

## THE TIMMS POSSUM KILL TRAP

The Timms Trap is made of tough polyethylene plastic. It is very light and compact.



The light colour of the trap is an effective lure to the curious possum.

The possum goes straight to the keyhole opening because the bait scent is strongest at this point.

When the possum takes the bait and trips the striker bar, the neck of the animal is forced upwards into the confined upper part of the unique keyhole opening. The arteries to the brain are compressed and death is effective and quick.

The sensitivity of the trigger action can be adjusted simply by bending the bait rod where it contacts the cross rod (approximately 50mm from tip). I.e. Bent towards the front of the trap will make the release action more sensitive.

### **To bait and set the trap**

Turn the trap upside down and push the bait onto the trigger wire as far as the bend. Place the trap on the ground the right way up and push the wire pegs through the holes on either side of the base rim to secure the trap in position. Hold the top of the trap firmly with one hand and pull the nylon cord with the other hand until you feel the striker bar come down into the set position.

### **Where to set the trap**

Place the trap on level ground where possums are known to frequent. The trap can also be set in a tree. Where children and pets frequent, it is advisable to unset the trap each morning and reset it the next night. To release the set trap it is important to keep tension on the nylon cord with one hand, and then allow the nylon cord to be gradually drawn back inside the trap.

### **Notes on baits**

Ferafeed long-life trap baits are cinnamon lured and FeraFeed Smooth in a tube is naturally attractive peanut butter flavour and are the easiest to use and will remain attractive to possums over long periods.

If using fruit bait such as apple or orange or carrot rings, ensure that they are firm and fresh. A small amount of cinnamon lure on the bait is an effective lure too. The size of the bait is important. The ideal size is a piece of fruit approximately 1" or 2.5cm diameter. If too large or too small, the possum will not be able to set off the trigger mechanism.

**To remove the dead possum**

Pull the nylon cord in the same manner as for setting the trap, until you can free the possum. Keep your fingers clear as you have now reset the trap.