

Kania Trap Setting Instructions

WARNING: BEFORE PICKING UP AND HANDLING A TRAP ALWAYS CHECK THAT IT IS NOT SET

1. Place the trap on the ground/floor and hold it down with one hand and unhook the outer spring with other hand. Outer spring is situated just above the trap entrance:



2. Pick up the trap, and remove the side panel/door:



3. Place bait or scent attractant behind the mesh panel, or elsewhere inside the trap body:



4. Push strike bar/internal spring to the back of trap behind the "dog" which is a heavy wire that hangs down from trigger assembly:



5. With the strike bar/internal spring arm held against the roof, lift the dog upwards, thus trapping the spring and fit the end of the dog into the blind hole in the trigger suspension arm. The strike bar/internal spring is now held against the trap roof:



6. The trap is now primed but not finally cocked/set.

7. Re-fit the side panel/door and lock back into position:



8. Place the trap back on the ground/floor, as in instruction No.1 and reset the outer spring arm into its hook/catch:



9: The trap is now cocked/set:



10. If the trap is being set on a tree or side of house/building, then use the trap hanging loops and hang it from two nails/screws. Do not try to set/un-set the trap while on tree or building – always set/cock trap while on ground/floor:



NOTE: When demonstrating or test firing the trap always use a *Soft Substrate* such as a rolled up newspaper to fire the spring. *Never* use a hard substrate like a stick. This will damage the trap.



This trap effectively catches and kills Eastern Grey Squirrels while posing very little risk to non-target wildlife or pets. In trials on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, no non-target wildlife (birds or mammals) or domestic cats have been caught in this trap.

About the Trap

- The Kania Trap 2000 is considered by wildlife control officers and wildlife managers as the safest setting trap and most humane killing trap on the market today.
- It is also found to be species specific, capture efficient and bird proof when set properly.
- Kania Trap 2000 is currently certified for use under the Pest Act in the United Kingdom - Spring Trap Approval Order 1993.
- Always check with your Provincial/State laws regarding the legality of capturing and killing Grey Squirrels and Opossum with the Kania 2000 Trap.
- It is the easiest trap to set and install. Squirrels cannot resist peeking inside. Once the firing spring goes off, there is no handling of a distraught captured squirrel or re-locating such as with a live trap.

Placement

- Kania Trap 2000 should be secured to the tree trunk where the Eastern Grey Squirrels have been observed at 5 to 7 feet above the ground to prevent access from Young Children and other Non-Targets.
- To achieve the best results the trap should be set close to either Bird Feeders or Nesting sites.
- Traps can also be secured under roof eaves, inside attics, or locations on houses where squirrels frequent.
- Placing traps on the ground is effective as well, but only if Non-Target species are not prevalent in the area, i.e.: House Cats, Dogs, Raccoons, Birds and other Non-Targets.

Baiting

- The best baits to use are un-shelled Peanuts, Hazelnuts (Filberts), Walnuts or other native nuts to your region. Peanut Butter can be used, but it has a tendency to go rancid over time. For trapping Opossum, fruit or corn is also good bait.

Precautions

- Set trap in late afternoon or early evening.
- Release the trap spring in early morning to prevent catching non-target species such as Western Red Squirrels or House Cats.
- Do not use meat bait for Squirrels or Opossums, as this will draw un-wanted species such as Raccoons, House Cats, Dogs and other Non-Targets.
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