



Oregon Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue

Oregon Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping people and animals through rescue and education.



OHSTAR team practices winter wilderness rescue.



This injured dog was evacuated from the Mt. Hood wilderness.



Volunteer rappels off Carver Bridge to rescue stranded cat.

Contact OHSTAR if your pet is trapped or stranded and needs help to survive. OHSTAR volunteers are trained to:

- Evacuate injured pets from wilderness areas.
- Retrieve pets stranded on cliff sides, riverbanks, and other areas and structures that can only be accessed safely using ropes, climbing equipment and other technical rescue equipment.
- Extricate animals trapped in enclosed spaces whose lives are in danger.

Call OHSTAR

Mon.–Fri. daytime hours: 503/416-2993

Evenings and weekends: 503/849-5655

NOTE: In cases of immediate emergency, call the police.

Is Your Cat Up a Tree?

If you see a cat that seems to be stranded in a tree, please follow the steps in our [Cat In Tree Information Sheet](#) before calling for assistance.

What OHSTAR Does

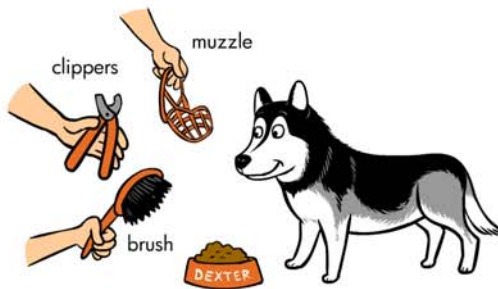
Respond to animal rescue situations that require technical skills in the Portland metropolitan area and adjoining counties. OHSTAR members also assist law-enforcement agencies with the safe capture, containment, and transport of distressed animals found in hazardous conditions, including hoarding situations. OHSTAR volunteers are trained to assist during disasters, and have been called upon to assist in large-scale national emergency operations such as Hurricane Katrina.

OHSTAR Needs Your Support

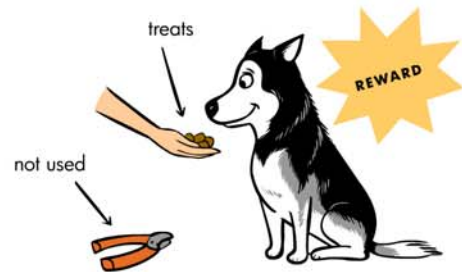
OHSTAR is comprised entirely of volunteers, and relies entirely on donations to fund all their rescue activities. [Your online donation](#) will help OHSTAR and the many other rescue activities supported by OHS. OHSTAR also accepts donations of rescue equipment, such as technical climbing gear. See the [OHS Wish List](#) for items that are currently needed.

6 TOP TIPS for DESENSITISATION

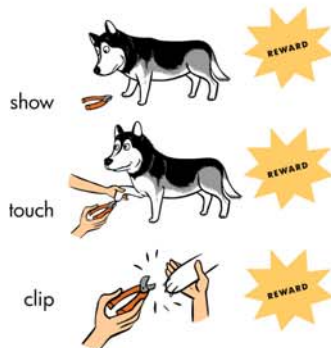
Turn scary things into fun, positive experiences!



- 1** Show the scary object just before feeding for at least a week, so the dog learns it becomes a precursor to good things.



- 2** Start with short moments of exposure followed by good things only (IE don't clip their claws, give 3 liver treats instead)



- 3** Break down the scary thing into a process of small steps (IE putting the clippers near the dogs claws, then touching the claws, then holding the claw in the clippers then cutting), praising and rewarding heavily for each step.



- 4** Be patient, proceeding to the next small step only when your dog is 100% comfortable



- 5** If your dog seems unhappy or sensitive to the scary object at any time, go back a step and spend more time on that step.



- 6** If your dog is scared of several things, work on one at a time maintaining a happy voice, rewarding with lots of treats and remaining patient.

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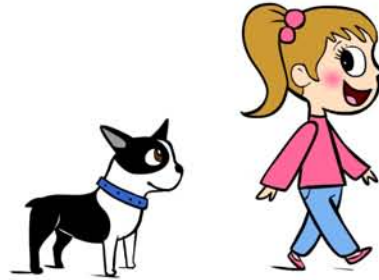
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The Young Person's Guide To **WOOFS** and **GROWLS**

Dogs are different to people. Clarissa will show us what to do - and what not to do around dogs.



Never put your face near a dog's face.



Be quiet and walk slowly. Dogs get scared of loud noises and fast movement.



Always wait for a dog to come to you. If they want to be stroked or play, they will ask!



Never disturb dogs when they are sleeping.



Never go up to a dog when they are eating.



Never go up to or touch a dog you don't know.



Dogs growl when they are angry or scared.
Fold your arms and **walk away slowly**.

TALKING DOG

Dogs communicate using body language more than they do vocally. Here's a quick guide to get a good idea of what your dog is telling you. Look at the whole of the dog: head, face, body and tail to get a more accurate idea of what the dog is saying.

FEARFUL / ANXIOUS / STRESSED

In all cases, respect the dogs need for space and offer signs of appeasement and peace: See the Doggy Dos and Don'ts poster

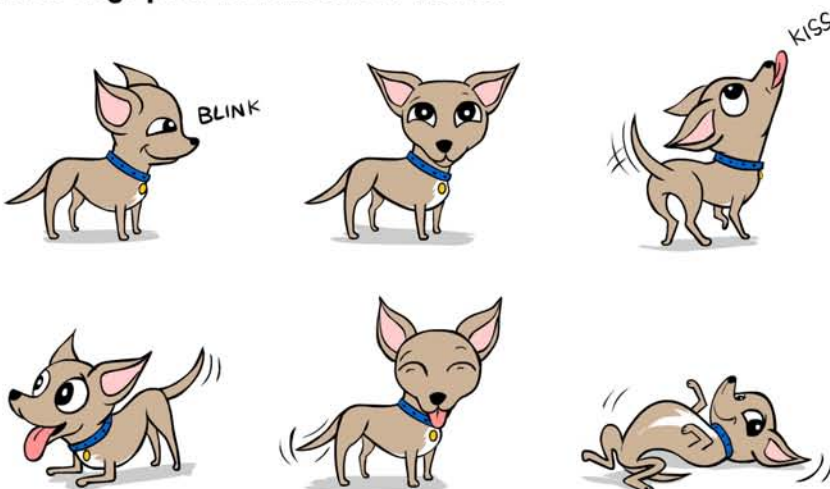


If not read correctly, stress, anxiety and fear often lead to behaviour commonly termed "aggressive", as the dog attempts to make it clearer that they are uncomfortable: raised hackles are a sign of fear:



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These dogs pose no immediate threat.



TAIL POSITIONS

tucked



in line with spine



high and rigid



low and wagging slowly



TAIL POSITIONS

relaxed



high and wagging quickly



casually at 45 degrees



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REMEMBER:

If you must evacuate, take your pet(s) with you!



OHS SITE QUICK LINKS

- [OHS Events Calendar >>](#)
- [Adopt or Sponsor a Pet >>](#)
- [Contact OHS by Email >>](#)

Including Your Pet In Disaster Preparedness

The Oregon Humane Society encourages pet owners to keep their pets in mind when preparing for disaster or an emergency.

Assemble a pet survivor kit and keep it with you.

- In order to contain and control your pets during an evacuation, you'll need a harness and leash for each dog and a carrier for each cat. In choosing a cat carrier, choose one that is large enough to serve as a temporary apartment for your cat.
- Pre-pack your pet's kit in a backpack for ease in transportation and include supplies for at least one week.
- Include dry food, clumping cat litter, water, serving dishes, small litter box, litter scoop, and plastic bags for waste disposal. Pet first aid kits and vaccination records are a must.
- Remember any pet medication, favorite toy or bed, and some treats

Tag, microchip, and photograph your pets. Current pet identification is the single most important thing you can do to help ensure that you will be reunited with a lost pet. Make certain your pet (even an indoor only cat) is wearing a collar with visible identification tags with your cell number. A microchip implant is a secure form of

microchip implant is a secure form of identification that can't be lost. Be sure to carry a photograph with you to increase the likelihood of finding a missing pet. TIP: if your cell phone has the camera feature, take and store photos of your pets on your cell phone.

Get to know your neighbors.

Your neighbors may be home when a disaster hits and may be your best resource for evacuating your pets if you are at the office or away from the area and unable to reach your home.

Have an alternative-shelter plan for your pets.

If you must evacuate your home, do not leave your pets behind. If it is unsafe for you to remain, then it is unsafe for your pets as well. In a widespread emergency, the Red Cross sets up shelters to deal with human needs, but only special service dogs are permitted inside. Therefore, you will need to have a separate shelter plan for your pets. Friends and family residing outside your immediate area are a possibility, as are boarding facilities. Another option is to evacuate the family and pets to a pet friendly motel - create a list with options for up to a 100 mile radius.

Hours for viewing: Sun-Wed 10-7, Thur-Sat: 10-9 Hours for adoptions: Sun-Wed 10-6:30, Thur-Sat: 10-8:30

Shelter location: 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland, OR • [Mailing Address](#) • [Directions](#) • (503) 285-7722 • [Contact Us](#)

Are You *Really* Ready?



Be ready *before* disaster strikes

Make a Kit

- Five-day supply of food, water, and medicines
- Medical and veterinary records
- Toys and blanket/bed
- Litter box and litter
- Identification, with your cell number, attached to your pet's collar
- Pet carrier and/or leash
- Current photographs of your pet with physical description
- Container to carry everything

Make a Plan

- Create a list of pet-friendly hotels 20+ miles away where you can take shelter if you need to evacuate
- Place your pet emergency supply kit by the door or in your car in case you need to evacuate quickly
- Make sure your pet is wearing a collar and visible identification now, before you have to leave home
- Talk to a trusted neighbor who may be home when you are not and can evacuate your pets

Get Involved

- Join Oregon Humane Society; learn about all the great things they do and offer
- Join a local CERT or NET
- Learn 1st Aid (People/Pet)
- Learn how you can be better prepared to help when disaster strikes



More than 358 million pets live in 63 percent of American households. A Zogby International poll found that 61 percent of pet owners will not evacuate if they cannot bring their pets with them.

American Humane Association

- <http://www.americanhumane.org/>
- Provides the following training:
 - *Animal Shelter Disaster Preparedness*
 - *Playful Parrots: Bird Care*
 - *Safe Handling of Cats and Dogs*
 - *Animal Rescue Training for First Responders*
 - *Basic Animal Emergency Services Training*
 - *Floodwater Rescue Operations for Animals*

American Red Cross

- <http://www.redcross.org/>
- First Aid Classes for People and Pets

American Veterinary Medical Association

- <http://www.avma.org/>
- Provides the following publications:
 - *AVMA Disaster Preparedness / Response Guide*
 - *Saving the Whole Family*
 - *Disaster Preparedness for Veterinary Practices*

Animal Control Agencies (State and Local)

- May provide animal handling training
- Course topics vary by location

Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART)

<http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/>

- Provides the following training:
 - *BART Small Animal*
 - *BART Community Responder*
 - *BART Large Animal*

Code 3 Associates

- <http://www.code3associates.org/>
- Provides the following training:
 - *Technical Animal Rescue (TAR)*
 - *BULL/Large Animal Rescue*
 - *ICE Rescue*
 - *Bio-Security and Zoonoses*



- <http://cdp.dhs.gov/>
- Provides *Agricultural Emergency Response Training (AgERT-B)*

Dept. of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency

- <http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/>
- Provides the following on-line training:
 - IS-10 Animals in Disasters Module A: Awareness and Preparedness
 - IS-11 Animals in Disasters Module B: Community Planning
 - IS-111 Livestock in Disasters

Dove Lewis Emergency Hospital

- www.dovelewis.org
- Provides training and education classes

Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

- <http://eden.lsu.edu/>
- Provides *Animal Agrosecurity and Emergency Management* training

FEMA's Free Online Courses

- IS-10.a - Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is10a.asp>
- IS-11.a - Animals in Disasters: Community Planning
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is11a.asp>
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The Humane Society of the United States

- <http://www.hsus.org/>
- Provides the following training:
 - *Disaster Animal Response Team (DART)* training
 - *Emergency Animal Sheltering (EAS)* training

Oregon Humane Society

- www.oregonhumane.org
- Provides training and education

Pets America

- www.petsamerica.org
- Provides training on pet preparedness and first aid and CPR materials and courses

University Extension Service

- May provide livestock handling training