

Enhanced Dog Bite Safety Training Curriculum

I. Introduction and Overview

- Welcome and participant introductions
- Overview of training objectives
- Importance and relevance of dog bite safety

II. Canine Statistics and Behavior

- Presentation of dog bite statistics
- Understanding canine body language
 - Signs of relaxed, anxious, and aggressive dogs
- Differences between defensive and predatory dogs
- Common triggers for dog aggression
- Reasons why dogs bite
 - Territorial behavior
 - Fear and anxiety
 - Protective instincts

III. Explanation of Canine and Human Posturing

- Understanding canine posturing
 - Defensive vs. predatory dogs
- Human posturing and its impact on dogs
 - Direct eye contact
 - Dominant stances
- Pack behavior
 - Human/pack and canine pack dynamics
- Impact of human posturing on canine responses

IV. Fence and Barrier Approaches

- Techniques for approaching properties with dogs
- Impact of different approaches on a dog's confidence
- Role-playing exercises for safe navigation of fences and barriers
- Strategies for reading and assessing property layouts for dog presence

V. Why Befriending Dogs Can Cause Problems

- Risks of playing with or feeding dogs on the route
- Potential issues with befriending dogs
- Discussion on maintaining professional boundaries with animals
- Case studies and examples of negative outcomes from befriending route dogs

VI. Self Defense Methods and Devices

- Demonstration of self-protection devices
 - Dog repellent spray
 - Barriers and shields
- Techniques for defending against dog attacks
- Immediate actions to take during an attack
- Hands-on practice with self-defense methods and devices
- Role-playing exercises with simulated dog attacks

VIII. **Practical Demonstrations and Simulated Scenarios**

- Use of safety equipment in simulated scenarios
- Observing and practicing effective defense strategies
- Participants engage in simulated dog encounters to apply learned techniques
- Debriefing after each scenario to discuss performance and areas for improvement

IX. **Legal and Organizational Policies**

- Legal responsibilities of employees and employers
- Overview of workers' compensation for dog bite incidents
- Organizational policies and procedures for reporting incidents
- Case studies of previous incidents and their resolutions

X. **Review and Closing**

- Recap of key points and takeaways
- Participant evaluations and feedback forms
- Distribution of certificates of completion

Materials Needed:

- Projector and screen for presentations
- Printed handouts on dog behavior and safety tips
- Safety equipment for demonstrations (dog repellent spray, barriers)
- First aid kit for demonstration purposes