Summary:

Over one-half of all American households owns one or more pets, so the likely hood of dealing with an animal emergency in the field is high. Competency in understanding updated animal disaster laws will allow first responders to work under FEMA & ICS to facilitate animal health & well being in the event of disaster response.

Knowledge of animal rescue awareness, behavior, & restraint/handling techniques will ensure the safety of both the responder & the victim. An example would be how to safely immobilize a dog defending its owner suffering a medical emergency, or equally evaluating an injured animal & human as a result of an auto accident.

Learn specific animal triage/critical care, as well as understand the proper use of pet oxygen masks & cover animal CPR for multiple species. Participants will come away with the knowledge of how to freely obtain these life-saving devices. Awareness of International Firefighter Cancer Foundation Disease Detection Dogs will also be discussed.

Presentation will include a multitude of informative learning tools such as:

* Visual aid with full color PowerPoint slideshow presentation.
* Hands-on demonstrations utilizing live Service Dogs, as well as pet first aid manikins, to assist in triage applications.
* Hands-on demonstrations of proper use of pet O2 masks for multiple species.
* Discussions of awareness of state & federal laws regarding animal disaster response whereas emergency personnel can directly affect their community to be better equipped to handle a crisis & work in conjunction with both local & government animal rescue organizations to implement a viable disaster response plan for both human & animal.
* Hands-on demonstrations showcasing proper restraint & handling of injured animals. Discussion to cover multiple emergency scenarios for all types of pets.
* Cover critical care & assessment that can include burns, shock, bleeding wounds, broken back, unconsciousness, etc. First responders will be able to differentiate between triage for humans & animals, & tailor care toward the victim. * Give specific details on how fire departments can get pet oxygen mask sets for free under my partnership with Project Breathe.
* Speak on my work with International Firefighter Cancer Foundation as the Paws Division Coordinator. Cover our special SD2 Program, Shelter Dogs To Service Dogs, that help detect diseases like Cancer early on in our firefighters & their families.
* Handouts on the variety of resources IFCF has to help in a three-fold attempt to
extinguish firefighter Cancer from health & wellness, to early detection, to dealing with the after effects of the disease.

Objectives:

I currently teach around the country & educate everyone from youth to pet owners to animal professionals to first responders on disaster preparedness & response, first aid/ triage, & preventative care for pocket pets to farm animals. I have a Jr Vet Program that helps motivate our youth working toward careers with animals.

My courses include 1 hour seminars to full 8 hour instruction. I cover all types of animals because we are a world of multi-pet owners. I hope to see no animal forgotten, be it from a disaster or medical emergency. I have seen how emergency situations effect animals, & feel I can make a difference by educating others to their needs. I have worked with different forms of emergency personnel, & want to continue to bring more education to help first responders in their quest to save lives.

The course purpose is to give first responders a way to safely deal with any emergency that they might encounter involving animals & showcase another tool at their disposal. Because 74% of animal owners regard their pets as family, this course will be a boon to public relations & help to give their communities more peace of mind. Most importantly, I feel this course will help save animal lives.

My target audience is open to everyone, but this course is specifically tailored to firefighters & EMS that want to gain knowledge in critical care/triage & disaster response as it pertains to animals. Since emergency personnel are first to respond in a crisis, this presentation will help expedite first responders techniques for life saving & help to ensure both their safety & that of animal victims.

Learning objectives are: * Competency in the understanding of updated animal disaster laws as they pertain to first responders in their work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency & under the Incident Command System. * Knowledge of proper use of animal oxygen masks & CPR, along with pet rescue awareness & critical care procedures to ensure the safety of all affected parties. * Realize the availability of the IFCF SD2 Program & how it can assist in firefighters health awareness needs.

Resume: Speaker Bio

Genete M. Bowen is a pet owner, an animal advocate, Pet Medical Massage Therapist, an AET (Animal Emergency Technician) & the founder of DogE911 All Pet Emergency Training where animal lovers can be their 'Own First Responder'.

Genete has worked with both humans & animals specializing in working with chronic pain conditions since 1997, & aided pets with serious issues & illnesses like Cancer. She is on the HSUS N-DART National Disaster Animal Response Team & DogE911 is a member of VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). Genete has been
featured in numerous newspapers, on radio & TV news programs, worked & spoken at many high-profile pet events, & has attended animal & emergency response conferences throughout the nation.

Genete is an advocate on national animal disaster laws, & has even spoken at the California State Capitol. She has worked on many disasters involving animals, & has seen first hand the devastation that comes from a lack of preparation. Genete has received both local state legislature & national congressional awards, & in 2010 she was honored with the coveted President's Award.

Genete's DogE911 Jr. Vet Program nurtures & mentors animal loving youth thereby focussing & channeling their inner drive to help animals. She works with pet owners & animal-related businesses, as well as trains first responders on animal triage thus making a difference for animals impacted during emergency situations. Genete also has been appointed to run the Paws Division under International Firefighter Cancer Foundation. She educates on canine Cancer awareness, as well as helps to keep our working dogs safe. Genete also works with partner Project Breathe, which is the pet oxygen mask donation program under Invisible Fence.

Genete has trained first responders including fire departments, search & rescue teams, & police department K9 units across the nation in animal triage & disaster response. She currently lives in Central CA with her husband & four Dachshunds.