

# New traps looking for a home

Traps seem to be the 'flavour of the month' at the moment. Out and about recently we have come across a series of new and innovative traps as revealed here, yet these have yet to appear on the UK professional market.

At Eurocido there were several new traps on display (see our web news report) but there was a whole gaggle of them on the Germany-based Futura stand. Not only are the traps cleverly constructed, but they are designed to utilise both non-toxic Nara Lures (see box right) and also ingenious hand-wound, energy self-sufficient emitters which send a signal when the trap is sprung.



Daniel Schröer shows off the circular Swopbox and the Speed Break

As demonstrated by Daniel Schröer, international sales manager for BioTec Klute, the Swopbox is specifically designed for use wall-mounted in hygiene areas which are wet cleaned, whereas the Speed Break tunnel type trap includes two Kness mouse traps and emitter. With the habits of the mouse in mind, the EPP-tunnel (also seen on the Killgerm stand at Eurocido) is a considerably longer tunnel type trap, constructed of 'warm to touch' epoxy foam material. In it there are two Kness traps which can be baited with Nara blocks accompanied by an emitter alert, all contained within a protective stainless steel 'sleeve'.

Daniel is actively seeking international partners to work with.

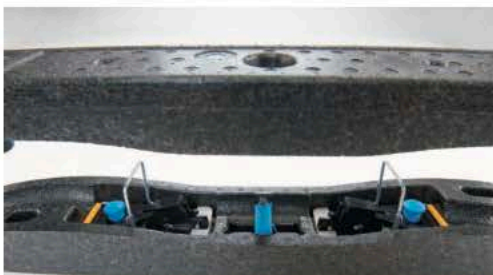
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## Don't feed the mice – or rats!

Non-toxic monitoring baits are growing in popularity, but the existing food-based ones are prone to infestation by insects and mould, especially if used in damp areas.

Futura has developed two aromatised, allergen-free, plastic baits – the smaller (Nara Lure) shown top, is mushroom-shaped and is designed as a lure for mice and fits snugly into a Kness mouse trap.

Nara Bloc is a larger bait suitable for rats.



The EPP-tunnel designed with the mouse in mind

## Self-designed mole trap

Fed-up with the moles making a complete mess of his prize garden and lawn, then retired David Relf (seen right) set about waging war on his moles. Having researched the available traps on the market, most of which he felt were better designed to catch his fingers than the moles, he set-about designing his own! He wanted one accessible from both ends, easy to set and which clearly indicated when it had performed its task.

After much trial and error he came up with his own design, now patented, and the Beagle EasySet mole trap was born. The actual trap is made out of injection moulded plastic with galvanised steel springs and killing loops. It has a high powered spring mechanism and bi-directional trigger, crimped killing bars for increased point pressure to ensure a quick, clean kill every time it is easy to see if sprung as the plunger handle simply pops-up.

To date David has concentrated on the more lucrative retail market, but would be happy to hear from professionals.

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Left:  
Trap set  
Below:  
Trap sprung

