

# ***Pets on the Worksite***

## *Training Briefing*

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### **Introduction**

Our company understands the desire to have pets close by, so we are extending the option to our staff to bring them onsite – provided that you fulfill your responsibilities and suitably care for the pet.

We must know you are bringing a dog prior to camp

### **Critical Task Inventory**

- Disposition and Obedience
- Immunizations
- Pets in Camp
- Pets on the Worksite
- Transportation of Pets
- Clean-Up and Damages



### **Disposition and Obedience**

- Owners are responsible for disclosing the pet's behavior history to their supervisor, and other potentially affected people.
- Aggression towards other pets, company personnel, or anybody else will not be tolerated.
- Pets must be obedient with and around company personnel.
- Pets which do not conform to the requirements of the camp or worksite will have to be restrained when they are not under the direct supervision of the owner. If direct supervision will not prevent all incidents, the pet will have to be removed from camp. Nobody wants to have pets tied up all day.
- Pets with a history of aggression are not permitted in camp or on worksites.

### **Immunizations**

Pets require routine immunizations so they do not pose a threat to themselves, or others.

- Pet owners must maintain all immunizations and may be required to provide documented proof of treatment.
- Proof of rabies vaccinations must be provided to the company.

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### **Pets in Camp**

Pets are permitted in camp with the approval of the supervisor and the camp staff. Any staff-imposed conditions must be followed.

Dogs in bush camp settings offer some benefits to camp inhabitants.

- People working alone in camp may be notified of bears that are in or around camp.
- Dogs often set-up a scent perimeter which can deter unwanted wildlife coming into camp.
- Pets must be restrained or contained as outlined by the camp staff and your supervisor.
- Pets must stay out of all camp building and structures.
- Pets that are “getting into things” like the grey water pit, food storage, garbage, privies, etc. will have to be better contained or taken out of camp.
- Dogs that are barking excessively at any time will have to be removed.
- Any defecation in-camp must be cleaned up by the owner. Where the owner is not known, any pet owner can be asked to clean up the mess.



#### **Historic Incident**

An aggressive dog in a bush camp chased another dog towards crew vehicles that were being moved around. The fleeing dog did not see the vehicles and was run over by a tire. The result was a broken pelvis and a pet that was never the same.

Dogs that are aggressive in any way need to find alternative living arrangements.

### **Pets on the Worksite**

Pets are permitted on the worksite with the approval of the supervisor. Any staff-imposed conditions must be followed.

- Pets on the workplace must not prevent any risks to the workers on the site, or obstruct the flow of any ground or helicopter based-transportation.
- Some dogs will chase wildlife. This is not acceptable.
- Some dogs will also enthusiastically pursue bears. The unfortunate consequence is that sometimes bears stop running to either fight back, or give chase. Chances are, your dog will return to you, with an annoyed bear in hot pursuit. Dogs should be kept near-by and wandering off chasing animals must be discouraged.



#### **Client Requirements**

Some clients will have specific policies for dogs on their worksites. In cases where the client's requirements are more stringent, the client's standards must be followed at all times.

For example, some companies do not allow loose pets on the worksite and they must be tied up at all times.

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## **Transportation of Pets**

Depending on the nature of the project, pets may have to be transported by company vehicles and/or helicopters.

**You need a dog harness/ seatbelt**

### **Vehicles Carrying Animals**

*17.8 An animal must not be carried in the operator's cab or passenger compartment of a vehicle transporting workers unless appropriate facilities are provided for this purpose*

- Pets in vehicles must be restrained so the operator cannot be interrupted.
- Operators have the final say on the transportation conditions, or lack of transportation, for all pets.

### **Helicopters**

- Pilots may choose to not transport a pet and they have the final say.
- Pets transported by helicopter must be fully restrained.
- Some dogs have a nasty habit of acting aggressively towards helicopters, more specifically the tail rotor. Apparently it is something about the high pitch frequency that it emits. Dogs must be restrained around helicopters. If there is an incident, your dog likely won't live, and you will be responsible for a \$10,000+ repair bill.



## **Clean-Up and Damages**

- Any equipment damaged by the pet or food consumed or contaminated though unauthorized access bill be the responsibility of the pet's owner.
- **If dogs are left at camp they need a dog sitter**