

COMMITMENT OVER COMPLIANCE

-CHANGING STRATEGIES IN WORKING DOG TEAMS

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OVERVIEW

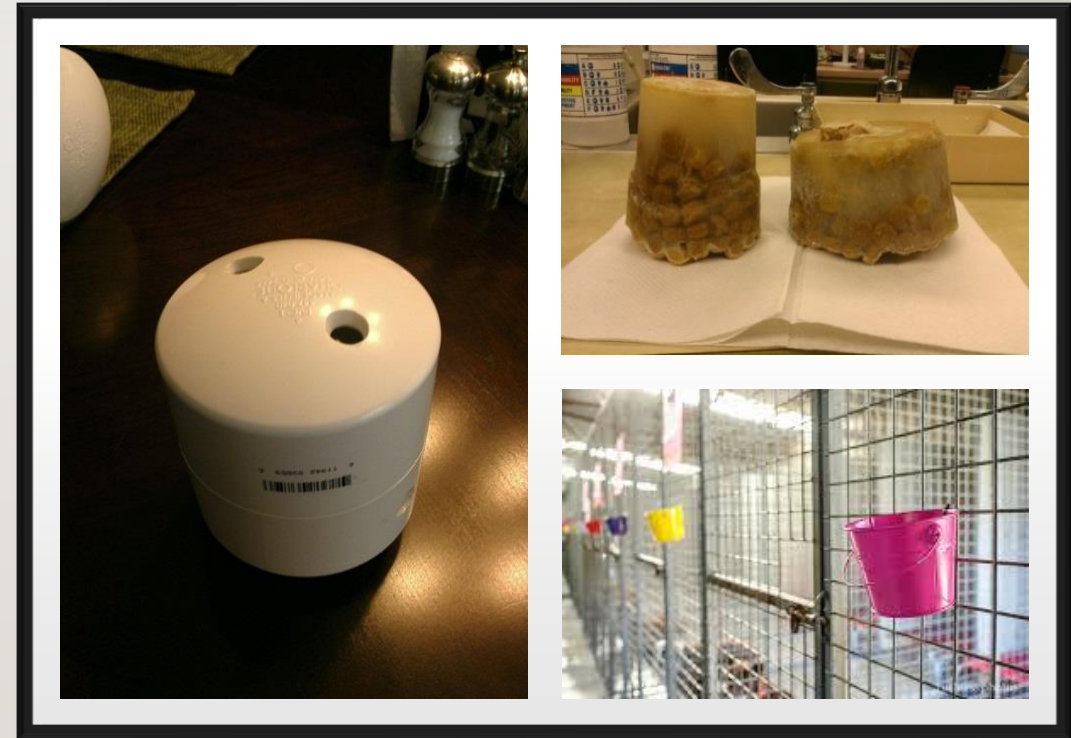
- Background
 - “Culture Shift” to COMMITMENT over COMPLIANCE
- The Veterinary Team’s Role
 - Resiliency Strategies
 - Cooperative Care
- Implementation

THE VETERINARY TEAM'S ROLE

- Provide guidance on resiliency strategies
- Outline a plan for cooperative care

In the event of a behavioral concern, the veterinarian will:

- Rule-out medical cause
- Narrow behavioral differentials
- Characterize the issue(s) and severity
- Collaborate to create a behavioral treatment plan



RESILIENCY STRATEGIES

Safety

- Muzzle
- Personnel turnover & experience
- Healthcare

Enrichment

- Cognitive
- Social
- Sensory

Husbandry

- Noise reduction
- Work and rest cycles
- General handling

COOPERATIVE CARE

Desiree R. Broach
"Committed, Not Compliant"

- What does it look like?
 - Incorporating learned behaviors in the mitigation strategies of safety, enrichment, and husbandry care for Military Working Dogs (MWDs)
- Why do I do it?
 - To maintain and intensify the Handler-MWD-Bond
 - To provide coping mechanisms for MWDs in uncertain or stressful situations
 - To build a relationship of COMMITMENT
 - MWD Disposition/Retirement



WHY IS EVERYONE ELSE DOING IT TOO?

- SAFETY

- Bites/Scratches are the top safety hazard in Military Veterinary Treatment Facilities
 - Example: Germany/Belgium (9 locations)- 42% of all recordable safety incidents were bite/scratch incidents; 91% were from privately-owned pets (10/11), 9% were from MWDs (1/11)
- Health Physics: reducing radiation exposure through increasing distance from the beam
- Reduced use of sedative medication that may delay return-to-duty
- Reduced stress in emergent situations
- Increased comfort and welfare of the patient
- Increased job satisfaction

COOPERATIVE CARE IMPLEMENTATION

- Task and Purpose:
 - Target → movement without physical handling
 - Muzzle → voluntary wear
 - Chin rest → focused task for reduced restraint
 - Side → voluntary positioning for routine, emergent, rehabilitative procedures
 - Stationing → movement without physical handling
 - Body Targets → predictable interactions for procedures
 - Oral Exam → safety without sedation
 - Sit Pretty → voluntary positioning for routine, conditioning procedures



Appropriate Equipment



Buy-In

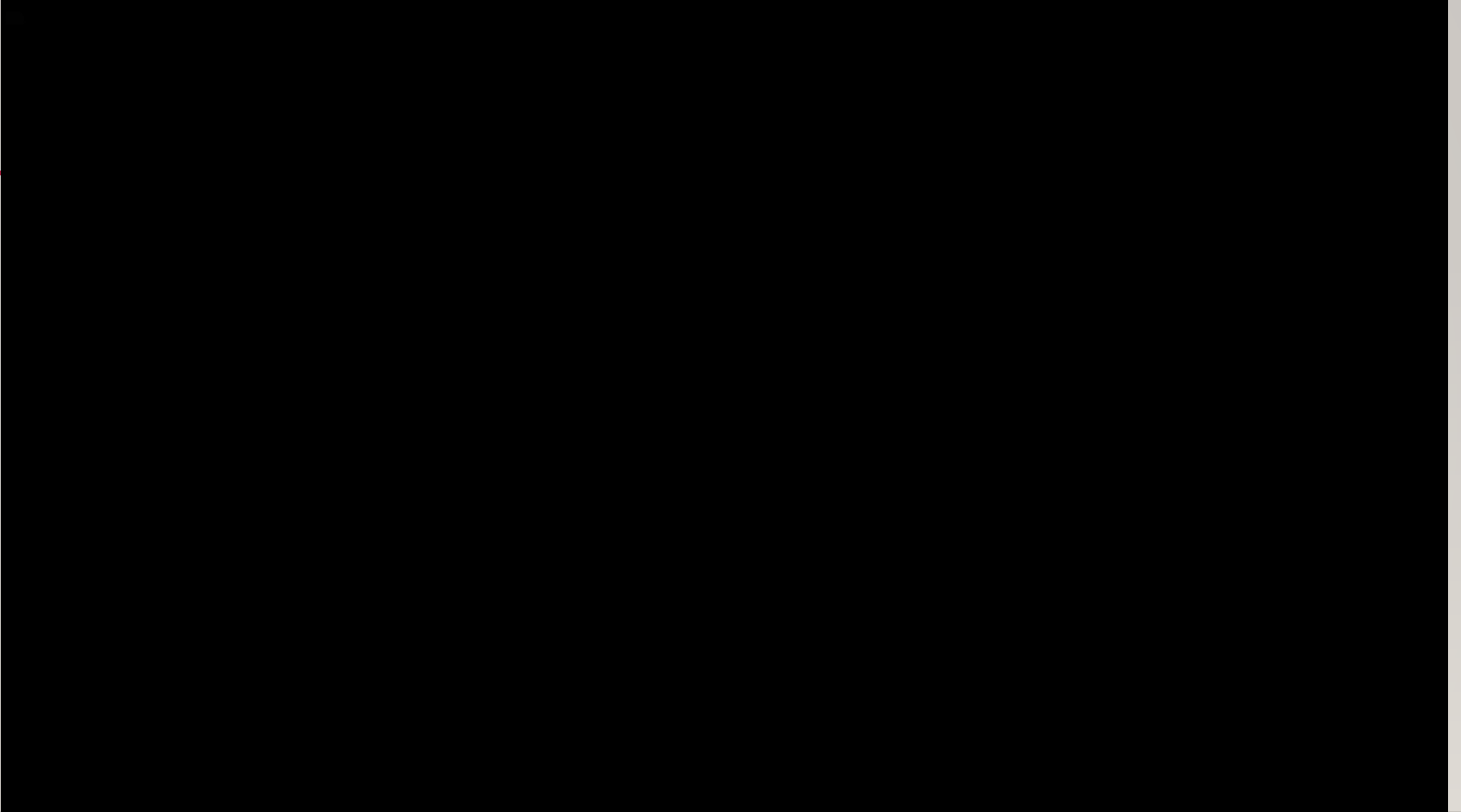


Willing
Participants

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SIDE

- Nira T410
 - 9.5 year old, FS, GSD
 - ~5 minutes total
 - Clicker



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QUESTIONS?

