



What its it's like to trap coyotes

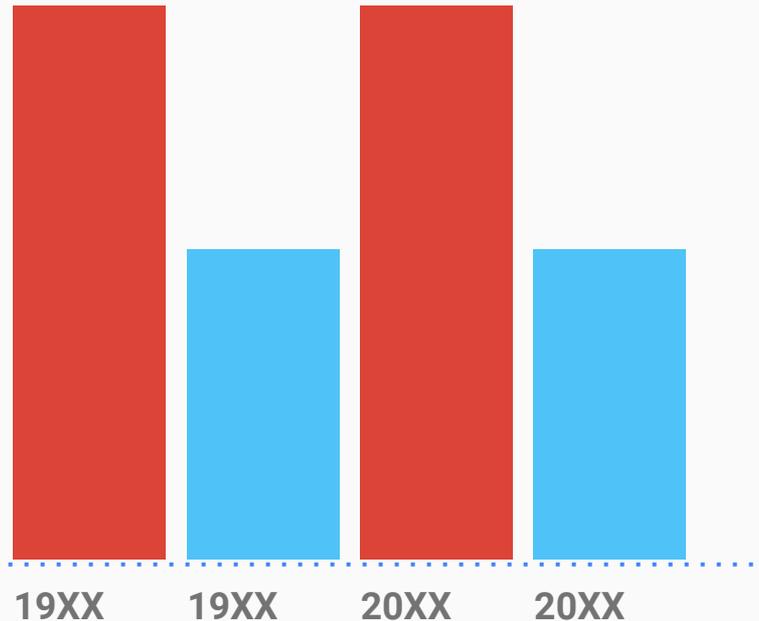
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A photograph of a snowy forest. The ground is covered in a thick layer of white snow. Numerous thin, dark tree trunks are scattered throughout the scene, some leaning at various angles. In the background, a person wearing dark clothing is visible, standing among the trees. The overall atmosphere is quiet and wintry.

**“Its was never about
the money.” - Nathan
Hallihan**

What is a coyote worth?

The price of real fur fluctuate in about a ten year cycle were every ten years or so big brands like Gucci either decided if they will use real fur to make there clothes or cheaper fake material like synthetic fur. Currently pelts are going for anywhere from \$50-\$100 sometimes more sometimes less depending on how well the animal was skinned and its color.



A photograph of a snowy winter landscape. In the foreground, there are several dark, bare tree branches sticking out of the snow. The ground is covered in a thick layer of white snow, with several distinct animal tracks visible, showing the shape of paws and the path they've taken. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white, suggesting a vast, open snowy area.

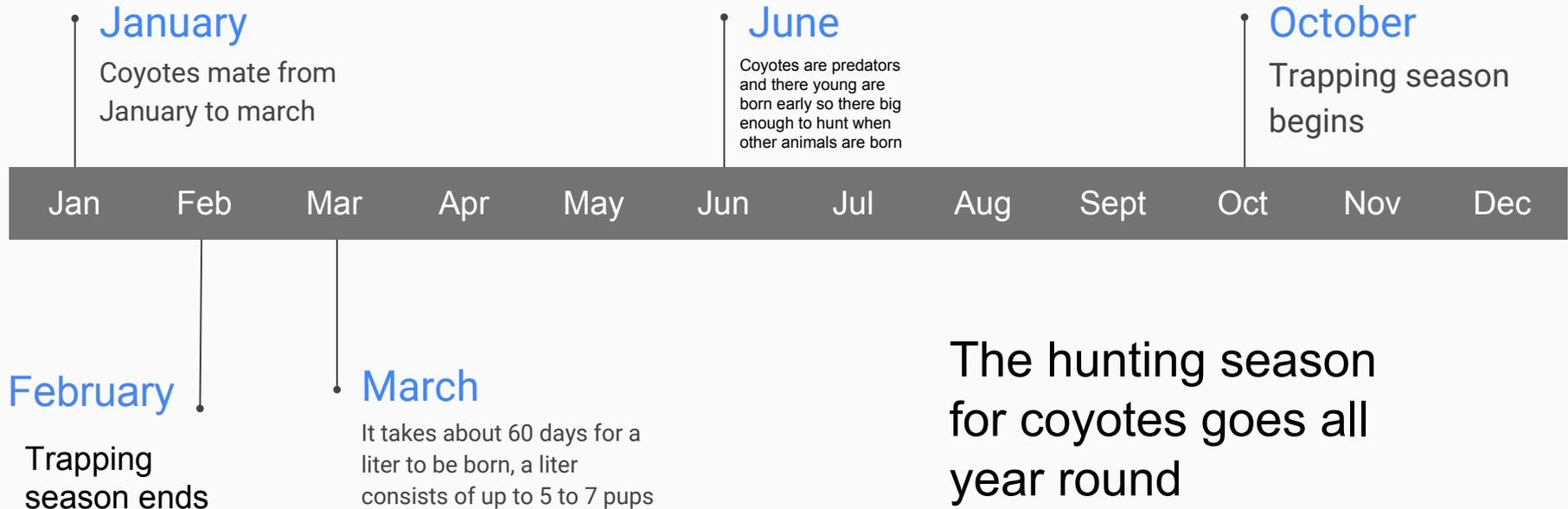
The reason you
cant make a
living anymore

The Canadian trapping industry used to be massive, so massive before Canada was Canada some crazy Europeans came here to bare Canadas harsh weather for the plentiful bounty of fur. Times have changed, over the years some species were over hunted and over trapped and the urbanization of Canada has destroyed a lot of natural ecosystems, there just aren't animals like there used to be.

The economy now is also much different it used to be fur was sought for because it was durable and warm well in most cases also being naturally water proof providing the wearer with great benefits. Real fur was also a status symbol, the more fortunate in this world wanted to let people know who they were and how much money they had by the large amounts of fur they had draped over themselves in all sorts of different clothing choices from hats to scarfs to vest they enjoyed there fur.

Now of days consumers are not as open to real fur because they believe the act of trapping to be unethical as some traps leave animals injured waiting for death like the leg hole.

Trapping season begins on October 1st and ends February 28th



Living with Wildlife

Eastern coyotes

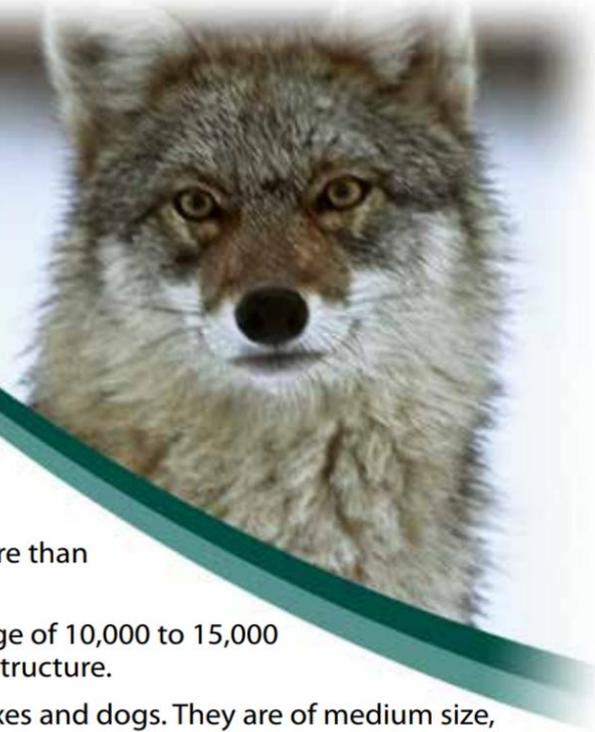
Tips to avoid attracting coyotes and to handling coyote problems

The Eastern coyote (*Canis latrans*) has inhabited New Brunswick for more than 50 years and has adapted well to rural and urban environments.

Coyote populations in New Brunswick fluctuate, with an estimated range of 10,000 to 15,000 animals depending on factors such as food supply, disease and social structure.

Coyotes are a member of the canidae family, which includes wolves, foxes and dogs. They are of medium size, ranging from 14 to 20 kilograms (30 to 45 pounds) and stand 50 to 60 centimetres (20 to 24 inches) at the shoulder. They have pointed, erect ears (unlike most domestic dogs), a pointed muzzle with black nose, and yellow slightly slanted eyes.

The coyote's fur is long and soft and well suited to protect it from the cold. It blends in well with the seasonal





Trapping in
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but in practice
not so much

In Theory

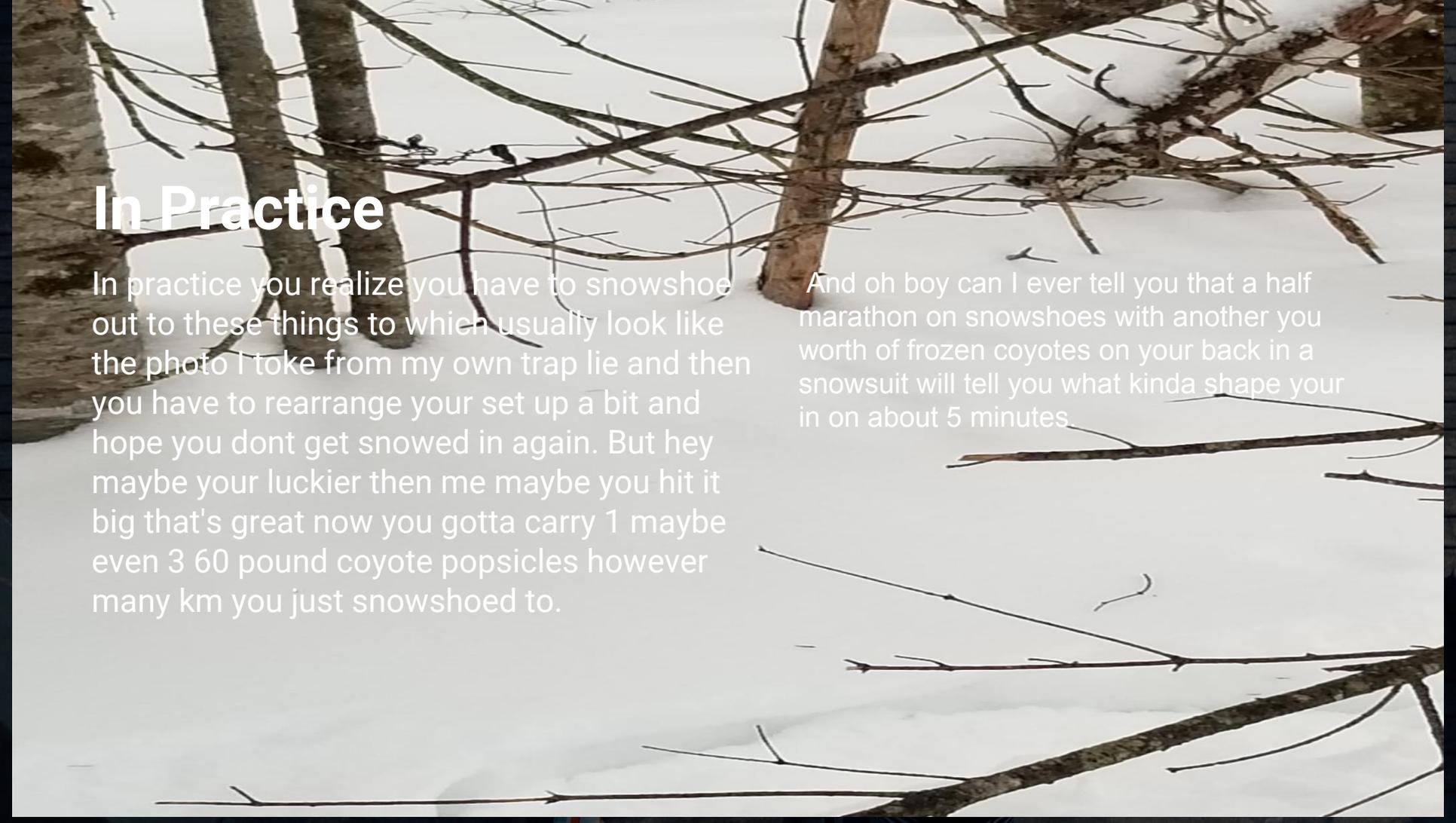
It may seem this simple. You know you lay out all your traps perhaps around a dead carcass or something you found or along a frequently traveled path right full of there tracks and you think, I gottem...

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Set the trap

Wait while checking trap a few times a week

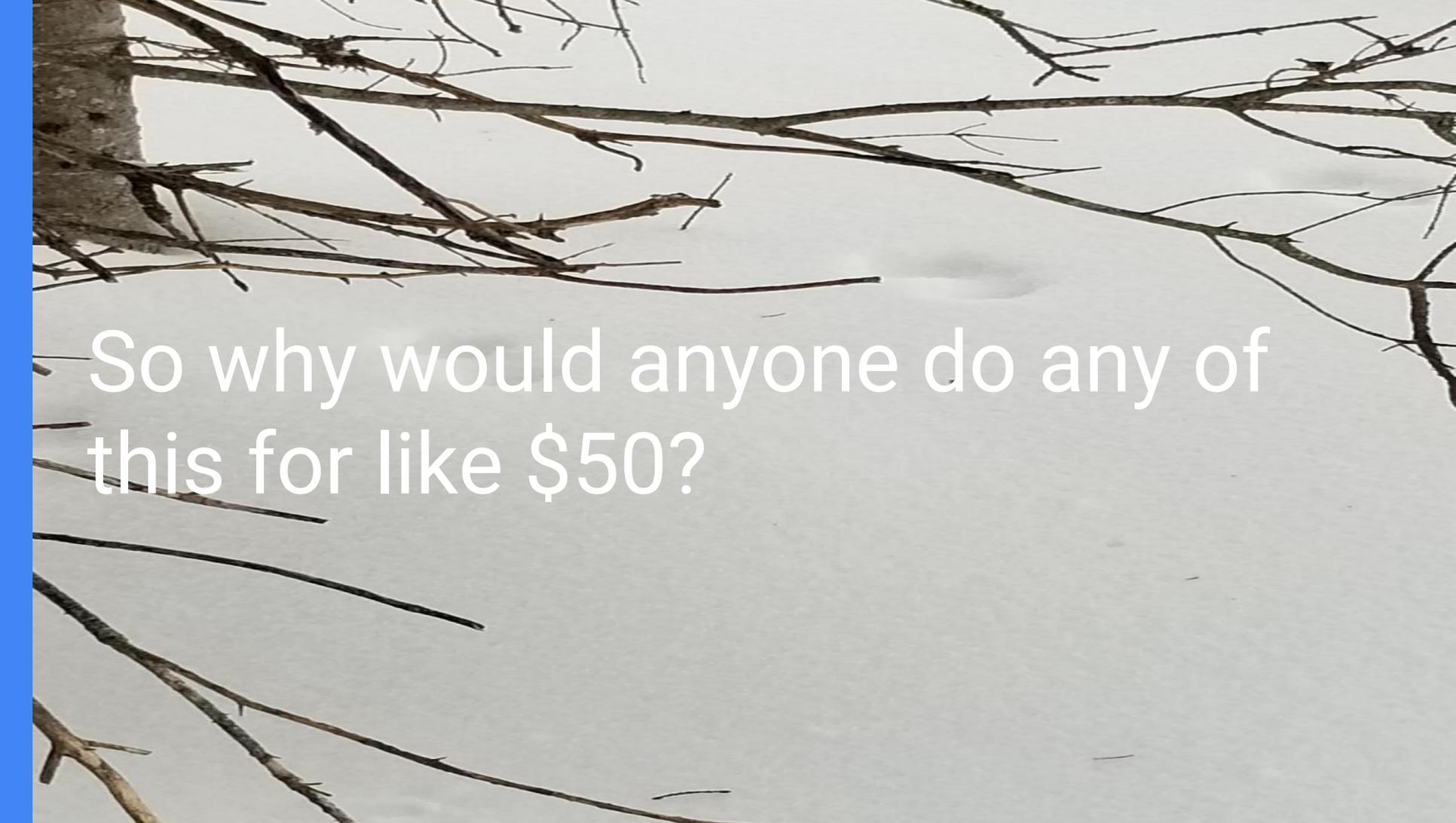
Collect trapped animals

A photograph of a snowy winter landscape. The ground is covered in a layer of snow. Several bare, dark tree branches are scattered across the scene, some standing upright and others lying horizontally. The background is a bright, overcast sky. The overall tone is cold and wintry.

In Practice

In practice you realize you have to snowshoe out to these things to which usually look like the photo I took from my own trap lie and then you have to rearrange your set up a bit and hope you dont get snowed in again. But hey maybe your luckier then me maybe you hit it big that's great now you gotta carry 1 maybe even 3 60 pound coyote popsicles however many km you just snowshoed to.

And oh boy can I ever tell you that a half marathon on snowshoes with another you worth of frozen coyotes on your back in a snowsuit will tell you what kinda shape your in on about 5 minutes.



So why would anyone do any of
this for like \$50?

I was never for the money

Its It's for the moment you go out with your dad and set your first traps, its it's about the Christmas morning feelings you get every time you catch something, its it's about the traditions and the life style. Theses are things that almost bring a tear to my eye out of pure nostalgia, thats what its it's all about...

