

# **GLOBAL WILDLIFE RESOURCES, Inc.**

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## **Feral Dog Capture and Handling Workshop General Course Outline Instructor: Mark Johnson DVM**

### **A. PHILOSOPHIES AND PERSPECTIVES**

- 1. What is our goal?**
- 2. The dog**
- 3. The animal handler**
- 4. Honoring every animal and every colleague**
- 5. Connecting with the animal**

### **B. LOCAL GUIDELINES AND POLICY**

- 1. Strategies for animal capture – where and who?**
- 2. Record Keeping**
- 3. Other**

### **C. CAPTURE**

- 1. Box Traps**
  - a. How they are built and how to assemble  
Advantages  
Disadvantages
  - b. Setting the Trap  
Where and when  
How  
Baiting
  - c. Note taking - Critical
  - d. Catching specific or difficult dogs
  - e. Finding the trap is empty – what to do?
  - f. Finding the trap has a dog – what next?

**LAB:** Setting boxtraps

## **2. Snare Pole**

How to use  
Avoiding problems

## **3. Nets**

Local Methods  
Other methods  
Following with Y pole and towel

DVDs and discussion

**LAB:** Practice with a moving ball

## **4. Y Pole**

- a. What is a Y pole?
- b. What is it's purpose?
- c. Contrast with snare pole
- d. How does it work?
- e. Basic Technique
- f. Fine-tuning and Connection with the Animal

DVDs and discussion

**LAB:** In pen Y poling, syringe pole or towel/hobbling/headcover

## **5. Vari-kennel**

**LAB:** Practice with Y pole and long leash against building

## **6. Capture Pens**

DVD and discussion

## **D. PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND HANDLING EQUIPMENT**

1. Scruffing
2. Lateral restraint
3. Hobbling
4. Headcover, groundcloth, and hobbles

**LAB:** Practicing restraint with friendly dogs

## **E. TRANSPORT**

## **F. CHEMICAL IMMOBILIZATION**

### **1. Legal requirements**

### **2. Drug Delivery**

Syringe pole

Blowpipe

DanInject pistol with Pseudart darts

### **3. The drugs**

Ketamine

Xylazine

Telazol

Accessory drugs

### **4. Situations for giving the drug – how to do it**

a. Box trap

b. Y pole and syringe pole

c. Free range darting

### **5. Animal Care**

a. Body position

Sternal

Lateral

b. TPRs

### **6. Transport when drugged**

## **G. HANDLING AFTER SURGERY**

### **1. Coordinating with veterinarians**

### **2. Capturing Dogs in Holding Area**

### **3. Transport and Release**

## **H. FINESSE IN FERAL DOG CAPTURE**

## **I. SMALL GROUPS DISCUSS SCENARIOS**