

Q & A: Transport Best Practices

**The final session in the
Animal Transport
Best Practices
7-Part Webinar Series**





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**Companion Animal Transport Program
Best Practice
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Overview and Introduction

The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) considers transport a program integral to serving the needs of companion animals. Animal transport at its most basic level is a supply and demand equation. However, there is much more to consider when establishing a successful transport program that benefits communities, adopters, over-crowded source shelters, destination shelters and most importantly, companion animals.

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Webinar Recordings Available 24/7

1. Introduction to Transport Best Practices
2. Is Transport Right for Your Agency and Community?
3. Building Relationships in Transport Programs
4. Ensuring a Bon Voyage for Transported Animals
5. Animal Transport: Vaccinations, Funding & Goals
6. How to Transport Cats

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Transport Resources

- [SAWA Companion Animal Transport Best Practices](#)
- [Exhibit B Transport Census Spreadsheet](#)
- [Exhibit C Funding Transport Cost Estimation](#)

[ASPCApro.org/transport](#) – webinar resources:

- Slides
- Glossary
- Checklist with sample MOU
- Transfer Intake Form (HSBV)

SAWA Panel of Experts



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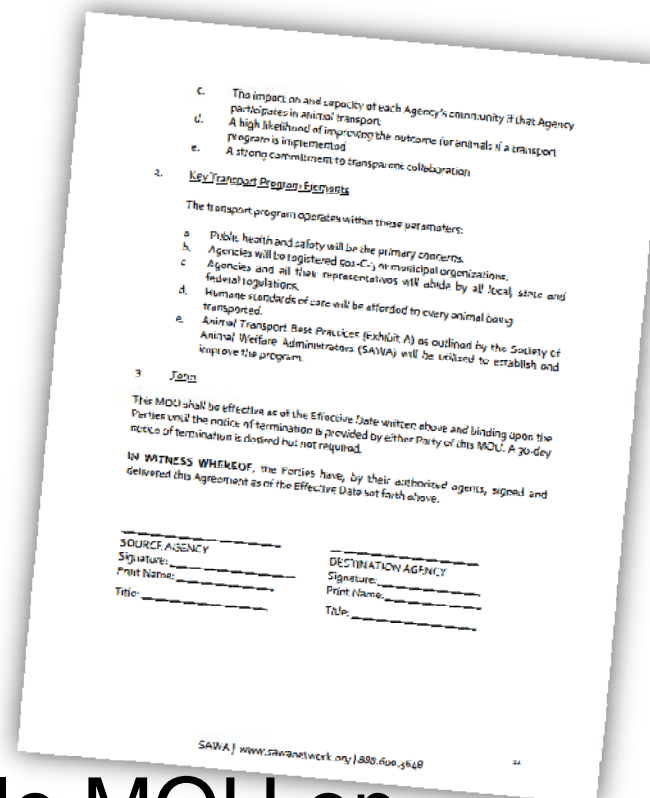
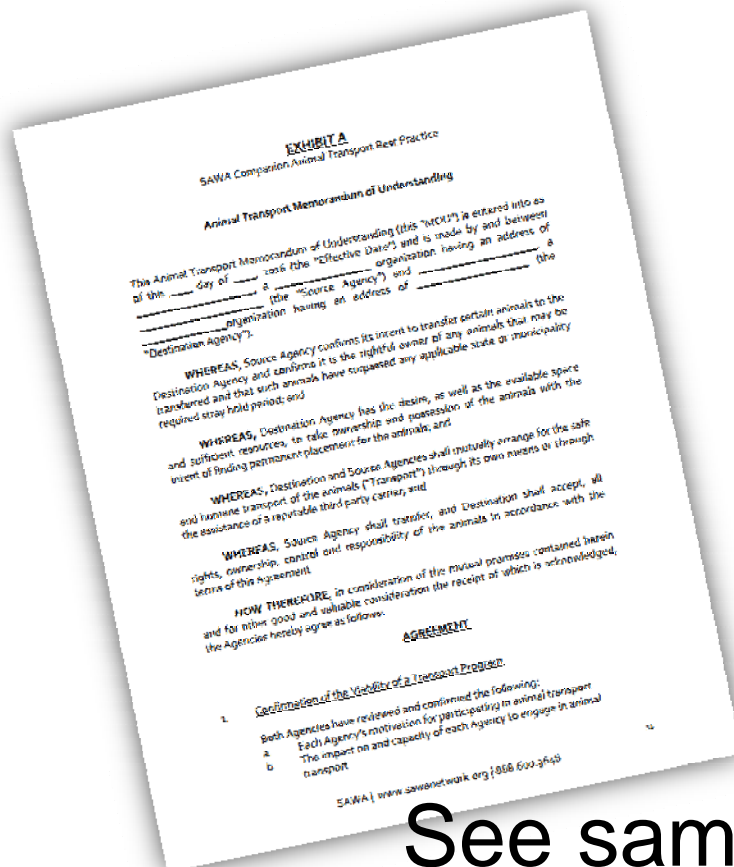


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How to find reliable transport partners?



Should partners establish an agreement?



See sample MOU on
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What equipment is necessary for safe transport?

- Dogs
- Cats



How to reduce stress in the animals being transported?

- Dogs
- Cats



Which enclosures & carriers to use?

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.

Which vaccinations should be administered prior to transport?

- Dogs
- Cats



Canine Vaccines

Core:

- Distemper
- Adenovirus2
- Parvo
- Parainfluenza
- Bordetella

Additional:

- Leptospirosis
- Rabies
- Canine Influenza
- Canine Lyme disease
- Corona Virus

Canine Testing

Additional Tests

- Parvo Titer Test
- Identify Canine Immunity Levels



Heartworm Testing

Heartworm Test (Over 6 months old)

- **If negative:** Begin heartworm prevention
- **If positive:** Fully disclose status
- Take precautions when transporting
- Destination agency must treat



Feline Vaccines

Core:

- Rhinotracheitis
- Calicivirus
- Panleukopenia

Additional:

- Feline Leukemia (FeLV)
- Feline Immunodeficiency (FIV)
- Test prior to immunization
- Bordetella
- Feline infectious peritonitis (FIP)
- Rabies

Additional Items for All

Flea and Tick Prevention

All animals treated for external parasites



What paperwork and identification should travel with the animal?

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- Collar/Tag
- Transport Manifest

Additional Options

- Photo
- Kennel label
- Microchip
 - Registration



