

# KC76 CAT TRAP

The cat trap is a live-catch cage trap for the control of feral cats. A treadle-operated device with a unique pull wire for setting and releasing, the trap is designed to capture the animal unharmed for control or for neutering / spaying / health checks.

## SETTING THE TRAP

- Place the trap on the ground with the carrying handle uppermost.
- Whilst holding down the cage, pull on the wire rope which protrudes through the cage top. This will automatically open the door.
- Holding the door open, move the connecting bar under the door lip. This will lift the treadle (foot plate) slightly. The sensitivity can be altered depending on how far in from the door lip the end of the connecting bar sits – the closer to the edge of the lip, the more sensitive the setting. The trap is now set.
- After positioning the trap (see below), adjust the sensitivity to suit. Be careful not to trigger the treadle when your fingers are in the door aperture, as this can have painful consequences!

## PLACING THE TRAP

- It pays to spend some time observing the animal's movement patterns. This is especially important if you know where they are feeding.
- Carefully place the trap on the ground as close as possible to areas that animal frequents. Set or adjust the trap as described above. Remove any debris that could interfere with the trap's action.

- Bait the trap accordingly. Cats will take a wide variety of foods, but fish, crab sticks or cat food work well. Baits should be placed to entice the animal inside- a little just outside the trap door, a little more just inside, and a slightly larger amount beyond the treadle. Make sure that the bait does not prevent the treadle from moving fully.
- The unique door "pull wire" makes the removal of the cat a quick and thus less hazardous procedure.
- Check trap at least daily.

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 must also be consulted.

The BASC code of practice 'Trapping Pest Mammals' must also be observed.

## "TIPS OF THE TRADE"

When the traps are new, leave them outside for a few days to 'weather' this removes any new or human smells. As cats are very wary, it often pays to camouflage the trap with natural materials lying, such as grass, twigs or leaves. Covering with a cloth also helps in some circumstances.

For the control purposes, it is suggested that you should contact your local Cats Protection League or similar body for advice on feral cat neutering / spaying or re-housing. Alternatively, a veterinary surgeon can provide the necessary services.

