

KC80 Dog/Fox Trap

The Dog/Fox trap is a live-catch cage trap for the control of both species in urban and rural environments. A sliding door device trap is designed to capture the animal unharmed for maximum humanness.

SETTING THE TRAP

- Place the trap on the ground with the handles at the top and remove the door and slide the frame from the inside.
- Insert the slide frame into the runners at the end of the cage (with the solid horizontal bar at the bottom and the middle bar on the outside) and slide down fully to the ground.
- Lift the swinging bar up towards the trap door and hold. Then move the connecting pin (attached to the string) under the bottom edge of the bar. The length of the string can be altered if required. Next, insert the metal trap door into the slide frame, ensuring that the small lip on the trap door is at the top and facing outwards. The sensitivity of the trap can be altered depending on how far from the door the lip the end of the connecting pin sits – the closer to the edge, the more sensitive the setting. The trap is now set.
- The bait hook is used to activate the trap door. This should be baited accordingly (see below) and allow to hang freely inside the closed end of the trap. A slack in the string should be removed, allowing just a small tug on the hook/bait to release the door by pulling on the pin.
- After positioning the trap (see below) adjust the sensitivity to suit. Be careful not to trigger the connecting pin when your fingers are in the door aperture as this can have painful consequences!

PLACING THE TRAP

- It pays to spend some time considering 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 the animal frequents. Set or adjust the trap as described above. Remove any debris that could interfere with the traps action.
- Bait the trap accordingly. Both species will take a wide variety of foods but dog food, bacon and chicken pieces work well. Baits should be placed to entice the animal inside and a large piece on the hook. Make sure that the bait can't be pulled off the hook easily and that the animal can't easily hook itself. Ensure that the hook is well embedded/hidden in the bait.
- Check the trap daily

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 both foxes and dogs can be very wary, it often pays to camouflage the trap with natural materials lying nearby, such as grass, twigs or leaves. Covering with a cloth also helps in some circumstances.

