

Preventing Tragedies in Pet Care

Objective: To identify the potential dangers that are present in pet care businesses and review how to minimize the risk.

Content: As pet care providers you have a HUGE responsibility to keep the pets safe. Whether you are a pet sitter, groomer or work in a dog daycare, it is important to recognize the dangers that exist all around the animals that you care for. In this Lunch & Learn you will review a seminar where Robin and Susan will help you identify the dangers and explore ways to minimize risk.

**This activity can be completed as a group or assigned individually to each team member.*

Prior to Lunch & Learn Session:

- In preparation for leading the group discussion, the leader should review the presentation and quiz in the supporting documents section to ensure you have a good understanding of the content.
- Print a copy of the quiz for each participant.
- Determine how the group or individual will view the presentation. (Presentation is approximately 1 hour long)

During Lunch & Learn Session:

- Open with your thoughts on why the content of the presentation is important to you, the business, the dogs and to your team.
- Have each team member view the presentation.
- Pass out the quiz and give the team or individual 5-10 minutes to complete it.
- Close with a discussion on the topics from the presentation that are most applicable to your pet care business.
- Review the quizzes after the L & L and discuss any incorrect answers with each individual.

Supporting Education Articles/Tools: The information below provides additional guidance on the topic and should be reviewed prior to and during the meeting:

Presentation can be found at:
https://www.gotostage.com/channel/paccc

**Business Owners and Managers will benefit from watching the entire presentation. Staff members only need to watch to the 1-hour point.*

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Quiz:

1. What is the best way to prevent accidents in a pet care business?
   A. Screen for predatory drift and aggression before accepting clients
   B. Following policies and procedures
   C. Preventing dogs from interacting
   D. Doing roll calls every hour

2. List one behavior that fence jumpers exhibit:

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3. True or False: Heat stress is only a danger when dogs are outside in high temperatures.

4. Name one danger a collar presents either in an enclosure/crate or during play?

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5. Kiddie pools are fun in a play yard or back yard. Name 2 ways to ensure safety for dogs around pools and kiddie pools:

1._____

2._____

6. Ture or False: Dog fights are just a part of group play and will occasionally happen.

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Answer Key:

1. What is the best way to prevent accidents from happening?
   E. Screen for predatory drift and aggression before accepting clients
   F. Following policies and procedures
   G. Preventing dogs from interacting
   H. Doing roll calls every hour

2. List one behavior that fence jumpers exhibit:
   A. **Pacing perimeter of the fence**
   B. **Looking up near the fence line**

3. True or **False**: Heat stress is only a danger when dogs are outside in high temperatures.

4. Name one danger a collar presents either in an enclosure/crate or during play?
   A. **Collar/Tag can catch on enclosure space**
   B. **Collar can get caught on another dog's jaw during play**

5. Kiddie pools are fun in a play yard or back yards. Name 2 ways to ensure safety for dogs:
   A. **Watch for signs of water toxicity**
   B. **Secure empty pools when not in use**
   C. **Proper supervision to prevent drowning**
   D. **Roll Calls to check health and status of dogs in group play**

6. True or **False:** Dog fights are just a part of group play and will occasionally happen.

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