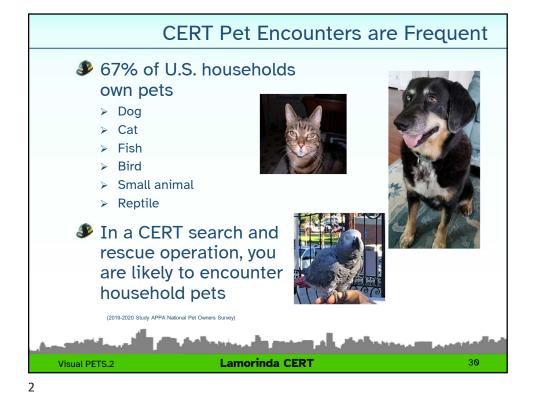


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### Community Emergency Response Team

- Personal safety is ALWAYS the number one priority
- Show up prepared
  - > Wear appropriate clothing and footwear, have WATER
  - Wear PPE your personal protective equipment ...gloves, helmet, goggles, mask, boots, etc.
  - > Have at least one communications device: cell, radio, etc.
- Work as a team
- Size-up maintain situational awareness
- The CERT goal is to do the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number
- Hope for the best but plan for the worst!

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Pets Impact People in a Disaster

2005
Hurricane Katrina

Pets viewed as non-essential

44% of residents refused to obey the mandatory evacuation because of their pets

100,000 pets were separated from families and 70,000 perished

Separated pets impact health and safety during a disaster





### Safe CERT Pet Handling

### What you will learn:

- The importance of responder safety when CERTs encounter animals while conducting light search and rescue operations
- Solution
  Knowledge needed to perform CERT tasks that may involve handling dogs and cats

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### 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...**

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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

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### Approaching an Unknown Animal

### When confronted with non-aggressive animals:

- Approach with your body turned sideways, minimize your profile to the animal
- Use a slip leash to control a dog, use a towel or pillowcase to pick up a cat
- > Always wear your PPE gloves and eye protection
- > Use the least restraint force 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

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### Keeping Pets With Owners - Documentation

### 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





Dogs may be tethered if not in a crate; do not use slip leads to secure the animal

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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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## Animal-Inflicted Injuries animal attack, report to

- In the event of any animal attack, report to your CERT supervisor
- If facing an aggressive dog, try basic commands, such as sit, stay, or down
- If possible, put an object or distance between yourself and dog
- Back away; do not run away
- If you fall, curl up and cover your head
- Do not scream or yell

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- Wash any animal scratch, bite, or injury immediately with soap and water
- Administer first aid as appropriate
- Seek immediate attention for any bite
- Report all injuries to your CERT supervisor immediately and seek professional medical attention

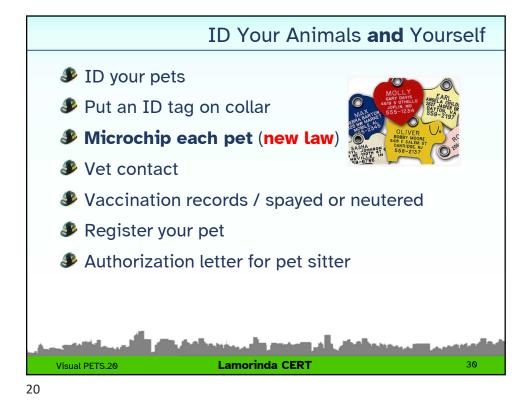
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### Personal Pet Preparedness

- 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

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ID Your Animals **and** Yourself

- ID yourself with your animals
  - > Take photos of yourself with your pets
    - In wallet
    - In emergency kit (go-bag)
    - With loved ones outside local area
- Maintain these important items in waterproof container like a Ziplock bag
  - LOST Poster
  - Animal license (copy)
  - > Last veterinary invoice showing vaccination dates

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Provide a Clean, Safe Place

Dogs and cats

Collapsible crate or kennel
Harness, leash, muzzle, cable screw / stake

Horses, swine, cattle
Halter and lead rope
Bedding material
Manure fork
Birds, reptiles, rabbits
Cage liners
Evacuation cage or carrier
Fish?

### Pets Left in Cars Section 597.7 of the Penal Code Signed into law 26 Sept 2016 (a) A person shall not leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal. (b) (1) This section does not prevent a person from taking reasonable steps that are necessary to remove an animal from a motor vehicle if the person holds a reasonable belief that the animal's safety is in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal. (2) A person who removes an animal from a vehicle in accordance with paragraph (1) is not criminally liable for actions taken reasonably and in good faith if the person does all of the > (A) Determines the vehicle is locked or there is otherwise no reasonable manner for the animal to be removed from the vehicle. (B) Has a good faith belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary because the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm if it is not immediately removed from the vehicle, and, based upon the circumstances known to the person at the time, the belief is a reasonable one. (C) Has contacted a local law enforcement agency, the fire department, animal control, or the "911" emergency service prior to forcibly entering the vehicle. (D) Remains with the animal in a safe location, out of the elements but reasonably close to the vehicle, until a peace officer, humane officer, animal control officer, or another emergency responder arrives. (E) Used no more force to enter the vehicle and remove the animal from the vehicle than was necessary under the circumstances. (F) Immediately turns the animal over to a representative from law enforcement, animal control, or another emergency responder who responds to the scene Visual PETS.28 Lamorinda CERT 30

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