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Thank you for your order for a MiniMyna Magnet.

Now it is time to commence the important task of "pre-feeding" in the lead up to the arrival of your MiniMyna Magnet trap.

It is vital to lure the birds to the location (preferably a secluded area of the yard) where you plan to set up your MiniMyna Magnet. This may take several weeks to gain the birds trust. The purpose of pre-feeding is for your feeding station to become the primary source of food for the local Indian myna population.

Pre-feeding station: Select a tray or plate around 200 – 300mm wide. Place dry cat or puppy food on your tray or plate. Any kibble or granular type is suitable. Alternatively crush larger biscuits into a granule. This makes the protein based food attractive and easier to eat. Top up the food regularly once it is consumed. The goal is to have the birds feeding there daily.

Handy hint: If possible, set up the pre-feeding station at night or when the birds are not in the yard. This is vital later when assembling the trap as you do not want the birds to see you tampering with their feeding area.

Only once all the Mynas are eating from your planned trapping location, will it be possible to start the program. It is therefore best to start now (not when your trap arrives), so you have the best chance of winning the war against Indian mynas.

Troubleshooting: Indian mynas are very intelligent and suspicious birds. To help you understand the trapping process, here are some additional handy hints if you experience difficulty luring the birds to your pre-feeding station or ultimately to your MiniMyna Magnet.

Due to their intelligence, it is not uncommon for Mynas to be "trap shy". In commercial situations we generally conduct trapping programs that run for short periods at regular intervals I.e. one fortnight of trapping 3-4 times per year. This tends to be more efficient than a continuous trapping program.

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Some suggestions if you have difficulty luring birds into your trap:

- Have a rest for a month and start the process of pre-feeding again.
- Start the program when you notice the birds returning to the yard.
- Only touch the trap at night when the birds can't see you (very important).
- Only complete the trap construction (i.e. Attach the one way valves) once you have the birds confidently entering AND leaving the trap to feed. Many people put a fully constructed trap out in the yard – this will NOT work. It is very important that you follow the Myna Trapping Cycle on our web site - CLICK HERE (while the illustrations are for the larger Myna Magnet trap, the concept is still the same for the smaller MiniMyna Trap).

- Use a granular cat, puppy or dog food and perhaps add watermelon peels or other fruits as well if needed.
- For directions and more information, follow this link to our site – CLICK HERE
- Sometimes birds will enter the trap and get suspicious and leave. You can use the leftover springs (there are two additional spring supplied with your trap) on the walk-ins to encourage the birds to enter the collection trap.

While we don't anticipate any issues, the above helps you understand the process of gaining the birds trust to enter and feed in the trap. Ultimately, it is this confidence that ensures a successful trapping program.

Additional accessories such as storage bags and spare parts are available on request.

If we can assist you in any way, please call us on 1300 665 657.

Regards,

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