

Introduction to Animal Transport Best Practices



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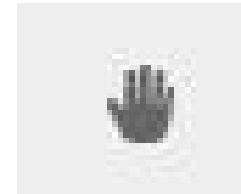
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Poll Question 1

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

Best Practices Defined

A procedure that has been shown by research and experience to produce optimal results and that is established or proposed as a standard suitable for widespread adoption

– Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Best Practices vs. Minimum Standards

Legal requirements for animal transportation

History of Transport

Beginnings

When and how did the concept of transport start?

Drivers

Why did transport become an industry staple?

Evolution

How did transport evolve?

Challenges and Barriers

What jeopardizes and/or stifles transport momentum?



History of Transport Best Practice Development

National Federation of
Humane Societies

SAWA Merger

Best Practices Committee



Goals of the Transport Best Practice

- Foster open relationships between source and destination agencies
- Improve the quality of transports – minimizing animal stress and disease transmission
- Ensure that transport programs meet or exceed local, state and federal regulations pertaining to public health and animal safety
- Promote transport best practices to achieve the above
- Collect data on transports



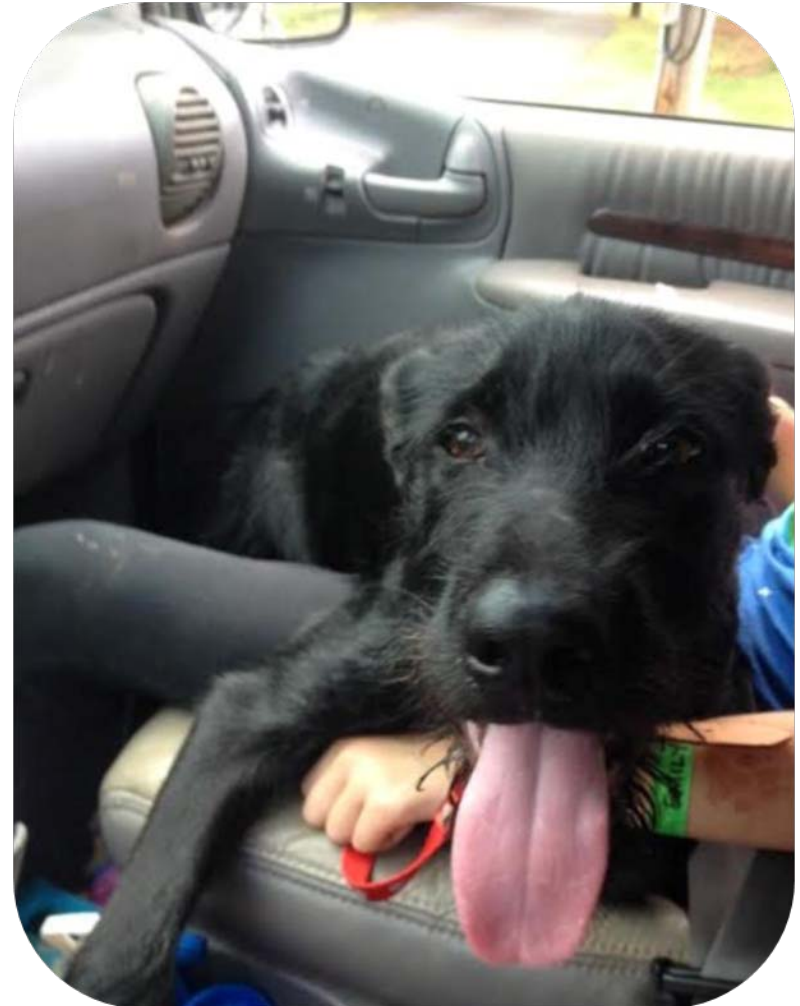
Role of Transport

- Address market demand
- Highlight collective responsibility for animals
- Drives placement for more animals
- Focuses on local, then regional, then national



Models for Transport

- Agency to Agency
- Shelter Aggregator
(hub and spoke model)
- Third Party Aggregator
- Volunteer Transporter



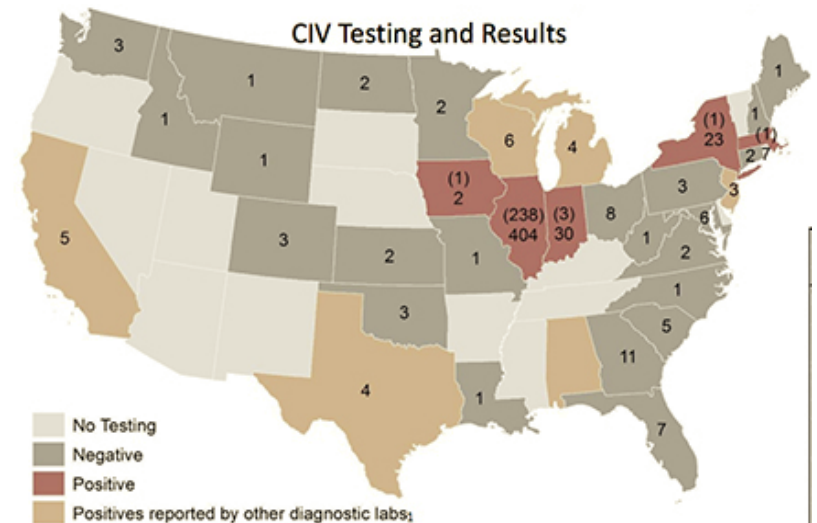
Considerations

- Agency motivations for transport
- Impact on / capacity of your organization
- Impact on / capacity of your community
- Outcomes for animals
- Partnership capacity between Source and Destination agencies



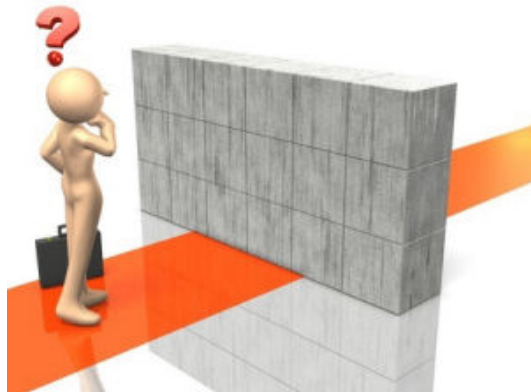
Key Elements

- Public health and safety is the primary concern.
- All agencies must be a 501(c)3 or a municipal agency
- All participants must commit to abiding by all local, state and federal regulations
- Humane standards of care must be afforded to every animal transported



Barriers to Transport

- State laws
- Regional disease issues
- Poorly run transport operations



Questions?



Answer in the Chat

From what you've heard today about transport best practices...

What's one action you will take in the next 30 days?

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Building Relationships in Transport Programs January 25

Preparing for Animal Transport and Receipt February 15

Above and Beyond Transport Practices March 8

Getting Started with Transporting Cats March 29

Q & A on Transport Best Practices April 5

Transport Best Practices 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