



ANIMAL SERVICES & DISASTER PLANNING

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What is Animal Services in Disaster Situations?



- ▣ The goal of animal services in disaster situations is to educate and encourage responsible pet ownership while being a resource to our residents on animal-related issues and disaster animal planning.

So why is Animal Services important in Disaster Situations?

- ▣ Many households have at least 1 pet.
- ▣ During disasters, animal owners frequently put themselves in danger and disrupt evacuation efforts to ensure the safety of their pets.
- ▣ For this reason, the care of animals in disasters is **IMPORTANT** to the care of human life.



What is the Role of Culver City Animal Services in a Disaster?

- ▣ Assist in transporting animals
- ▣ Assist in the operation of animal shelters
- ▣ Coordinate rescue efforts of roaming animals
- ▣ Establish liaison with local agencies and voluntary organizations as resources



**So what qualifies as a
disaster?**

Disaster Situations & Events

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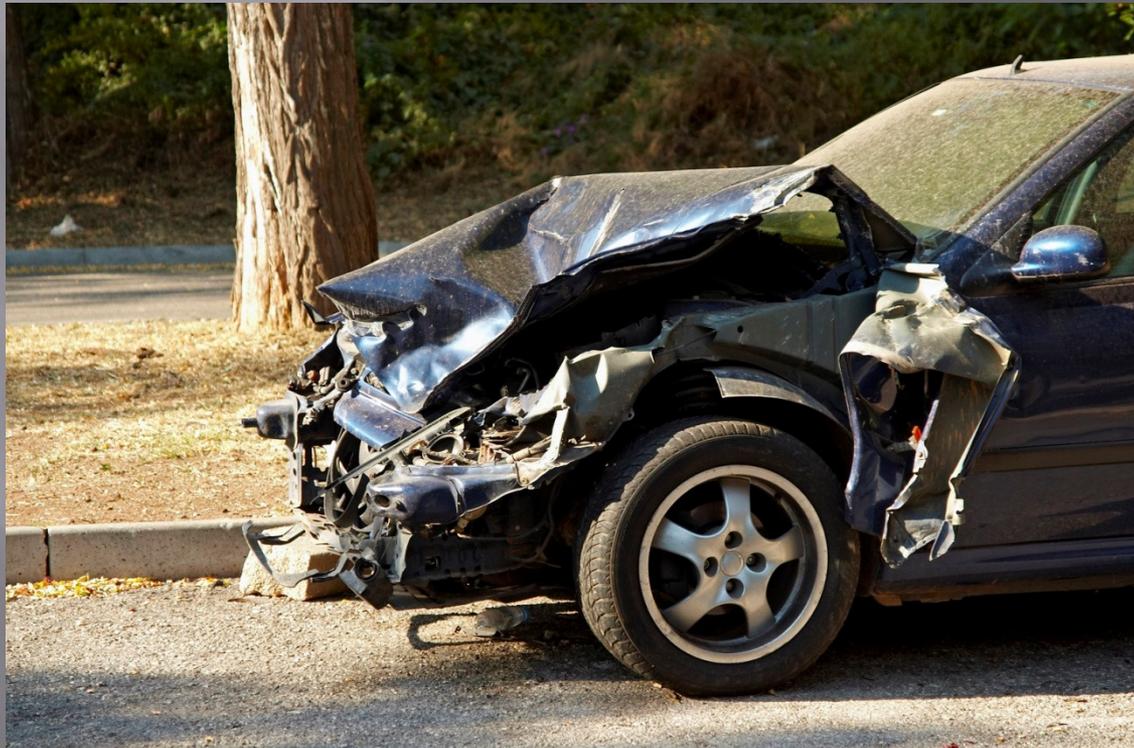
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All were in some varying degree.

- ▣ Emergencies come in many forms.
- ▣ Each type of disaster requires different measures to keep your pets safe, so the best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared.





Dogs and Cats in Disasters

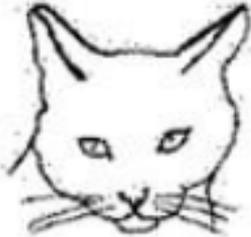
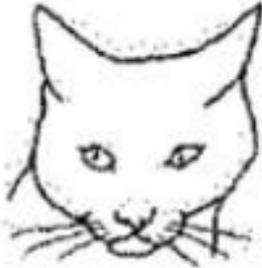
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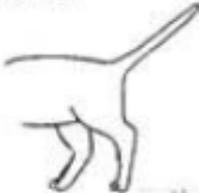
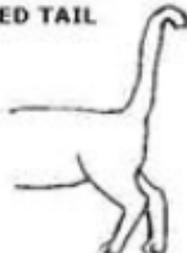
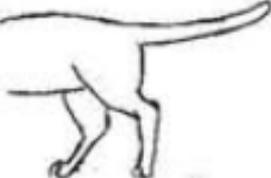
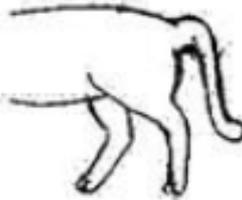
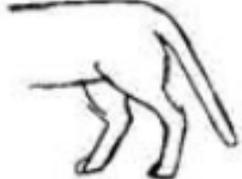
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Facial Expression of a Cat

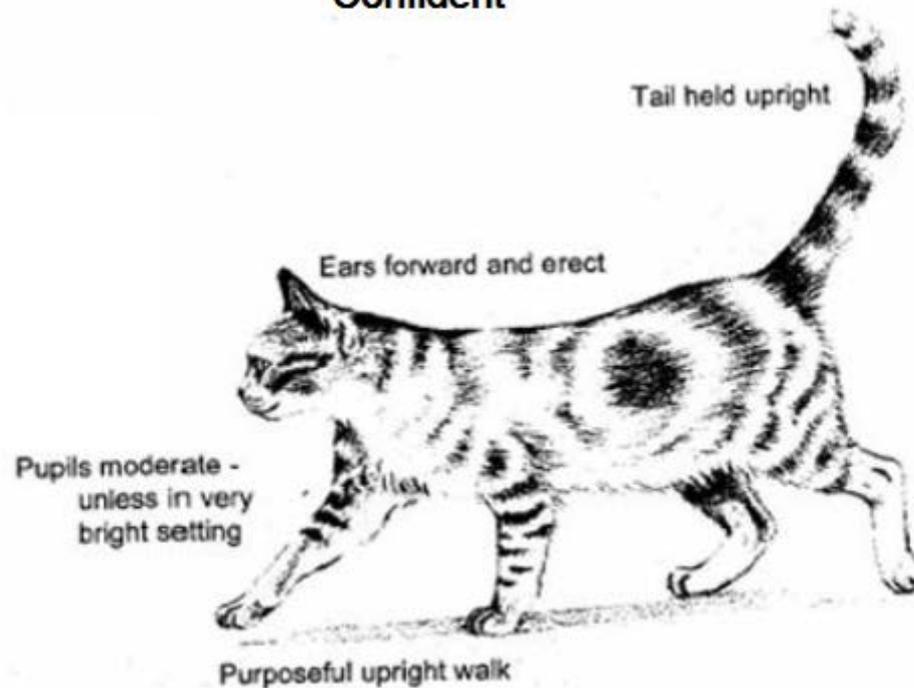
	MORE AGGRESSIVE →		
↑ MORE SUBMISSIVE OR MORE FEARFUL ↓	EARS PRICKED FORWARDS 		
	EARS OUT SIDWAYS, FLATTENED 		
	PUPILS DILATED, EARS RIGHT BACK 	PUPILS DILATED, EARS HALF BACK 	EARS TURNED BACK 

Tail Expression of a Cat

FRIENDLY, CONTENT 	NON-THREATENING, UNSURE 	DERISIVE "**** YOU" 	QUIVERING, VERY PLEASSED TO SEE YOU 
HOOKED TAIL  FRIENDLY BUT UNSURE	AMICABLE, NOT AGGRESSIVE OR FEARFUL 	DEFENSIVE AGGRESSION 	THRASHING TAIL, EXCITED OR ANGRY OR IRRITABLE 
BRISTLING WITH ANGER 	POTENTIALLY AGGRESSIVE 	SUBMISSIVE 	TWITCHING TAIL - ALERT, INTERESTED 

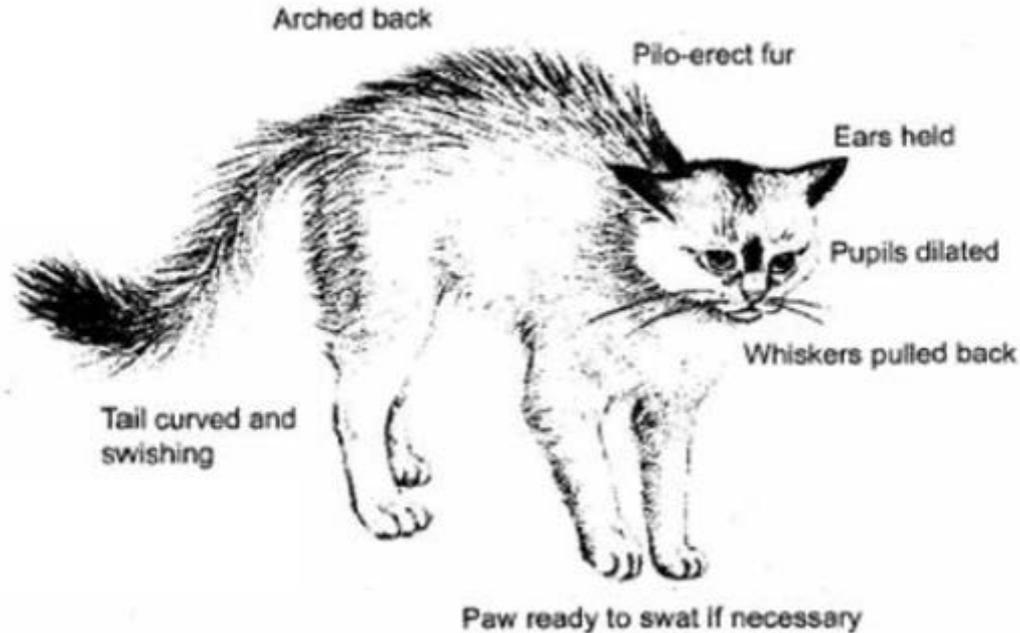
Body Expression of a Cat

Confident



Body Expression of a Cat

Distance Increasing



Body Expression of a Cat

Defensive Aggression

Ears pulled flat and
back against the head

Pupils dilated

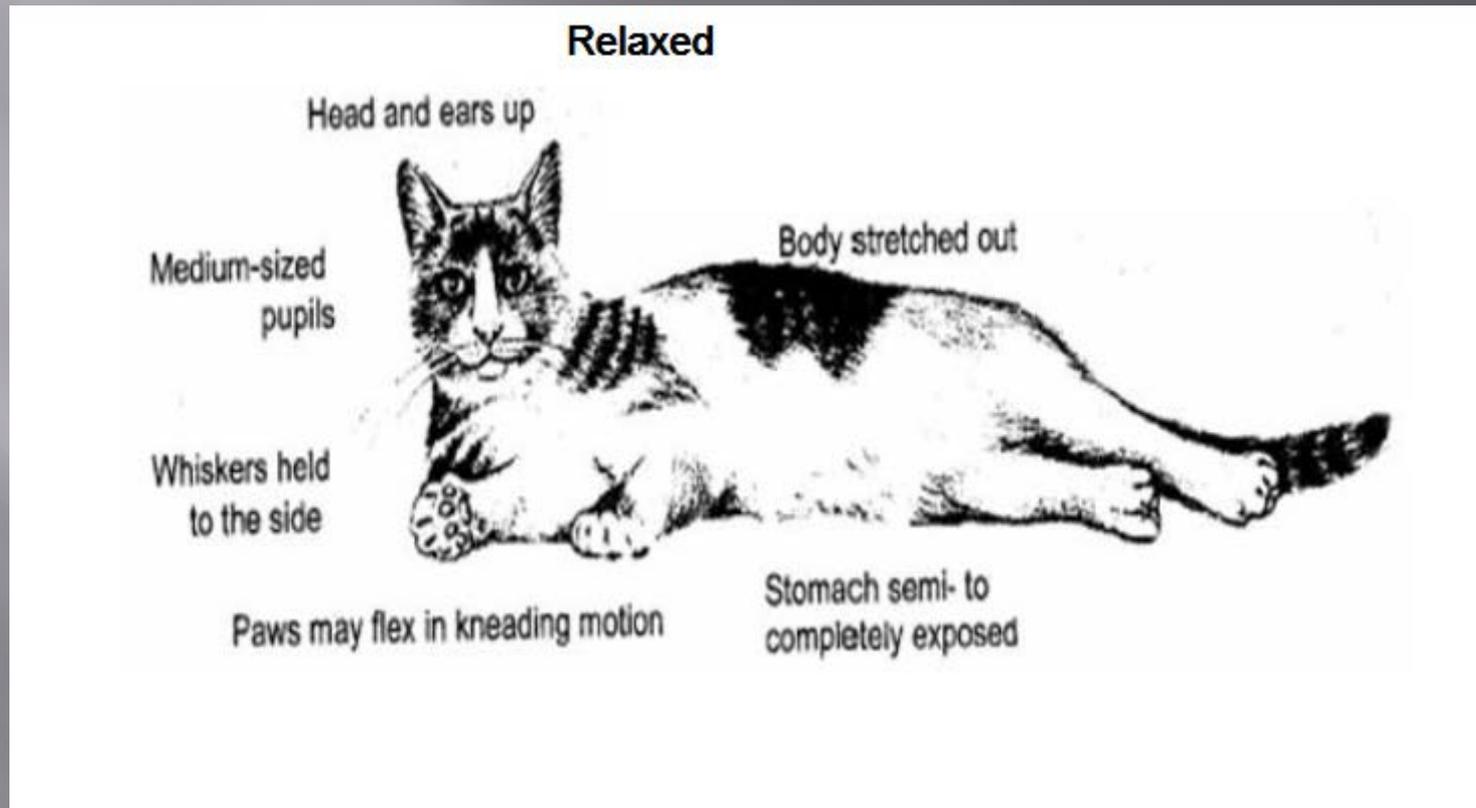
Facial muscles tensed,
displaying teeth



Rolling over on one side
to better expose claws

Paw ready to swat
with claws exposed

Body Expression of a Cat



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Facial Expression of a Dog



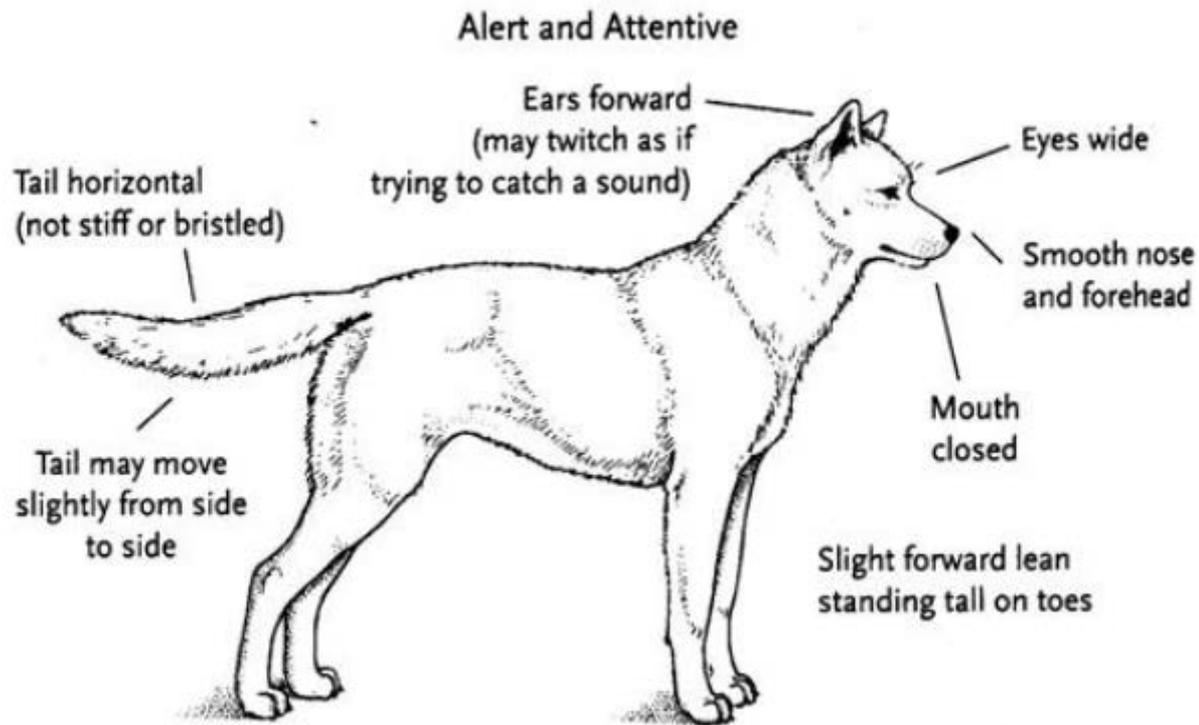
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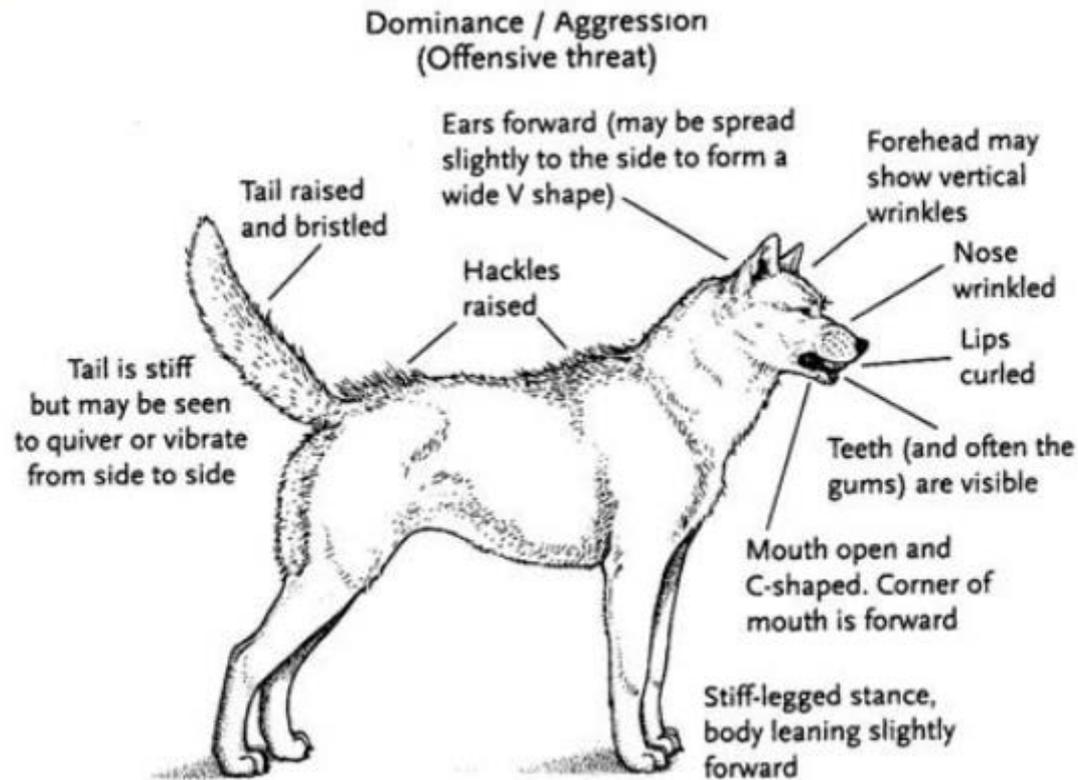
Increasing Fear



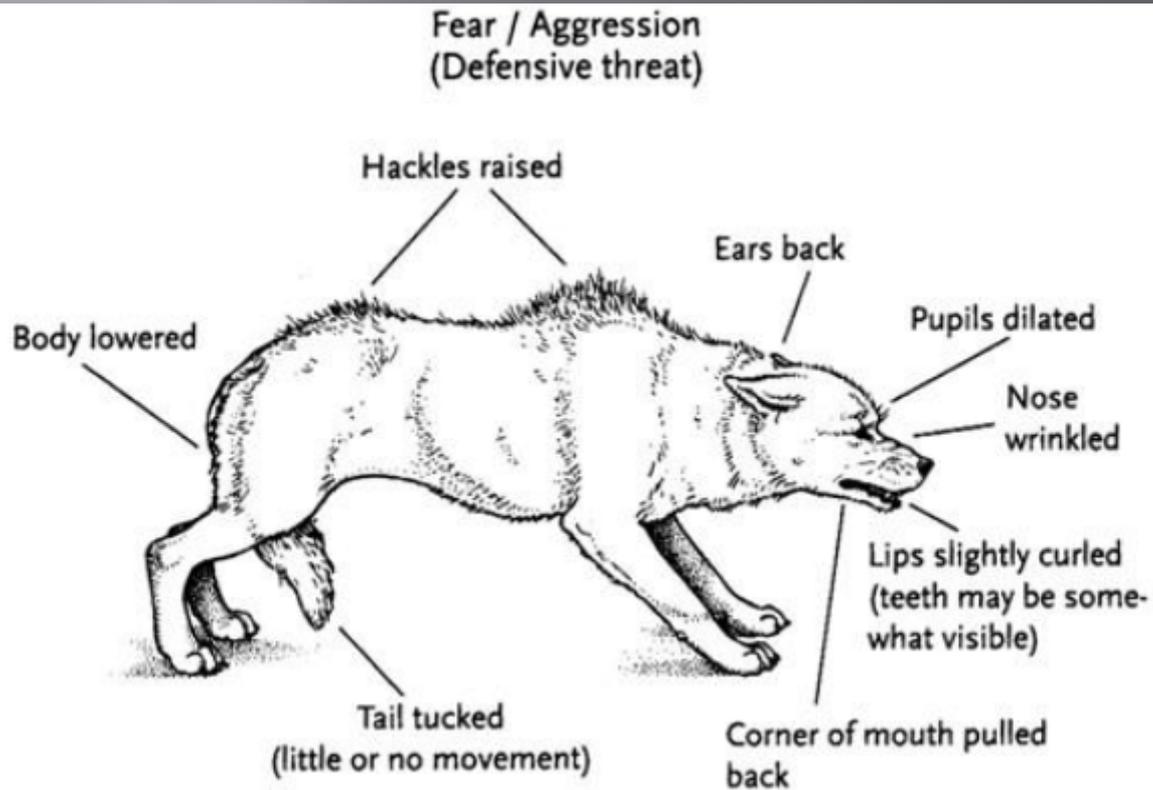
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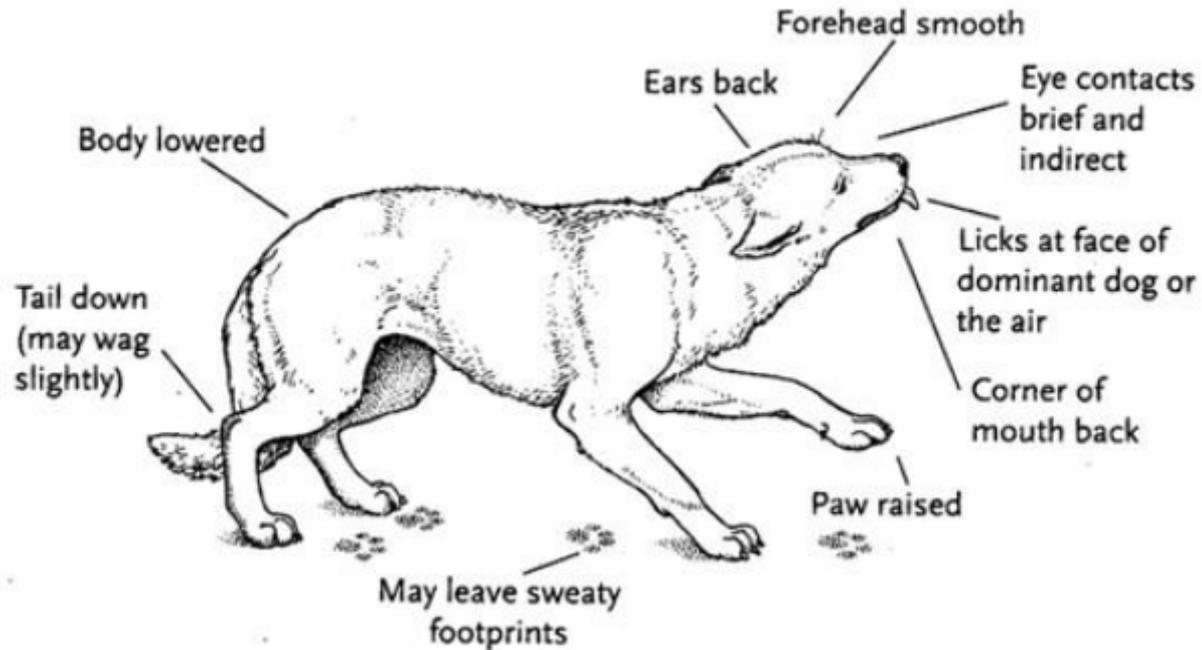


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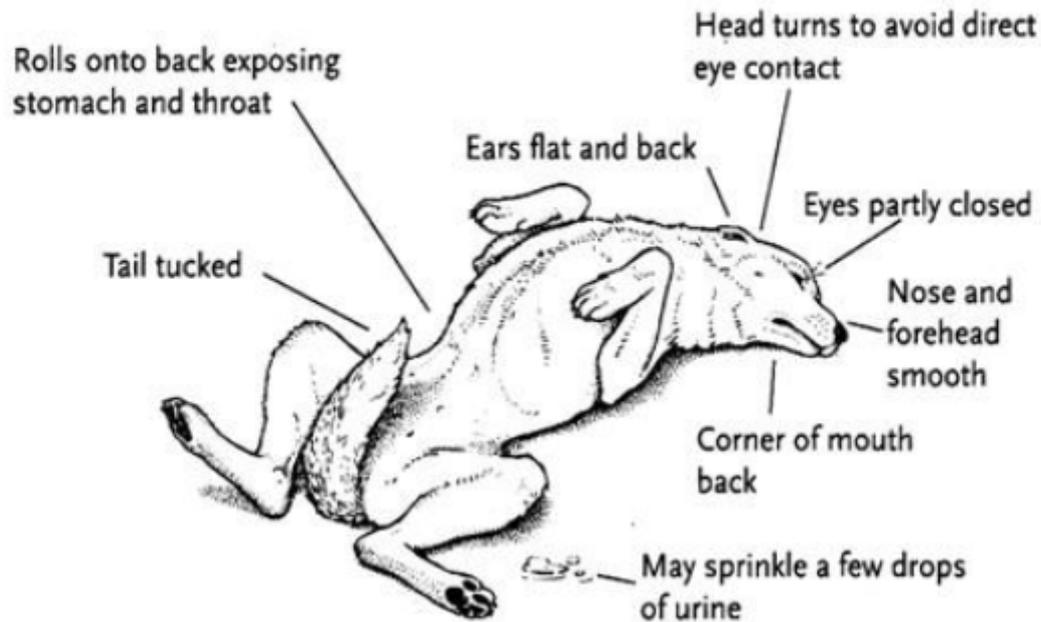
Body Expression of a Dog

Fear / Submission (Active submission)



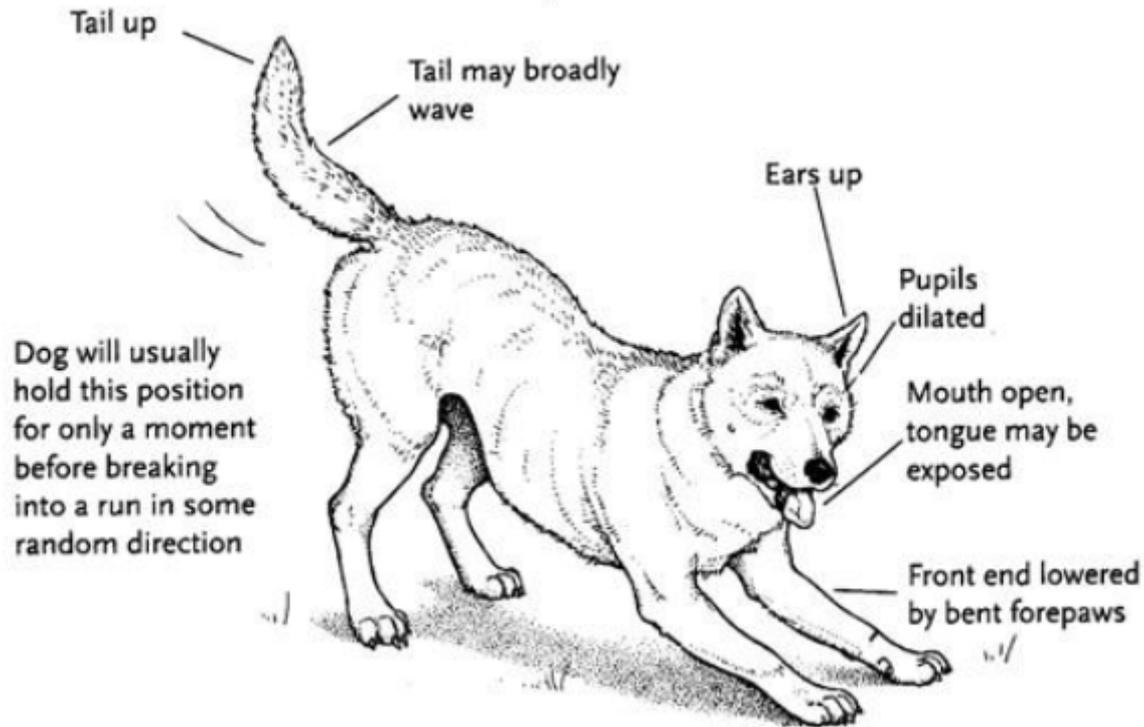
Body Expression of a Dog

Extreme fear / Total submission
(Passive submission)



Body Expression of a Dog

Playfulness



Responder's Safety Priorities



▣ IMPORTANT

- 1) Your own safety
- 2) Your teammates and bystanders
- 3) The subject

Encountering Animals

▣ Size Up the Situation

- 1) Look for presence of owners
- 2) Look for evidence of animals
- 3) Consider local environment
- 4) Be prepared for illegal animal activity
- 5) Perform damage assessment



Approaching an Unknown Dog

- ▣ Do not let the dog block your escape
- ▣ Do not show fear; maintain relaxed posture
- ▣ Control environment; try to contain the dog
- ▣ Avoid direct eye contact
- ▣ Do not get near the dog's face
- ▣ Know your limitations



If a Dog Attacks



- ▣ If any dog attack, call 911 immediately
- ▣ Put object or distance between yourself and the dog
- ▣ Back away; do not run away
- ▣ If you fall, curl up and cover your head
- ▣ Do not scream or yell
- ▣ If the dog latches on, protect your face

What should be in your disaster pet kit?



An Emergency Pet First Aid Kit

(Consult your veterinarian on what to include)



A Pet First Aid Kit Should Contain:



Absorbent Gauze Pads



Adhesive Tape



Cotton Balls or Swabs

to induce
vomiting



Fresh 3% Hydrogen Peroxide



Ice Pack



Disposable Gloves



Scissors with Blunt End



Tweezers



Antibiotic Ointment



Oral syringe or turkey baster



Liquid dishwashing detergent

for
bathing



Towels



Small Flashlight



Alcohol Wipes



Styptic Powder



Saline Eye Solution



Artificial Tear Gel



Vet Info Card

ASPCA

Animal
Poison
Control
Center

Phone number, clinic name, address of your veterinarian as well as local veterinary emergency clinics.

Pet Food

(Store at least 3 to 7 days in airtight and waterproof containers)



Water

*(Store at least 3 to 7 days
for each pet member in addition to yourself)*



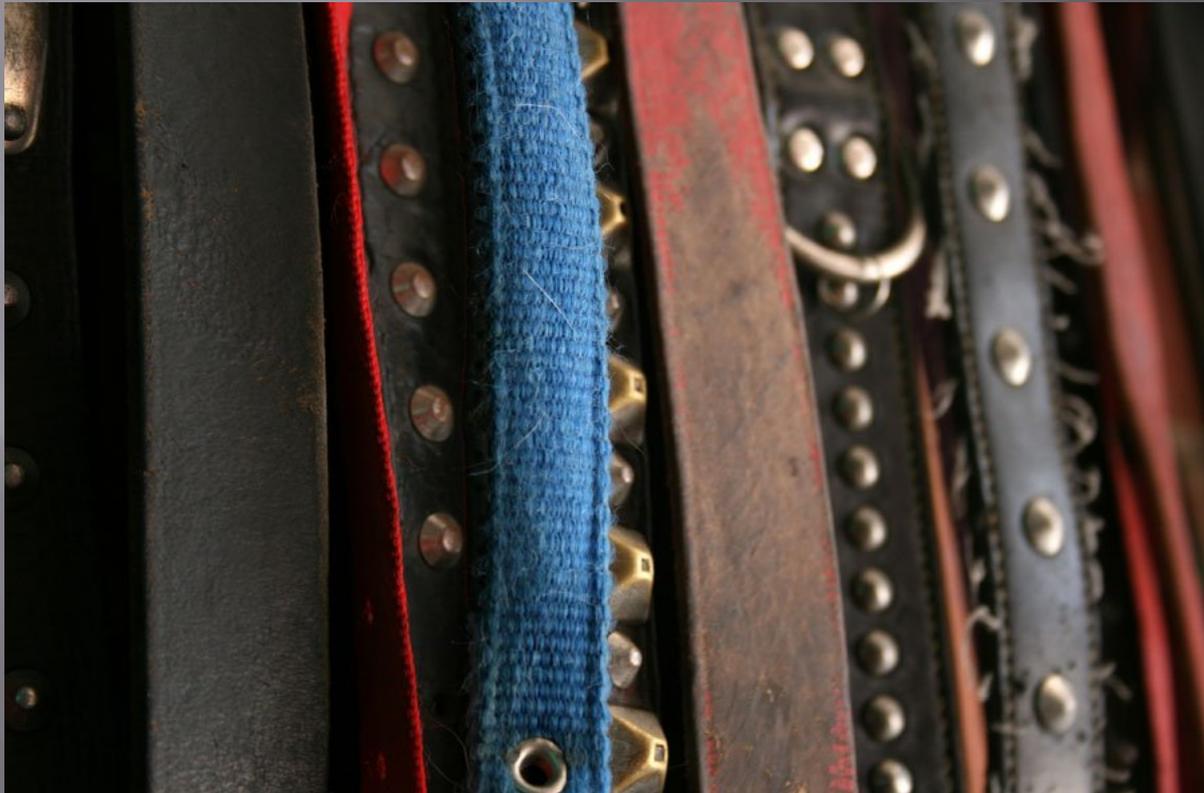
Medicine and medical records

(Keep an extra week supply in an airtight and waterproof container)



Collar with ID tag, harness or leash

(NOTE: Write your phone number on the collar, harness and leash in case the tag falls off)



Important Documents

(Keep copies of your pet's registration, adoption papers, microchip number, vaccination documents, and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container as well as online such as via e-mail)



Important Documents

(Keep copies of your pet's important documents in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container in your vehicle)



Crate or Other Pet Carriers

(Travel carriers, pillowcases and portable kennels/crates that are appropriately sized for your pet)



Sanitation

(Paper towels, bedding material, plastic trash bags, newspapers, pet litter and litter box if appropriate)



Pictures of you and your pet TOGETHER

*(Pictures help document ownership
and help to identify your pet)*



Familiar toys, treats or bedding

(Favorite items can help reduce stress for your pet)



Get a Rescue Alert Sticker

(This easy-to-use sticker will let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers such as at the front door or window.)

**IN CASE OF FIRE OR EMERGENCY
PLEASE SAVE OUR**

 **PETS** 

Check the type of pets in the home:

<input type="checkbox"/>	DOG(S)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CAT(S)
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIRD(S)	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER

EMERGENCY # _____

♥ THANK YOU! ♥

Recommended: MICROCHIPPING!

(This permanent implant AND the corresponding enrollment can help identify your pet and reunite the pet to you)



What else to help be prepared?

- ▣ Make a list of veterinary hospitals, boarding facilities, animal control agencies, emergency veterinary hospitals, and hotels that allow pets in other cities where you might need to seek temporary shelter



What else to help be prepared?

- ▣ Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
- ▣ Develop a buddy or friend system
 - Plan to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so



What's the best preparation?



Any Questions?



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