Intake Behavior Assessment - Canine

Assess animal’s behavior in carrier (15 seconds)

- Coming to the front
- Relaxed
- Neutral tail wag
- Open mouth
- Soft eye

- Staying in back of carrier
- Unwilling to come out on own
- Whale eye
- Ears back
- Closed mouth

- Growling/barking
- Lunging
- Furrowed brow
- Hard eye

Take carrier to a quiet location & assess with vet for next steps

Approach carrier using proper technique with leash and towel
Open door to see if dog willing to come out by herself (30 secs)

Dog unwilling to exit

Toss high value treats or canned food towards dog

Dog eats

Dog refuses food

Patient in back of carrier, growling/showing signs of fear

With 2nd person, slowly tip carrier on end to leash dog

- Bring carrier back down
- Open carrier door
- See if dog is willing to walk out by herself (30 secs)

Dog exits

- Remove top of carrier
- Have appropriate sized blanket available

Dog refuses to exit

Get weight & vet performs exam (1 min)

Using treats, lure patient out of carrier into leash +/- towel

Leash +/- towel patient & remove from carrier

Vet performs exam in quiet area (1 min)

Vet performs exam in carrier (1 min)

Patient willingly comes out & is leashed +/- wrapped in a towel

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