

## Dangerous Exotic Animal Use of Force Continuum

**IMPORTANT-** The list of officer responses is *not* intended to be in any specific order, but reflects on the amount of resistance encountered. The officer will choose the reasonable response to gain control of the situation based on departmental policy, his/or her physical capabilities, perception, training, and experience.

<p><b>Animal attacks or has attacked a person.</b> (Imminent threat of physical harm to responding officers or general public)</p>	<p><b>Deadly Force Level 5</b></p>
<p><b>Animal shows aggression</b> (Displays teeth/Charges/shows signs of Aggressive Body Mannerisms)</p>	<p><b>Less than Lethal Force Level 4</b></p>
<p><b>Animal displays physical <u>defensive</u> mannerisms.</b> (Growling/Hissing/Cowering)</p>	<p><b>Anesthetic Control of Animal Level 3</b></p>
<p><b>Animal agitated, but responding to Physical Control.</b></p>	<p><b>Physical Control of the Animal Level 2</b></p>
<p><b>Animal showing no aggression/Calm</b></p>	<p><b>Verbal control of the Animal Level 1</b></p>

**Animal's Actions**

**Officer's Responses**

**Continuum of Exotic Animal Response:** Control-Secure-Neutralize-Evaluate-Transport

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### **OFFICER-SUBJECT FACTORS**

- Age
- Sex
- Size
- Skill Level
- Multiple
- Relative Strength

**Level 1:** Verbal control of the animal

**Level 2:** Physical control of the animal  
(snares,hands,nets,etc.)

**Level 3:** Anesthetic control of animal  
(dart gun, blow gun, hand  
injection, or placed in bait)

**Level 4:** Less than lethal force: (subdue  
animal by use of Taser, bean bag  
rounds, mace, or strike animal)

**Level 5:** Deadly Force: (Your life or others  
in danger. Shoot to kill.)

### **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

- Closeness of a Weapon
- Injury or Exhaustion
- Being on the Ground
- Distance from the Animals
- Special Knowledge
- Availability of Other Options
- Environmental Conditions

**THREE MOST SERIOUS SCENARIOS:** (Special circumstances may require skipping levels)

- 1- Children: Schoolyard, playground, etc
- 2- Interstate of Main road, high traffic areas: Many people who will get out of vehicles to approach the animal.
- 3- Residential and populated areas.

### **If Exotic Animal is found:**

- Calm the area down: Create and maintain a quiet, calm, soft attitude and approach. No Sirens, No Flashing Lights, No Running, No Screaming or Yelling. No aggression, keep conversations at a calm, low tone.
- Calmly and Quietly surround area with rescue team/police
- Police Officers and firefighters should not approach the exotic animal.
- Stay inside vehicles, wait for animal control and rescue team. Keep visual on animal at all times.
- Immediately get all people into shelter and away from animal.

### **Rescue team that approaches exotic animal should be equipped with:**

- Dart Rifle (Darting only in controlled or contained area) Anesthetic can take 12-15 minutes to be effective if weight of animal is judged correctly.
- Pistol, (at least a 45 caliber), Shotgun, (deer slugs)
- Taser
- Dog Snares/Bull Ropes
- Snake Sticks (holding cages)
- Catching Nets

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