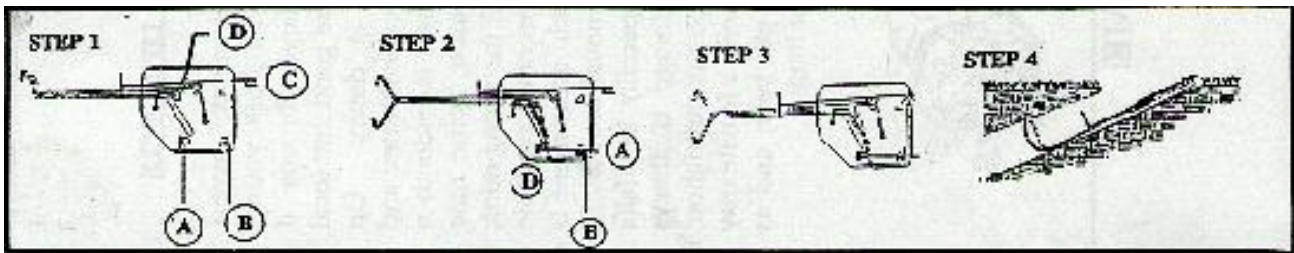




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Product Overview – Cinch Gopher Trap

A-Forward Set Wire B-Rear Set Wire C-Trigger Wire D-Active Jaw Wire



HOW TO SET A CINCH TRAP

Step 1: Hold the trap so the set wires A & B are hanging loose. Pull the trigger wire C back as show in the illustration, the trap is now ready to be set.

Step 2: Holding the trap firm with one hand, raise the active jaw wire D and lower it to the opposite side of the trap base. Position the forward set wire across the active jaw wire as shown.

Step 3: Position the rear set wire B across set wire A. Push the trigger wire C forward making sure the set wire B is positioned behind the tab as illustrated. When you push the trigger wire C make sure you are in the guide area on the rear of the trap base.

Step 4: The trap is now set and ready to be positioned into the gopher run.

Cinch Trap Placement: Dig away dirt on top of gopher's mound to expose hole. Insert the trap into the hole as shown in step 4 above, making sure that the jaws of the trap fit snug against the wall of the hole by twisting back and forth. Leave the hole open to encourage the gopher to investigate the change in the tunnel system. The gopher comes between the jaws and activates the trigger mechanism and the powerful steel spring closes the jaws shut around the gophers middle with instantaneous effectiveness. Remove the trap, release and dispose of the carcass. Check area for other activity and set as necessary.



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Tunnel Information: Gophers are active throughout the year and fresh workings may be found in any month. A gopher will dig up to 7 or 8 tunnels, which may extend as much as 800 feet each. Most of the tunneling activity can be seen during the fall. Burrows vary from 2 to 3 inches in diameter. These are mostly parallel to the ground surface, usually at depths of from 6 to 12 inches, with secondary tunnels down 24 to 30 inches. New activity sometimes is not visible above ground, because the gopher is very capable of backfilling tunnels that are no longer needed. By fall, one gopher will have accumulated seven or eight storage rooms packed with tubers, and roots. Because of its subterranean nature and the sometimes-limited amount of surface sign, the damage caused by this animal often goes unnoticed.

Gopher Identification: Names for external fur-lined cheek pouches for carrying vegetative matter, also a burrowing animal with soft and glossy body hair, inconspicuous ears with large upper and lower incisors they vary by species in size from 6" to 13". Excavated crescent shaped mounds produced while tunneling for succulent portions of plants. They are active year round, are solitary and defensive. They can control territory up to 2000 square feet.

Reproduction & Life Cycle: On an average, the female will have 1 or 2 broods per year, with 5 to 6 young, but more often, larger broods if survival conditions are good and local gopher population is down. On pasturelands and on uncultivated and non-irrigated areas there is evidently a limited breeding season, some time after the beginning of the spring rains, when green forage becomes available in quantity. On such areas there is probably a single, annual brood. In irrigated regions, especially in alfalfa fields where green forage is always available, breeding occurs throughout the year. In such places, a female may bear up to 4 litters per year, and have as many as 13 young.

Eating Habits: The gopher is an underground dweller, only occasionally coming above ground at night to feed or migrate. It has external cheek pouches in which food is carried. Gophers cut roots of trees, vines and gnaw the bark of trees, at times complete encircling them so that they die. The gopher cuts the roots of plants beneath the surface, and then pulls the rest of the plant into the burrow. They can consume and destroy large amounts of vegetation.

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