2” or 3” Quick Release Pole Guard

To maximize its effectiveness, mount the pole guard as high as possible above the ground. In most situations, the top of the guard should be at least 4 feet above the ground. The Quick Release Pole Guard is designed for mounting above the rope winder or winch.

**Mounting Instructions**

1) Attach the two pole clamps at least 4 feet above the ground using the two ¼” x 2-3/4” bolts with one ¼” lock nut and ¼” wing nut. Make sure the mounting clamps are parallel to the ground and each other.

2) Unlatch the top of the aluminum tube. The bottom is held with a key slot. Slip the tube around the pole above the pole clamps positioning the guard so the rope or cable runs through the top plate where there is a notched rubberized edge. Caution must be used so that the rope or cable is in the appropriate hole when closing the guard. Don’t pinch the rope or cable.

3) Wrap the guard around the pole and insert key slot at the bottom of your guard. Latch the top and allow your guard to hang on the pole clamps.

4) If using the 2” Quick Release, remove the edge protector from the cable/rope notched opening that will not be used. Close this remaining hole with the round cover to prevent snakes from climbing up the unused opening.

**Removing and Reattaching the Pole Guard.**

1) Unlatch the top.

2) Undue the key slot at the bottom.

3) Loosen only the wing nut on the pole clamps. Do not loosen the lock nut. By loosening the wing nut, the pole clamp will slide down the pole. This will allow lowering the martin system to the desired height.

4) To reattach the Pole Guard, slide the pole clamps back up the pole to your desired height. Tighten the wing nut making sure the pole clamp is parallel to the ground and to each other. Repeat steps 2 and 3 from Mounting Instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: In areas of the country with large snakes, a net trap may be needed in addition to the Pole Guard. Simply wrap and secure “bird netting” around the pole.

This pole guard is designed to wobble slightly when touched by a pole climbing predator. This movement, along with the guard’s slipperiness, makes it twice as effective against pole climbing predators. Please wax your guard at least annually to keep it slippery.