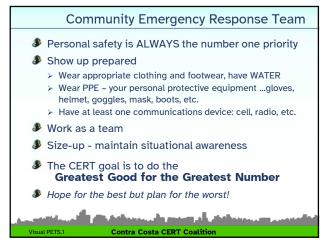
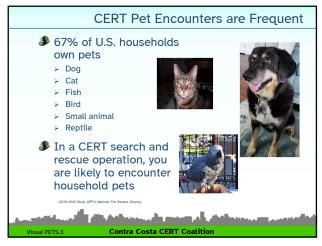


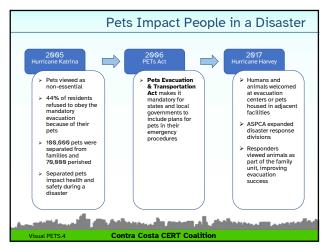
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Unit Objectives Jidentify CERT Responder safety protocols when encountering or handling animals Explain animal operations procedures Explain personal pet preparedness Contra Costa CERT Coalition





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Safe CERT Pet Handling What you will learn: The importance of responder safety when CERTs encounter animals while conducting light search and rescue operations Knowledge needed to perform CERT tasks that may involve handling dogs and cats

Why CERTs Train in Animal Handling Following a disaster, abandoned and stressed animals create risks for responders Infectious disease risk increases when abandoned pets roam freely following a disaster Animals help reduce owner trauma, sense of displacement, and long-term post traumatic stress Evacuation operations are more effective when families and pets are treated as an intertwined unit Pets Matter, Because People Matter... Contra Costa CERT Coalition

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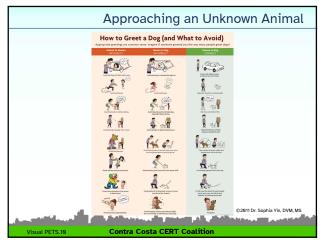
When confronted with non-aggressive animals: Size up the situation What is your objective Is the injured owner able to help you talk to or direct the animal? Assess whether you can contain the animal (capability, your team size, available time, supplies) How will you keep your egress clear? How is the animal behaving? What will you do with the animal once contained?

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When confronted with non-aggressive animals: Maintain a relaxed, controlled environment Avoid prolonged direct eye contact Do not show fear Always use a soft, calm voice - try to gain their confidence Do not reach out to the animal, let them come to you Tip: tap on a food can or use treats if available Do not loom over an animal or grab it by the collar

When confronted with non-aggressive animals: > Approach with your body turned sideways > Use a slip leash to control a dog, use a towel or pillow case to pickup a cat > Always wear your PPE – gloves and eye protection > Use as little restraint as needed IMPORTANT: Never attempt to approach or restrain an aggressive animal. Report the location of pets left behind so their welfare can be monitored by others later.

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Approaching an Unknown Animal When encountering – Frightened animals: > Seek assistance unless you are experienced > Don't approach unless others can assist you > Move slowly, try to get the animal to come to you Aggressive animals: > Do not approach, back away slowly > Notify your CERT supervisor

Approaching and Crating a Cat

- Stand the carrier up so the door is open, facing the ceiling. Make sure you are wearing gloves and goggles.
- Hold a lightweight towel with two hands. Calmly approach the cat with the towel from behind or from the side.
- In one fluid movement, gently but confidently wrap the towel around the cat like a burrito – with only their head sticking out. You will need to hold the towel securely so you don't hurt the cat, but it can not gain traction with its back legs to squiggle out.
- Slip the tail end of the towel-wrapped cat into the carrier and swiftly shut the door. Don't unwind the towel - they will do it themselves.

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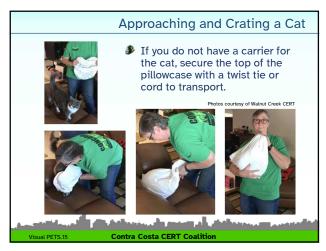
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Alternative pillowcase method:

- Open the carrier so the door is open, facing the ceiling. Gather the pillowcase together like an accordion into your two hands.
- In a gentle, fluid movement, unfurl the pillowcase as you place it over the cat's head and then down around it's body.
- Swiftly close the end of the pillowcase while gently guiding the cat-pillowcase down head-first into the carrier

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Placing a Slip Lead on a Compliant Dog Using a pre-made slip lead (a sturdy band with a metal ring sewn securely into one end), prepare the lead by placing the end of the lead through the metal ring, creating a very large loop (lasso). Make the loop so large that you can slip it over the dog's head without bending over. The goal is not to bend over, which would place your face too close to the unknown dog's head. Slip the large loop over the dog's head and pull up on the long end of the lead. The loop will slip down around the dog's neck and gently pulling the lead up will ensure it is snugly placed around the dog's neck. Do not pull so hard that you are jerking the dog's head or making the lead too tight. This movement should be careful yet gentle. Hold the lead with both hands. One hand should be holding the lead midway between the dog and your body. Your dominant hand should be holding the end of the lead.

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Placing a Slip Lead on a Compliant Dog Never use a slip lead on a puppy or very small dog Never tie a dog to an object with a lead Never leave a dog unattended when it is on a lead Never allow the dog to pull hard and constantly on a slip lead as it may damage its throat If a dog becomes so frightened dog that it continues to pull with its neck on a lead, you must remove the lead completely and leave the dog behind. Follow your organization's protocols for documenting an animal left behind.

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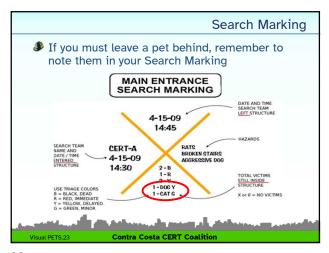
Keeping Pets With Owners - Documentation Your CERT Organization has a method for ensuring owners and companion pets are identified together Before transporting: Ensure you have the proper transportation capability Know the location of your organization's animal intake center Complete documentation including owner's information and intake number, pet information and intake number

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Transport Decisions Preparation begins before the disaster strikes. Pet owners should make advance preparations for alternative care of their pets should the need arise Both the owner and the driver must feel comfortable and safe in transporting the pet in the driver's private car If a pet is left behind, CERTs should document its location and condition using SAR markings and/or follow your jurisdiction's protocols Contra Costa CERT Coalition

Transporting Animals - Gene	eral
Make sure crates are of adequate size	
Allow only one animal per crateException in case of mother and babies	
 Control climate within vehicle Keeping any animals in stationary vehicles in hot weather can result in death 	
Cats should always be in a carrier	
Dogs may be tethered if not in a crate; do not use slip leads to secure the animal	t
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A Warning about Transporting Pets					
 Car temperatures can be deadly! How hot is my car (degrees Farhenheit) At 120° the pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die 					
	Outside Temp	Inside 10 Minutes	Inside 30 Minutes		
	75	94	109		
	80	99	114		
	85	104	119		
	90	109	124		
	95	114	129		
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Personal Pet Preparedness Plan for your animals, your home may be compromised Create a controlled environment Have kennels/Evac-Sacs in a safe, accessible place Assign retrieval tasks to family members Have a Buddy System Exchange Keys / Plans With Neighbor / Pet Sitter (in possession of your pre-authorization letter) Identify safe outdoor holding area Obtain materials to create a holding area

Identifying Evacuation Locations
Safe distance from home
Coordinate with neighbors
 Identify and confirm pet friendly hotels: bringfido.com or 877-411-FIDO
 dogfriendly.com or 888-281-5170 doginmysuitcase.com or 888-0254-0637 pet-friendly-hotels.net or 866-966-3046 pets-allowed-hotels.com or call 800-250-1625 petswelcome.com tripswithpets.com
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