Check the Trap—Occasionally the cage will shift due to shipping. Please examine the cage carefully.

- Cage should not be damaged or bent.
- Bait pan should move freely.
- Door locks should move easily from locked position over-top horizontal wire (illustration 1).
- Camouflage should not interfere with operation of trap.
- If the trigger rods do not move downward freely, pull the looped trigger rod outward away from the cage keeping it aligned horizontally with the top of the cage.

With door locks in the open position, check that the doors can be opened by gently pushing down on trigger rods. Notice that trigger rod with offset loop is above straight trigger rod, so pushing down loop rod opens both doors (illustration 2).

Setting the Trap
1. Turn the door locks to the open position (illustration 1).
2. Push down on the straight trigger rod to open door.
3. While holding door open, place bait on the bait pan. See back for bait suggestions. When finished, close door.
4. Push down on the offset loop on the looped trigger rod to open both doors (illustration 2).
5. Position the flat end of the looped trigger rod under the flat end of the bait pan trigger, so that both doors are held open and the bait pan is level (illustration 3).
6. Turn door lock knobs so that both door locks rest on doors (illustration 4).
7. Set and trip cage several times to be sure the cage is working properly. Trip trap using a pen or pencil, sticking an end through the side of the cage and pushing down on the bait pan.

Adjusting Trigger Rods

For all models, if a door is not level when the cage is set, hold the door open and level with one hand, and bend the trigger rod up with the other hand.

Correcting Over-Adjustment to Trigger Rods

On the 1025, 1030, and 1040, tension on the trigger rods should be only from door springs. To correct an over adjustment to the tension, hold the door open and level, and bend the trigger rod down.

Releasing the Animal

To release the animal, flip the door locks into the unlocked position (illustration #1). Gently flip the trap on to it's side or upside down. One suggestion would be to use your foot. Back away from the trap. The animal will walk away on it's own.