CLAIMS

1. A pet containment device comprising:

a base member; and

a back member;

wherein the base member and the back member are coupled for pivoting movement relative to each other between a stowed position and a use position;

wherein the base member is connectable to an anchor point in a vehicle; and

wherein the base member and the back member define at least portions of an interior space for receiving a pet/animal when in the use position.

2. The pet containment device according to claim 1, wherein the base member includes a pivot subassembly, and the back member is coupled to the pivot subassembly.

3. The pet containment device according to claim 2, wherein the pivot subassembly includes at least one latch member for coupling with an anchor point in a vehicle.

4. The pet containment device according to claim 3, wherein the latch member is movable relative to the base member.

5. The pet containment device according to claim 1, further comprising a collapsible barrier attached to the base member, the collapsible barrier extending between the base member and the back member when in a deployed position and at least partially defining the interior space.

6. The pet containment device according to claim 5, wherein the collapsible barrier is fixed to the back member.

7. The pet containment device according to claim 5, wherein the collapsible barrier is independently moveable relative to the back member.

8. The pet containment device according to claim 5, wherein the collapsible barrier includes a net.

9. The pet containment device according to claim 2, further comprising a collapsible barrier including a pivot arm attached to the base member, the collapsible barrier extending between the base member and the back member when in a deployed position and at least partially defining the interior space, wherein the pivot subassembly includes a lock mechanism for securing the pivot arm in at least one of a stowed or deployed position.

10. The pet containment device according to claim 9, wherein the lock mechanism includes a lock body on the pivot subassembly, the lock body having at least one slot for receiving a pin of the pivot arm, whereby movement of the pivot arm is constrained by the movement of the pin in the at least one slot of the lock body.

11. The pet containment device according to claim 10, wherein the at least one slot includes an arcuate portion and at least one detent portion for locking the pivot arm in a deployed or stowed position.

12. The pet containment device according to claim 1, wherein the base member and the back member include cooperating features for securing the back member in at least one of the stowed position or the use position.

13. The pet containment device according to claim, 1, further comprising at least one latch member for securing the pet containment device to an anchor of a vehicle.

14. The pet containment device according to claim 13, wherein the base member includes handle, the handle operative to actuate the at least one latch member.

15. The pet containment device according to claim 1, wherein the back member includes a pair of backpack straps.

16. The pet containment device according to claim 1, further wherein the back member is configured to cooperate with a seatbelt of an associated vehicle.

17. The pet containment device according to claim 16, further comprising a clamping member for clamping the seatbelt of the associated vehicle.

18. The pet containment device according to claim 1, further comprising at least one wheel for supporting the base member.

19. The pet containment device according to claim 18, wherein the at least one wheel includes a selectively attachable wheel received in a socket of the base member.

20. The pet containment device according to claim 1, further comprising at least two latch members for securing the pet containment device to an anchor of a vehicle.