

## F. Personal Safety Precautions

Green-lined pets should be taken seriously and handled with extra care. Ask a technician or doctor for help if you think you are unable to move them.

Watch your hands and face. Put a muzzle on the pet if needed. Hold a cat by its scruff. When needed, use a leash, heavy gloves, and/or catch pole to move a pet. Some pets may prefer someone of the opposite sex—try getting someone else of the opposite sex to handle them. If you are unable to safely move a pet, ask a technician or doctor for help.

Rabies quarantined pets can **ONLY** be handled by a technician or a doctor. Do not attempt to handle such pets.

Regularly wash hands and arms thoroughly, especially when come into contact with an infected animal, such as ringworm or mange, and after cleaning up animal excrement.

Wear particulate face mask, safety glasses and latex gloves when handling chemicals or cleaning animal excrement. The chemicals used to clean cages are strong enough to kill bacteria and viruses. Therefore, it is important you protect yourself from the negative effects of prolonged exposure to chemicals. Also, animal excrement may contain bacteria or viruses which could be transmitted to you.

When using the pressure sprayer to clean cages, wear particulate mask, safety glasses and latex gloves to protect yourself from aerosolized animal excrement.

Wear ear plugs to protect your ears from extended exposure to loud noises such as dogs barking.

**Never** lift any pet or anything that may be too heavy for you. **Always** ask for help.

If you find that you are overloaded with work, let a technician or doctor know so they can try to find someone to help you.

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