

## FAQ – Toadinator & Attracta



### IMPORTANT

**Make sure to charge your Attracta in a wall charger and charge for a minimum of 12 hours before use and before charging with the solar panel**

#### 1) My Attracta isn't working, what should I do?

- Firstly, make sure you have plugged the unit into the wall charger and charged for 12-24 hours. This helps set the re-chargeable memory of the battery appropriately.
- Push and hold the power button for 3-5 seconds – it should sound 'power on'
- If you still can't get the unit to power on at all, call ACTA on 03 9308 9688

#### 2) How long will the Attracta unit work for?

- The units should call for approximately 6.5 hours. This will vary depending on the volume the unit is set to and how well charged the units are (e.g. on a partly cloudy day, the panels will not deliver as much power as on a full sun day)
- We recommend checking traps daily and disposing of any captured toads humanely.

#### 3) I'm charging the unit off the solar panel now, what do I do?

- Make sure the panel lead is connected firmly to the Attracta lead
- Clean the solar panels regularly, especially if in dusty/ wet conditions.
- Try to expose the solar panel to as much sunlight as possible, this will maximise the charge and maximise call times

#### 4) My Attracta unit is starting to make noises in the early morning – what is happening?

- Occasionally, and depending on your set up, the units will start to recharge in the early morning if the solar panels are picking up light. Then, if it is still dark enough within the trap, the light sensor may not pick up enough light to distinguish if it is day time so may start to call until sufficient light is picked up by the sensor. This may happen more in shaded areas.

#### 5) I haven't used my trap for a while, what should I do?

- We recommend that after each period of non-use, to recharge the units via the wall charger for at least 12-24 hours.
- Make sure solar panels are clean and connected firmly to the Attracta unit

- Check the trap doors are all swinging freely and sitting in the closed position, clear any vegetation that may have grown up into the trap, or try a new spot

**6) I'm not catching any toads!**

- Be patient, it may take a few days to catch your first toad. If, however after approximately 5 days you still haven't caught any toads, choose another location for your trap – keep persisting.
- We recommend checking traps daily and disposing of any captured toads humanely.

**7) I have more than 1 trap – how far apart should they be?**

- Place traps approximately 200m apart – this will avoid any 'call overlap' which could result in confusing toads. If you have the volume reduced, you will be able to place traps closer together.
- We recommend checking traps daily and disposing of any captured toads humanely.

**8) When is the best time to use my trap?**

- Trapping toads can happen all year round. There are greater numbers of toads in the wet season however trapping during the dry can actually reduce a greater proportion of the toad population.