



## DOC Traps

The DOC humane kill traps were developed by the Department of Conservation and Philip Waddington. The Doc series of traps are designed to assist conservationists with their protection of native species that have almost been wiped out by introduced predators.

The **DOC 200** is designed to humanely kill 3 pest predators - **stoats, rats and hedgehogs**. Doc 200 has passed the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (**NAWAC**) requirements as a humane killing trap for stoats, rats and hedgehogs. Height: 182mm Width: 128mm Length: 180mm Weight: 1500g.

The **DOC 250** will humanely kills 4 pest predators - **ferrets, stoats, rats and hedgehogs**. This is the only trap on the New Zealand market that humanely kills ferrets. Height: 220mm Width: 160mm Length: 220mm Weight: 3000g.

The DOC traps are made to be set and used by all people. They need to be fitted and secured into wooden boxes that preclude non-target species from gaining access to the baited set trap(s). Boxes can be purchased made up or we can provide specifications to make boxes. Once set they are triggered as the target animal moves across the treadle plate, springing the trap using its own weight as it approaches the bait or moves through the trap tunnel. A tool for setting traps is available as some people may require to set these traps.

To give trappers confidence that the DOC traps are as good as previous traps a two year trial is being run comparing the trap catch rate between DOC 200 vs. Fenn and DOC 200 vs. Victor Professional Rat Traps. Preliminary results after one year clearly show that the DOC traps have produced a higher catch rate of target animals in both instances.



**Photos:** Courtesy of Glen Falconer, Biosecurity Officer – Animals, Greater Wellington Regional Council.

**Associated Links:**

[http://www.predatortraps.com/downloads/techniques\\_stoat\\_trap.doc](http://www.predatortraps.com/downloads/techniques_stoat_trap.doc)

[http://www.predatortraps.com/downloads/techniques\\_ferret\\_trap.doc](http://www.predatortraps.com/downloads/techniques_ferret_trap.doc)

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