give you the peace of mind that comes from knowing that everything is above board.

TRAP WITH CONFIDENCE & KNOWLEDGE

Regular predator control inspections conducted by the GWCT have really raised the standard of trapping and snaring, not just on this estate, but across Scotland.

– Headkeeper, Scottish Borders

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