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DOG NON-CHEMICAL CAPTURE AND HANDLING Maximizing Success and Minimizing the Fight For Rescue Groups, Disaster Responders, S/N Programs

**-GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE-
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INTRODUCTION

A. Instructor:

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B. Course Participants:

Interests and expectations

C. Class schedule and logistics:

D. Course objectives:

The successful participant will be able to:

1. Discuss ethical issues relating to dog capture & handling within a professional context.
2. List a variety of tools and techniques for catching dogs by hand in a safe, humane, and efficient manner, including the use of nets.
3. Learn the basic techniques and practice of physical restraint including: scruff, lateral restraint, and hobbles without adding energy to any struggle.
4. Explore how to create a calm conscious approach to minimize the energy of conflict even with very uncooperative dogs.
5. Describe basic methods for setting a boxtrap and advanced techniques for catching the more difficult dogs.
6. Apply the principles of setting boxtraps to create and utilize local facilities for "colony captures" to capture groups or packs of dogs.
7. Be familiar with the Y pole – what it is, how it works, and how to properly use it.
8. Describe strategies for bringing the dogs to you and for gathering dogs in the context of the needs for each student.

PHILOSOPHIES AND PERSPECTIVES

A. What is our goal? (The Big Picture)

B. The dog

C. The animal handler

D. Connecting with the animal

NON-CHEMICAL CAPTURE

A. Hand-catching

1. Coated cable
2. Leash and leash muzzle
3. Snappy snare and other tools

B. Catch Pole (The *last* tool of choice.)

C. Nets

DVDs and discussion

D. Box Traps

1. How they are built and how to assemble
2. Setting the Trap
3. Baiting

Advanced Box Trapping

1. Catching specific or difficult dogs
2. Different ways to use traps
 - a. Trapline
 - b. Enticing Into Trap
 - c. Double Trap
3. Checking Traps
 - a. If trap is empty
 - b. If trap has dog: options?
4. Drugging Dogs in Traps
5. Trap Covers – Important!

E. Vari-kennel

Using plastic Vari-kennels or similar crates as capture devices
DVDs and discussion

F. Capture Pens

Strategies and resources for capturing entire packs of dogs and systematic methods for working with these groups of dogs in confined spaces.
DVD and discussion

The Y Pole

Studying the most essential and fundamental tool for humanely handling dogs.

A. What is a Y pole?

B. What is its purpose?

C. Contrast with catch pole

D. Basic Technique

E. Fine-tuning

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND HANDLING EQUIPMENT

Emphasizing an entirely new approach providing calm and compassionate physical control rather than forceful action.

A. Scruffing

B. Lateral restraint

C. Hobbling

D. Headcover

E. Groundcloth

TRANSPORT

CHEMICAL CAPTURE

Topics relating to sedatives and anesthetics in connection with non-chemical capture.

Group Discussion – Spontaneous discussion of scenarios to address the specific needs of students relating to dog capture and handling for shelters, disaster response, animal rescue from puppy mills and hoarding cases, and spay/neuter programs.

Passing out Certificates of Training