



Handling and Restraining Dogs and Cats

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Objectives

- Discuss the different fear responses of a dog and a cat
- Describe the steps for greeting a dog and a cat for the first time
- Describe the steps for catching a vicious dog or cat or one that has been exposed to rabies
- Discuss techniques for restraining a dog or a cat during an examination
- Discuss techniques for restraining a dog or a cat during various medical procedures
- Describe special tools and procedures for restraining dogs and cats

Fear Responses of Dogs

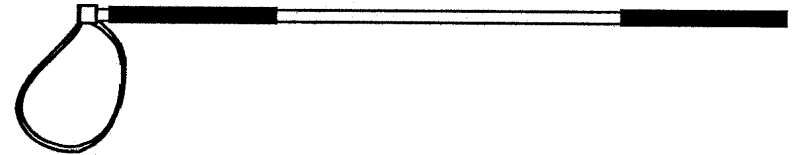
■ When cornered:

■ Submission

- Is safe to handle.

■ Aggression

- Be cautious of dog bites.
- Entice the dog with treats.
- Entice a male dog with a female dog.
- Reassure with voice that no one will hurt the dog.
- Catch the dog with a rope or a snare.
- Two handlers catch vicious dog with ropes or snares.
- Tranquilize vicious dog.

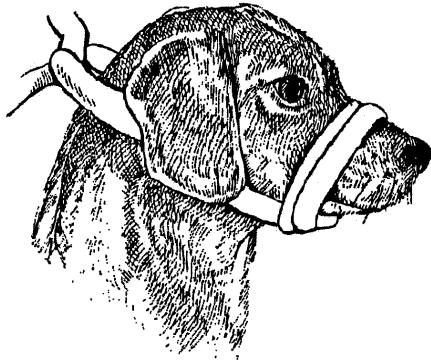
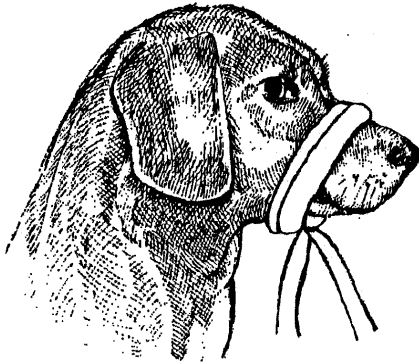
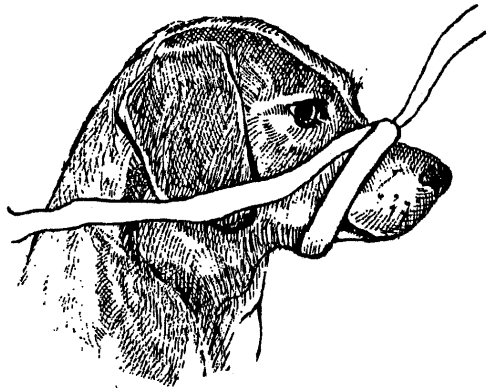


Greeting a Dog

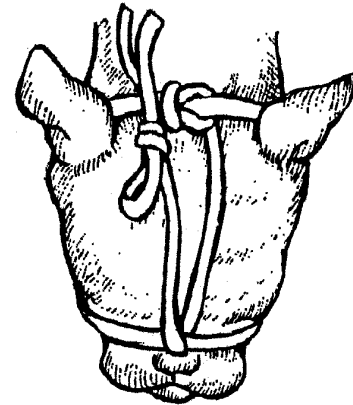
- Extend hand with palm down.
- Allow dog to smell hand.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Scratch the dog.

Restraining a Dog During Examination

- On the table
- Gauze muzzle
 - Place loop on nose with knot ties above and below.
 - Place knot tie behind neck.
 - Knot tie neck and nose loops in pug-nosed dogs.



A Temporary Muzzle



A Muzzle for a Pug-nosed Dog

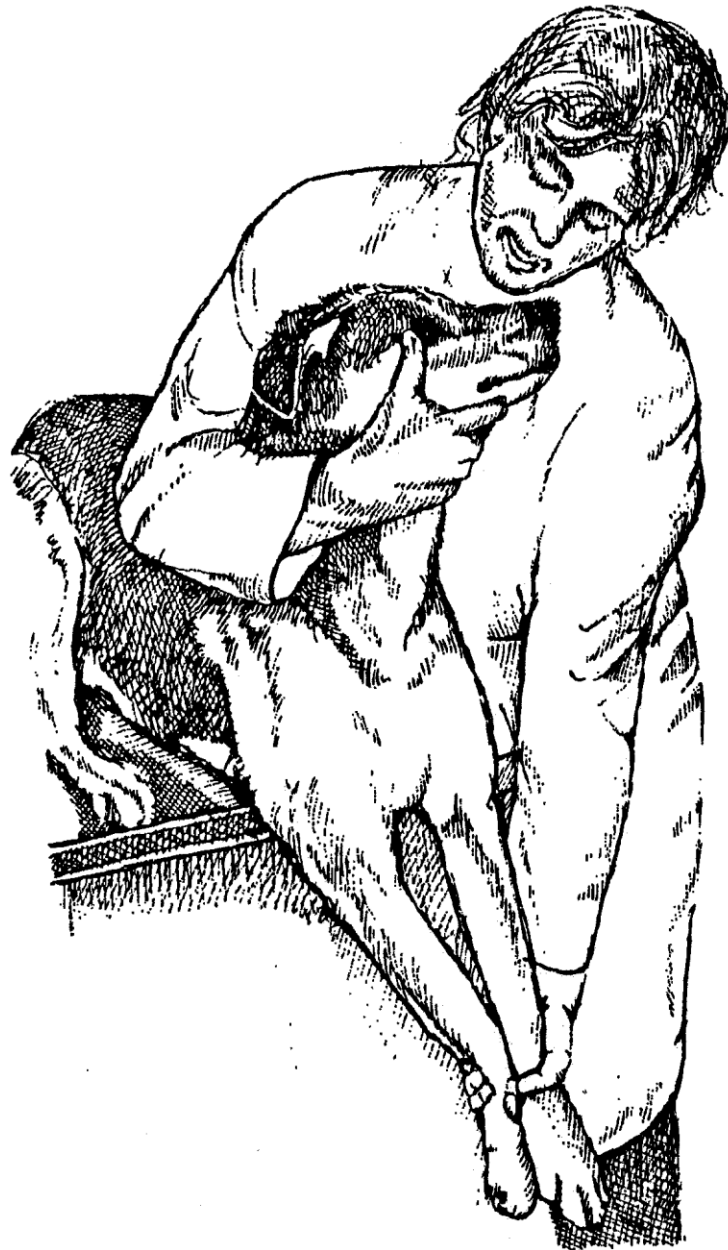
Restraining a Dog During Medical Procedures

- On the table
- Hold dog on its side with hands holding front and rear legs with forefinger between legs.
 - Face dog's back.
 - Press forearms across neck and flank.

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- Hold dog's body upright against table with arm and elbow.
 - Lean against dog's body.
 - Hold dog's head with other arm and hand.
 - Hold dog's foreleg at elbow with hand of arm on table.
 - Apply thumb pressure to expose cephalic vein of leg.
 - Change hands to extend dog's forelegs with hand at paws.
 - Expose area of jugular vein of neck.



Restraint for Intravenous Injection into the Leg



Restraint for Jugular Venipuncture

Special Dog Restraint Tools

- Elizabethan collar to prevent licking, chewing, and scratching
- Mouth speculum for stomach tube

Vicious Cats

- Apply minimum effective restraint.
- Throw blanket or towel.
- Use heavy leather gloves.
- Use a snare.
- Use tranquilizer.

Carrying Cats

- Grasp scruff of cat's neck with one hand.
- Support cat's body with other forearm.
 - Hold cat's rear legs with elbow against body.
 - Hold cat's front legs with hand and with forefinger between legs.
- Use carrier or box or basket with lid.



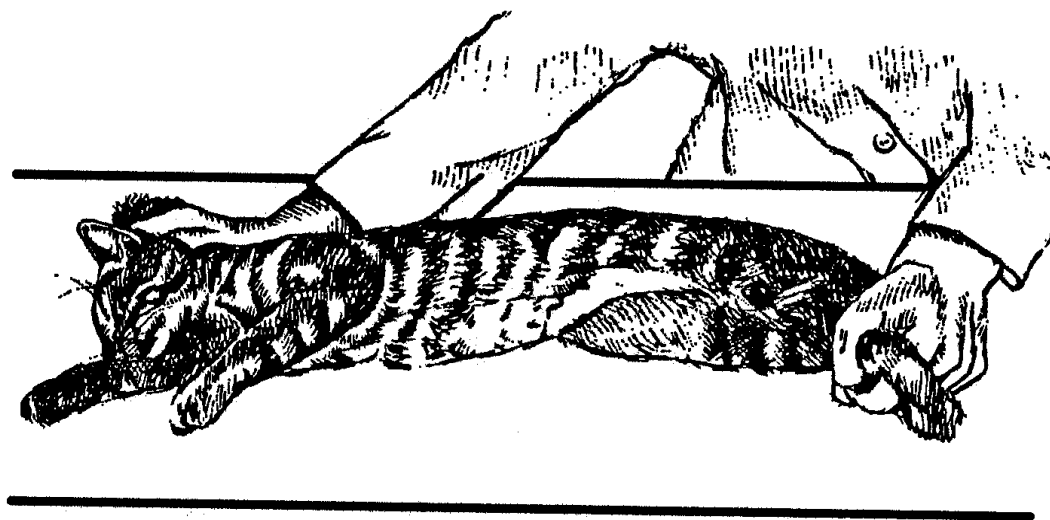
Method for Carrying a Cat for a Short Distance

Restraining a Cat During Examination

- On the table
- Gauze muzzle as pug-nosed dogs

Restraining a Cat During Medical Procedures

- In the carrier
- On the table
- Stretch method
 - Grasp scruff of cat's neck with one hand.
 - Grasp back legs with other hand.
 - Stretch the cat on side.
 - Sliding technique
 - Slide the cat for injections.



The Stretch Method for Holding a Cat

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- Hold cat's head and front paw with hand.
 - Hold cat's other foreleg at elbow with other hand and cat's body with arm.
 - Apply thumb pressure to expose cephalic vein of leg.



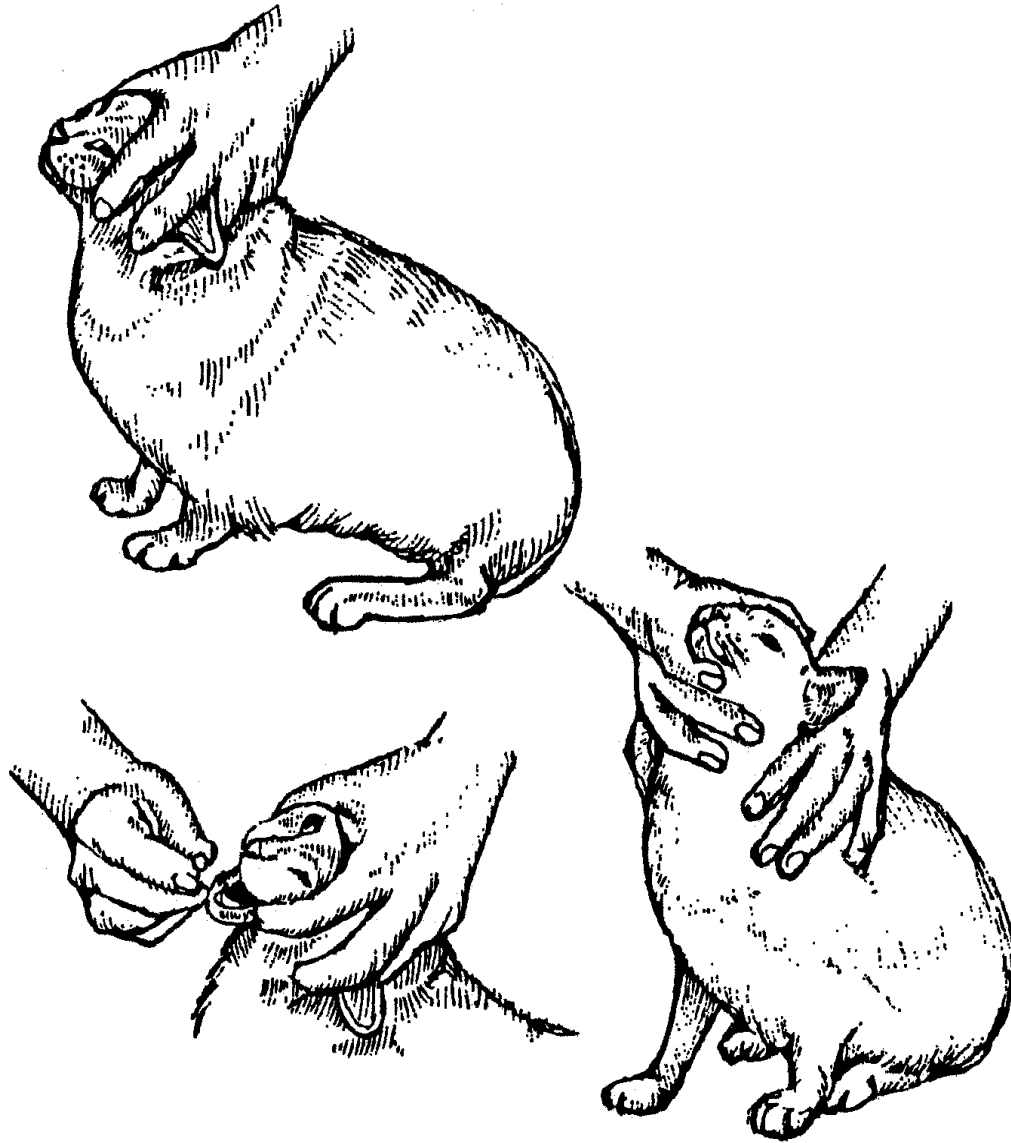
Cat Held for Venipuncture of the Foreleg

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- Hold cat's head with hand and raise the nose.
 - Extend the front legs with other hand at paws.
 - Expose area of jugular vein of neck.



Cat Held for Venipuncture of the Jugular Vein

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- Place hand on top of cat's head.
 - Grasp between eyes and ears.
 - Bend cat's head back.
 - Hold pill between thumb and forefinger of other hand.
 - Pull cat's lower jaw down with middle finger.
 - Press on lower incisor teeth.
 - Pop pill into cat's back throat.
 - Close cat's mouth.
 - Massage cat's throat.



A Cat Being Given a Pill