



Folsom Feline Rescue

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Trap Instructions

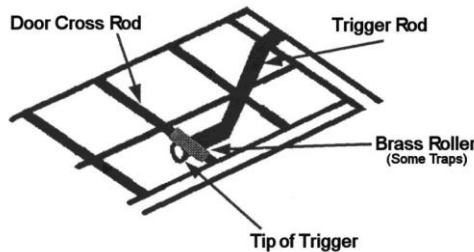


Folsom Feline Rescue uses two brands of traps made by either Tomahawk or Hav-A-Hart. Both traps are single entry and operate in a similar manner. These instructions will show you how to set the trap and provide some suggestions for catching that elusive feline.

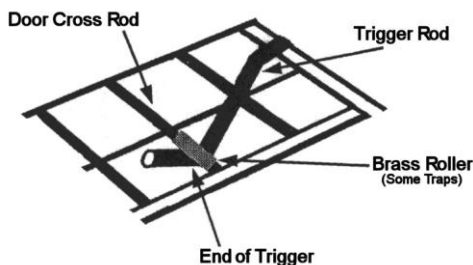
Setting the Trigger Rod: Lift the front trap door and set the trigger by putting your finger through the side of the trap and pushing the trigger rod forward onto the brass roller located on the V-door. Some traps may not have a brass roller. It is always a good idea to test the trap and spring it a few times to make sure it is working. A pencil or pen can be used to press on the trip pan to spring the trap. *Some traps have a lock for the V-door. To release the door lift the latch at the top of the trap by the U-Bar. Once released, all doors open by pushing in at the top and lifting up on the door.*

Magnified View of Trigger: The size of the trigger illustrated below is magnified to show various sensitivity settings. The actual size of the trigger is significantly smaller. In most cases the normal or heavy setting will work fine. Kittens may require a more sensitive setting.

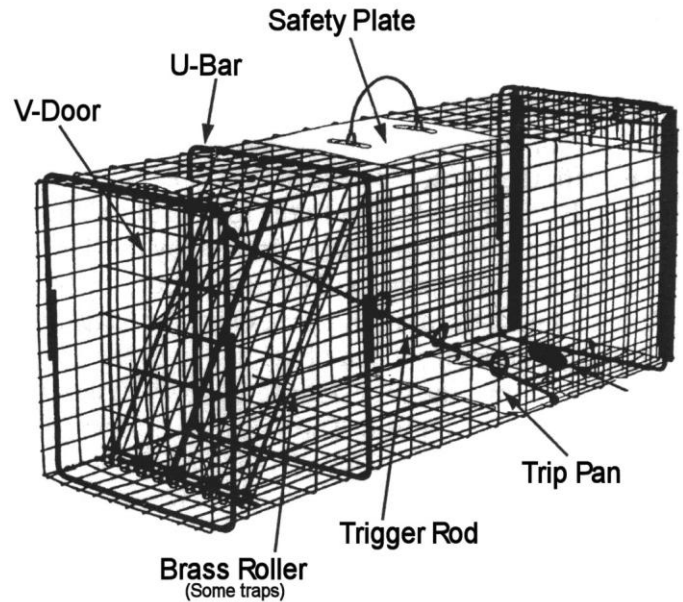
Light Trigger Setting (Sensitive): Place just the tip of the trigger under the brass roller (*Brass roller may not be on all traps*) located on the door cross rod of the V-door. This is useful for catching smaller and lightweight felines. See diagram below:



Heavy Trigger Setting: Push the end of the trigger completely under the brass roller (*Brass roller may not be on all traps*) located on the door cross rod of the V-door. This prevents lightweight felines from springing the trap early. See diagram below:



Trap Terminology:



Releasing captured animals: Set the trap on end with the trap door facing up, push the V-door in (release latch if needed) and up against the top inside of the trap, hold door open while placing the trap on the ground. Keep opening faced away from your body!

Successful Live Trapping: Here are some hints to help

- Place trap on a level surface.
- It can be helpful to cover the trap with a large towel or blanket leaving just the opening uncovered. Use a towel to cover the trap completely once the animal is caught to calm it down.
- Canned fish such as Tuna or Mackerel work great as bait. Place some in the back of the trap and small bits as a trail inside the trap. The juice can also be poured on the ground in front of the trap. The bait can also be set on cardboard or newspaper and the trap placed on top of the baited area.
- A folded newspaper can be used to cover the trap entry and trip plate. Not good on windy days.
- Once the feline is caught DO NOT try and move it to a pet carrier or other enclosure. Simply take the cat in the trap (covered) to the vet for spay or neuter.
- For hard to catch felines lock the trap open and feed cat in trap for a week then set latch for next feeding.

Trap Suppliers: Hav-A-Hart Traps 1-800-800-1819 | Tomahawk Live Trap 1-800-272-8727