Setting up Collapsible Cage Trap Models 1088 & 1089

1. Study illustration 1 to familiarize yourself with the parts of the trap.
2. With one hand, grab the handle (#1) on the top of the cage. Lift the trap. Trap will drop into place (illustration 2).
3. Notice the frame rods (#2 & #3) are hanging below the trap. **Note:** Model 1088 has only one frame rod (#2) that is attached to the top front of the cage trap. Gently lower the trap to the ground so that the open ends of the frame rods point to the back of the trap (illustration 3).
4. Bring the front frame rod (#2) up to the front frame clips (#4). Hold the frame clips out one at a time and snap the front frame rod into place (illustration 4). **Remember to clip both sides of the front frame rod.**
5. **For Model 1089 only:** Repeat step 4 for the back frame rod (#3). **Remember to clip both sides of the back frame rod into the back frame clips (#5).** Does not apply to Model 1088.
6. Remove the U-shaped lock rod (#6) from storage area at top of the trap (illustration 5). After removing the lock rod, close back panel (#7). Back panel should swing down when lock rod is removed.
7. Turn trap so you are facing the back panel (#7). With the straight end of the U-shaped lock rod (#6) closest to the ground, take your right hand and thread the straight end of the lock rod through the bottom hole of the retainer clip (#8) and the hooked part of the lock rod through the side of the
trap (illustration 6). **Thread rod through two retainer rings attached to the back panel so the back of the trap is secure.** Thread straight end of lock rod through the bottom hole of the retainer clip on the left side of the trap. With your left hand secure the hooked part of the lock rod to the left side of the trap (illustration 7).

8. Remove trigger rod (#14) from storage area at the top of the trap (illustration 8). Tipping trap away from you, thread trigger into loops on the underside of trigger pan (#9, illustration 9). Return trap to its upright position.

9. Trap is now set up.
10. Carton may be retained for trap storage.

**Baiting Instructions for Models 1088 & 1089**

1. Remove U-shaped lock rod (#6) from the back panel (#7) by pressing in on left side of trap to release hooked part of lock rod. Pull back panel toward you.
2. While holding back panel in an upright position, place the bait approximately two inches from the back of the trap. **Do not place bait on the trigger pan (#9).**
3. Close back panel & relock using U-shaped lock rod.

**REMEMBER:** Always bait the trap before setting it.

**Setting Instructions for Models 1088 & 1089**

**REMEMBER:** Any camouflage or material you use to hide the trap should not interfere with the operation of the trap in any way.

1. Viewing trap from front, position yourself on the right-hand side of trap.
2. **For Model 1089 only:** lift the lock (#10) with your right hand. Does not apply to Model 1088.
3. Place the forefinger of your left hand through the loop (#11) on the door of the trap and with your thumb, push the lock frame (#12) and lift the door (illustration 10).
4. Set trap by pulling metal trigger (#13) forward with your right thumb and forefinger until door is secured by trigger hook (illustration 11).
5. Gently release door. Trap is set.
6. Trip trap to make sure it is working properly. Trip trap using a pen or pencil, sticking an end through the side of the trap and pushing down on the end of the trigger pan.

**Tips:** For smaller animals, use a light trigger release setting. Place just the tip of the trigger rod under the door cross rod (illustration 12).

**Release/Relocation of Captured Animals**

**Note:** Check with your local or state Game Commission to determine the lawful method of disposing of a captured wild or nuisance animal.

**Caution:** DO NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE CAPTURED ANIMALS. DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED NEAR A CAPTURED ANIMAL.
Releasing Captured Animal Through Back Panel

1. Approach trap cautiously and quietly so you don't excite the animal. Stand trap on front door.
2. Pull out the U-shaped lock rod at the back of the trap by pressing in on left side of trap and releasing hook on lock rod. When finished, return trap to its normal position.
3. Stand clear of the animal’s exit path. If necessary, use hook of the U-shaped lock rod to hook the bottom of the back panel and pull back panel outward—pull out and up (illustration 13).
4. Walk away from the trap. The animal will exit the trap on its own.

Illustration 9

Releasing Captured Animal Through Trap Door

1. **On Model 1089 only**: Lift lock (#10) on trap. Does not apply to model 1088.
2. Lift the door up and insert stick through both sides of the trap to prop the door open (illustration 14).
3. Walk away from trap. Animal will exit trap.

Illustration 10

To Collapse Models 1088 & 1089

1. Remove U-shaped lock rod from the back panel.
2. Face trap so trigger rod (#14) is toward you.
3. Unclip front and back frame rods (back frame rod is on 1089 only). Lay frame rods flat.
4. Tip trap away from you, pull trigger rod out of trigger pan. Place trigger rod end into the storage area in the mesh at the top of the trap.
5. **For Model 1089 only**: With right hand, lift door lock on trap. Does not apply to Model 1088.
6. Lift trap door and hold open with left hand.
7. With right hand, push back panel toward the front of trap and hold it open.
8. Collapse trap by pushing top of trap away from you and then down. Fold bottom of trap under the top of trap.
9. Place U-shaped lock rod in the storage area (top one inch of mesh) at the back of the trap so that back panel is secure.
10. Retain carton for trap storage.

Illustration 11

Illustration 12

Illustration 13