

How to use a Live Capture Cage Trap



Important: All OPBG Live Capture Cage Traps are to be installed by an OPBG Coordinator or trained OPBG Volunteer who will undertake a site assessment & provide a H&S briefing.

Live capture cage traps are a safe and humane way to capture pests, especially in areas where pets are present. Animals are not hurt in the traps and can often be found asleep in them. The only instance in which they are not humane is if users fail to check the trap within 12 hours of sunrise. If domestic cats or birds (usually blackbirds and thrushes) are captured they can be released unharmed.

Installation

- Cage traps should be placed on a flat surface.
- Ensure the location is in a convenient place to check every single morning. A spot that can be seen from a window of the house is ideal.

Setting the trap

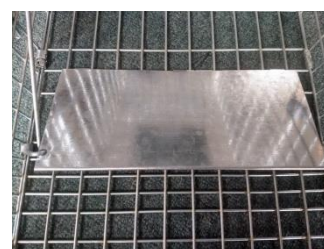
- Flatten the stabilising bars against the cage door up and lift up and outwards.
- While holding door in place pull the small trigger hook forward (at top right) and engage door. The trigger hook can be adjusted to increase sensitivity.
- Ensure that the trigger plate rises as trigger hook is positioned.
- The trap can be tested by putting a finger through the side of the cage and pressing on the trigger plate, this should cause the door to slam shut.



Trigger hook

Baiting the trap

- When the trap is set throw a portion of apple or other fruit into the back of the trap, behind the trigger plate.
- Ensure the bait is not hard up against the side of the cage where it could be accessed from outside.
- Sprinkle flour lure at entrance and inside of cage.
- Rebait as required.
- **Do not bait traps with meat as it may attract pets.**



Trigger plate

Dispatch of live animal

- When a pest animal is captured (possum, rat, hedgehog) contact your Community Coordinator as soon as possible by text or calling 021 0237 5970. They will remove the cage and animal and if required replace with an empty cage.
- All animals will be dispatched in a humane manner.

