



# Tomahawk Live Trap llc

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Assembly instructions for Model 210A and 210B collapsible dog traps. Please see our U-Tube video at TomahawkLiveTrap to watch a collapsible dog trap being assembled.

Some assembly is required. You will be required to insert stabilizing L-rods along each side of the trap for added strength. And to put the trigger rod and trigger rod clips in position. Set up is fairly simple and shouldn't take more than a few minutes. No tools are required.

**1) Place the trap in position.** To begin, place the trap on a flat surface such as the ground or floor with the top facing up. The top is up when the small sheet metal "Tomahawk" name plate is facing up. The trap handles are also located on top.

**2) Remove plastic cable ties.** Remove the 3 plastic cable ties by cutting them with a knife or scissors. One is located at the front of the trap to secure the trigger rod during shipping. The other two are near the front and right side of the trap holding the trap stabilizer L-rods in place.

**3) Unhook roll-hooks which are holding the trap in the folded position.** There are two metal roll hooks on each side of the trap near the middle. These keep the trap in the folded position and must be unhooked before the trap can be set up. They have been highlighted with a green marker. Please roll them backward so they are unhooked. There is also a roll hook securing the rear door to the top of the trap. Please also unhook this rear door roll hook.

**4) Open up the trap.** At this point, there should be nothing obstructing and preventing the trap from opening. Take hold of the trap on top near the center and lift up. The trap should pop open into position and the front and rear doors should drop down holding the trap upright.

**5) Insert stabilizer rods.** Put the stabilizer L-rods into position by inserting them through the four eye-holes which are attached to the sides of the trap. The L-Rods should slide into position easily and once in position, they should be secured at the top with roll hooks.

**6) Move U-bars into position and secure with U-bar clips.** The U-Bars are U shaped ¼" rods attached to the top and bottom of the trap. Simply swing them into position and into the U-Bar clips located on each side of the trap.

**7) Install the trigger rod.** The trigger rod is the long rod that attaches the trip pan to the trigger at the front of the trap. Take hold of the trigger rod and put the bend at the top of the trigger rod through the trigger loop. There is one trigger rod clip for model 210A and two trigger rod clips for model 210B which are attached to the trigger rod down near the pan. Unclip them from the trigger rod and position them equally spaced along the trigger rod and snap into place to the side of the trap. Be sure to do this after the trigger rod is attached to the trigger.

**8) Secure the rear door.** Secure the back door with the roll hooks located at the bottom of the trap. Simply roll the roll-hooks over the bottom wire of the back door.

**9) Set up is complete.** Your trap is now ready to be deployed.

#### **Steps to collapsing the trap for storage.**

- 1) Unclip the trigger rod clips and slide down the trigger rod to rest near the trip pan.
- 2) Unhook the trigger rod from the trigger and lay it flat on the trap floor.
- 3) Unclip the U-bars from the U-bar clips and swing into position at the top and bottom of the trap.
- 4) Unhook the roll hooks holding the rear down in position and swing the door up to the top of the trap. Secure the door to the top of the trap with a roll-hook.
- 5) Remove the four stabilizing L-rods by pulling them out from the eye-holes. Once removed, the L-rods are not attached to the trap. Please remember where you put them as you will need them the next time the trap is deployed.
- 6) Open the front door. As you bring the front door up to the top of the trap, the trap will collapse into the folded position.
- 7) Secure the trap in the folded position with roll hooks on each side of the trap near the center.
- 8) Your trap is now collapsed and ready for storage.

### **How to set the trap.**

Push the safety (small) door all the way in until it is pressed against the larger portion of the door. While keeping the safety door pressed against the larger door, lift the bottom of the larger door until it is up against the underside of the top of the trap. While holding the door up, pull the trigger forward and then lower the door down onto the trigger. A wire on the safety door has been marked green. This green wire should be resting on the trigger. The door will rest on the trigger in the open position and the back of the trip pan will be up off the bottom of the trap pointing upward at a slight angle.

### **Adjusting the trigger for heavier or lighter sets.**

The trigger connects the trigger rod to the trap door. The left side of the trigger is shaped like a capital L and holds the door open when the trap is deployed. When an animal steps on the trip pan, the trigger is pulled away from the door, and the spring loaded door instantly snaps into place trapping the animal inside. You can adjust the trap setting by making a slight adjustment to the L shaped portion of the trigger. This is the part of the trigger that the trap door rests on. For a heavier set, you must decrease the angle of the bottom of the "L" by bending it up. This can be accomplished by grabbing the bottom or base of the "L" with pliers and pushing forward. For a lighter set, you must increase the angle of the "L" by bending it down. This is done by grabbing the bottom or base of the "L" with pliers and pulling toward you. Adjusting the trigger will not damage it. After adjusting, you should test the sensitivity of your trap setting to make sure it is where you want it.

### **Adjusting pan height when the trap is set.**

You can adjust the pan height with a simple adjustment to the trigger. There are two sides to the trigger. The right side is a loop that is connected to the trigger rod which is connected to the trip pan. The left side is "L" shaped and is where the door rests when the trap is set. You will need two pairs of pliers. Grab each side of the trigger with pliers. To raise the pan, you must open the trigger slightly by pushing the left side toward the back of the trap while pulling the right side toward the front. To lower the pan, you must close the trigger slightly by pulling the left side toward the front while pushing the right side toward the back of the trap. Be sure to test your trap after adjusting the pan height.