CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A pet carrier for containing animals on a vehicle seat including at least one vehicle seat anchor, the pet carrier comprising:

a body defining an enclosure having an interior within which an animal is receivable, the body including a cavity; and

at least one rigid latch connector mounted to the body for movement between a stowed position and a deployed position, wherein the at least one rigid latch connector is receivable within the cavity when in the stowed position and the at least one rigid latch connector is connectable to the at least one vehicle seat anchor of the vehicle seat when in the deployed position.

2. The pet carrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one rigid latch connector is translatable along an axis between the stowed position and the deployed position.

3. The pet carrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one rigid latch connector is rotatable about an axis between the stowed position and the deployed position.

4. The pet carrier of claim 1, further comprising at least one biasing mechanism operably coupled to the at least one rigid latch connector to bias the at least one rigid latch connector to the deployed position.

5. The pet carrier of claim 1, wherein the body includes a first section and a second section, the first section including a frame and containment materials extending at least partially about the frame, and the second section including a base, the frame being connectable to the base.

6. The pet carrier of claim 5, wherein the cavity is formed in the base.

7. The pet carrier of claim 5, further comprising a latch deployment mechanism operable to automatically transform the at least one rigid latch connector from the stowed position to the deployed position in response to an input.

8. The pet carrier of claim 7, wherein the latch deployment mechanism includes a deployment actuator operably coupled to the at least one rigid latch connector by a deployment assembly, the at least one rigid latch connector automatically transforming from the stowed position to the deployed position in response to operation of the deployment actuator.

9. The pet carrier of claim 8, wherein the at least one rigid latch connector further comprises a plurality of rigid latch connectors, the deployment actuator being

operably coupled to the plurality of rigid latch connectors such that the plurality of rigid latch connectors are simultaneously transformable between the stowed position and the deployed position in response to operation of the deployment actuator.

10. The pet carrier of claim 8, wherein the deployment actuator is a handle arranged at the base.

11. The pet carrier of claim 8, wherein the deployment actuator is a handle arranged at front of the body.

12. The pet carrier of claim 8, further comprising a release mechanism operably coupled to the at least one rigid latch connector to unlock the at least one rigid latch connector.

13. The pet carrier of claim 12, wherein the release mechanism further comprises:

a release actuator; and

at least one transmitted operatively connecting the at least one rigid latch connector to the release actuator.

14. The pet carrier of claim 13, wherein the release actuator is a handle arranged at the first section of the body.

15. The pet carrier of claim 13, wherein the deployment actuator is the release actuator.