

Animal Transport Best Practices

Part IV:

Ensuring a Bon Voyage for Transported Animals



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Poll Question 1



Raise your hand

(see hand button on right column)...

... if your organization currently participates in a transport program.

Poll Question 2

Answer in the chat

Which best describes your organization?

- a) Source agency
- b) Destination agency
- c) Source and Destination agency
- d) Neither yet, just interested in transports

So, you're ready to transport!

What are the basics you need to know?

MOST IMPORTANT:

- ✓ Health and well being of the animals/shelters.
- ✓ Public Health
- ✓ Know the law
- ✓ Consult with a veterinarian



A Word on Resources



Don't Risk Greater Levels of Regulation

- SAWA recognizes there can be significant differences in resources from one organization to the next
- Important to set a minimum industry standard
- Resources are needed to support that standard
- Next webinar: [Animal Transport: Vaccinations, Funding & Goals](#) (March 8)

Designate a Coordinator On BOTH ends

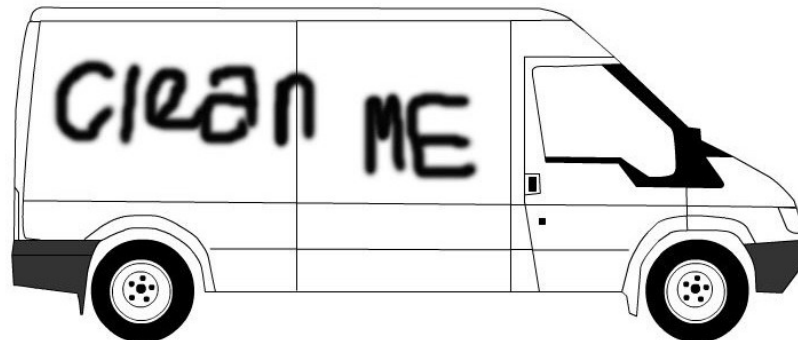
Organizes:

- Date and time of transport
- Numbers and types
- Evaluate health and behavior considerations
- **COMMUNICATION!**



The Transport Vehicle

- Cleaned and sanitized to industry standards
- Use agency cleaning protocols as a guide
- Use materials/chemicals/processes appropriate to vehicle surfaces



Transportation Links

Association of Shelter Veterinarians Standards of Care

www.sheltervet.org/assets/docs/shelter-standards-oct2011-wforward.pdf

State and Federal Department of Transportation Guidelines

to ensure driver safety:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/part/395>



Reduce Stress

- Temperature – 60 to 85 degrees F (use thermometer)
- Visual barriers between species
- Cats: place to hide within carrier
- Noise level
- Air Ventilation



Transport Enclosures & Carriers

Stand up, lie down,
turn around.
Litterbox for cats
(2hrs+)

Solid, leak-proof
bottom. Adequate
bedding.

Separate, except
litters. Separate
trips for species if
possible.

Fresh H₂O at
stops/breaks.

Puppies and Kittens

- 8-weeks or older unless with mom
- <8 weeks if resources at destination (and not at source)
- Close monitoring of health, stress, nutrition, hydration, protection from disease.
- Disclose to destination
- Follow state laws



Contagious / Communicable Disease?



Not recommended, unless life-saving resources at destination shelter.



Transport must ensure comfort, health and safety of animals, and any other animals on transport. Don't make it worse



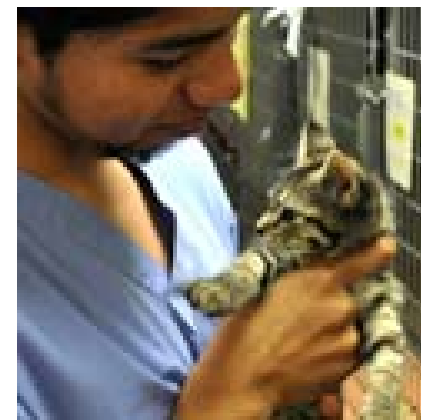
Condition fully disclosed to destination shelter prior to transport.



Animals recovering from surgery allowed at least 48hrs to recover prior to trip.

Physical Exam

- Within 24 hours prior to transport
- Trained animal care professional
- Abnormalities disclosed to destination prior to transport (and approved)
- Documented



Vaccines: Minimum

DOGS:

- Distemper
- Adenovirus 2 (Hepatitis)
- Parvo
- Parainfluenza
- Bordetella



AKA – DA2PP + Bordetella

Vaccines: Minimum

CATS:

- Rhinotracheitis
- Calicivirus
- Panleukopenia

AKA - FVRCP



Still More.... for Both

- Rabies Vaccines (16wk +)
- Other vaccines as agreed by shelters involved

Other treatments:

- Worming – hook and round
- Flea/tick and any other diagnosed internal/external parasites
- *Boosters!



Behavior Evaluations



Dogs should be assessed. Source and destination should understand each other's process.



Agreement on type of assessment used, and how results are recorded/interpreted, and used to determine adoptability.



Results documented and included with paperwork for animal.

Mandatory Spay-Neuter!!

- Who does it? Agreement between source and destination
- Must wait at least 48 hours after surgery to transport
- Prior to adoption



Paperwork!

- CVI – Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
- Health Certificate
- Rabies Cert
- Behavior Assessment
- Vaccines
- Descriptive shelter record
- Tags/collar/other ID on animals

The image shows two overlapping forms titled "MINNESOTA CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION". The top form is partially filled out with handwritten information. Key details include:

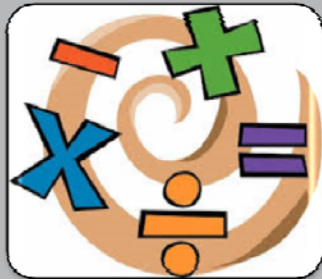
- 1. Owner/Consignor's Name: KANDEL CO
- 2. Owner/Consignor's Address: 31402
- 3. Center Name: K-Check
- 4. Species: Dog Cat Other
- 5. Consignor's Name: NEW YORK KENNEL CLUB
- 6. Consignor's Address: 543 MAIN ST Islip 11756
- 7. Destination: Other State
- 8. Origin of Shipment: Other State
- 9. Breed or Ploidy Status: Other
- 10. Number in Shipment: 1385547
- 11. Packing Number: 14

The bottom form is a detailed checklist for various health and safety requirements, including sections for "MINOR DEFECTS", "MAJOR DEFECTS", "RABIES", and "VACCINATIONS". It includes checkboxes for various conditions and a section for "VETERINARY TESTS" with columns for "Test", "Date", and "Result".

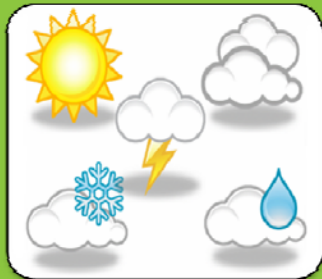
Who is Driving??



Sufficient staff to handle care of all animals



Distance?
Number of animals?
Species?



Weather
Driver experience
Volunteer, staff

Prepare and Backup

Cell Phones
Maps
GPS
Contacts

Emergency
equipment
Back up
plans

Contingency
Plans:

- Mechanical
- Weather
- Unexpected

During Transport



Check animals every 4-6 hours.

Clean if needed.

Water.

Feed puppies and kittens, small amounts of food.

Adults, once every 24 hours.

Walk dogs on long transports;

Overnight stays;

Before moving to new crate/transport

You've Arrived!!

Destination Shelter:

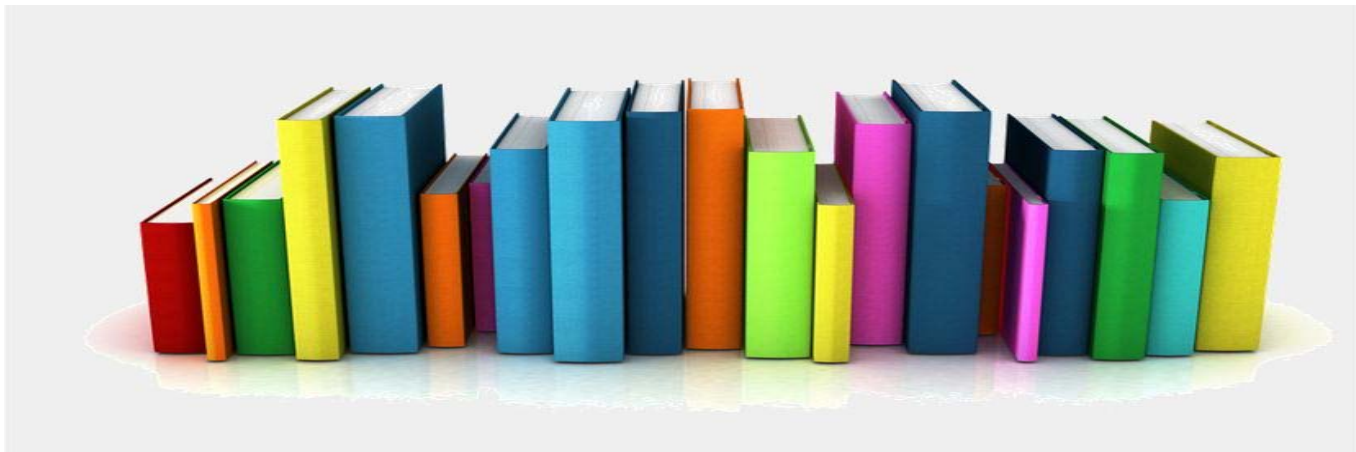
- Staff/Volunteers ready – more is better
- Kennels ready and waiting
- Match paperwork to ID on animals
- Get them in, and get them settled
- Electronic paperwork



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Transport Resources

- [SAWA Companion Animal Transport Best Practices](#)
- [ASPCApro.org/transport](#) – webinar resources:
 - Slides
 - Glossary
 - Sample MOU





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