

Right From the Start

Safety Basics

Attire

- Closed-toe shoes
- No dangling jewelry
- Long hair tied back
- Close fitting clothing



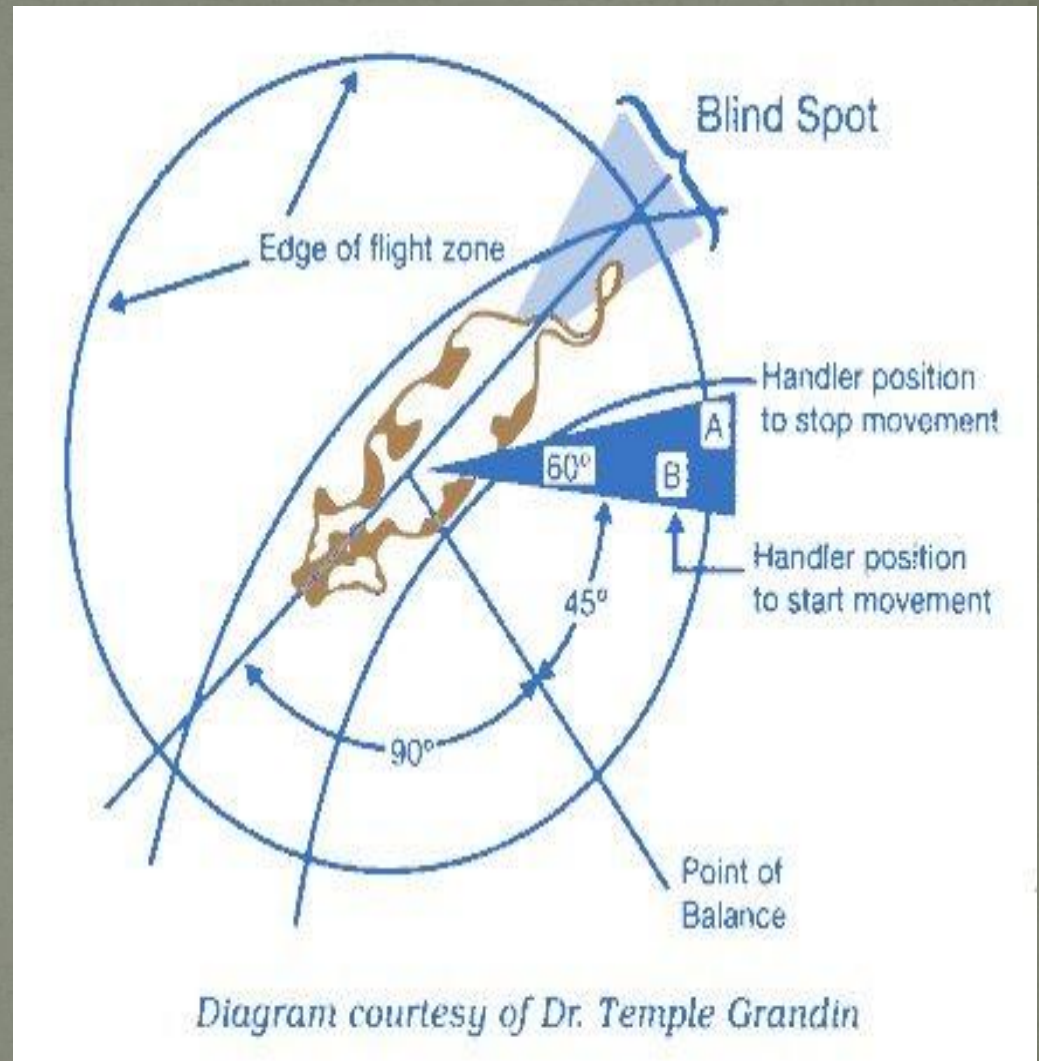
Attitude

- Responsible
- Calm
- Patient
- Determined



Flight Zone

- Safety zone
- Varies among animals
- Increases when an animal is excited or approached from the front



Approaching

- Always make animals aware of your presence
- Approach where the animal can see you
- Never approach from the animal's blind spot
- Approach calmly and quietly

Danger Points

- Body Mass
- Head
- Feet



Equipment Risks

- Lead rope
 - Use cotton (not nylon)
 - Do not wrap lead rope around your hand tightly
 - Should be about 2 feet long; avoid tripping on lead rope
 - Let go if the animal pulls you off balance or pulls you to the ground
- Neck chains
 - Need plastic covering or leather hand grip; reduce pinching risk



Equipment Risks cont.

- Squeeze chutes
 - Maintain properly
 - Avoid pinch points
 - Tipping risk
- Grooming tools
 - Burns
 - Cuts
 - Wear gloves to protect your hands.



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