



Using Your Own Traps?

Cats must be brought to their appointment in a humane, live trap designed for a medium-sized animal.

- Trap size should be 2-3 feet in length and 9-12 inches in width and height.
- The trap should be big enough for them to lay comfortably on their sides during recovery from surgery.
- The humane trap allows our team to safely handle the cat with minimal stress.
- The wire bottom of the trap allows urine and waste to fall from the trap during recovery creating a more sanitary resting area.



Your cat will NOT be accepted in any device that is not a humane, live trap of the correct size and security. If you do not have the correct trap, you can purchase one at many hardware and pet stores, or call Alley Cat Advocates. We will loan the correct traps to you.

Too Small

This is a squirrel trap. It is too small for a cat.



Too Big This is a dog trap. It is too large for a cat.



Not a Trap

This is a cat carrier, not a trap. It doesn't provide for safe handling and is not sanitary for post-surgical care.



Not a Trap

This is a cage, not a trap. It doesn't provide for safe handling and is not sanitary for post-surgical care.

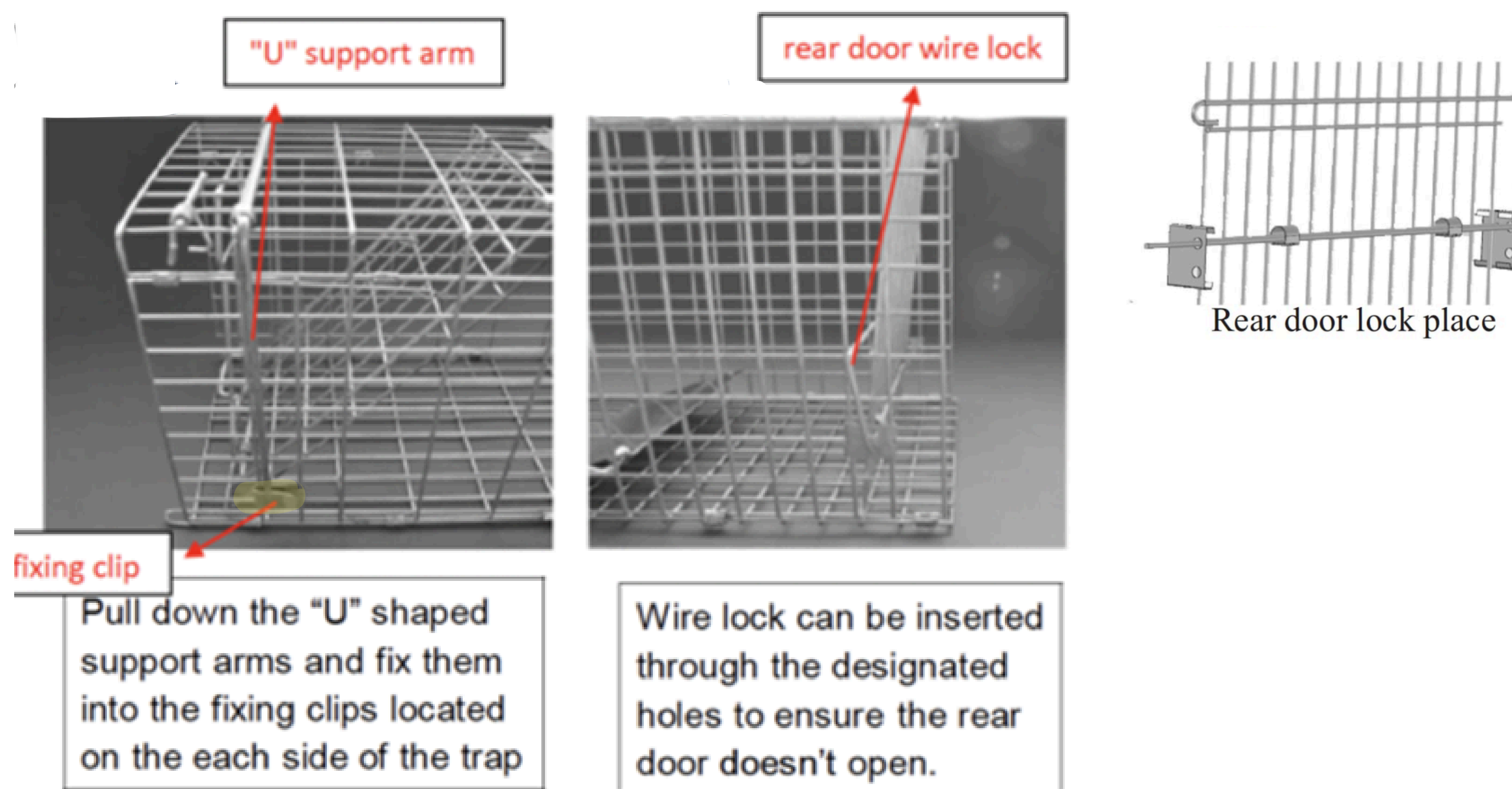




Ensure Your Trap Is Safe & Secure

There are multiple manufacturers of traps and multiple models including non-collapsible and collapsible traps. Sometimes the traps are sold pre-built in stores and sometimes they are sold flat. Although not all models will look exactly the same, here are some key characteristics to look for to ensure your trap is safe and secure.

- Make sure your trap fits within the size requirements (2-3' in length and 9-12" in width and height).
- If your trap is collapsible, make sure the following attachments are latched and tightly secured so the trap does not wobble.



- Please avoid traps that have front latches that look like this:



- Please avoid traps that have handles on top of the trap designed to open it:



If you are unsure whether your trap meets our requirements or have other questions regarding traps or your appointment, you can email pictures to support@alleycatadvocates.org