



## THE TIMMS KILL TRAP for Feral Cats

The Timms Trap is made of tough polyethylene plastic. It is very light and compact and will humanely and quickly dispatch feral cats.

Cats will tend to go straight to the keyhole opening because the bait scent is strongest at this point.

When the cat 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 and for non solid baits like tinned cat food and peanut butter/nuts place into a piece of muslin or stocking. Whatever bait is used should be securely wired or tied onto the bait trigger and it is important that the bait is secured in a horizontal direction and not vertical on the bait trigger.

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 cats 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**

Fresh meat and fish, minced rabbit, salted fish e.g. pilchards and a mix of cat nuts and peanut butter, Erayz paste or blocks, and any tinned fish based cat food.

Beef fat is also a good choice as it slides easily onto the bait hook and as it ages it sets dry hardening and the odour it produces over time becomes more alluring to cats.

Ferafeed Smooth in a tube is naturally attractive peanut butter flavour and this can easily be added to cat nuts and will remain attractive to cats over long periods.

The size of the bait is important. The ideal bait size is a piece or dollop approximately 5cm by 5cm square. If too large or too small, the cat will not be able to set off the trigger mechanism.

**To remove the dead cat**

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