

Transport Best Practices Agreement

Adhering to animal transport best practices standards is integral in ensuring the health and safety of the animals being transported and the community they enter.

Acknowledging that there are varying levels of best practices based on the distance animals are transported and resources of the “Source” and “Destination” shelters, there are basic best practices that should be adhered for any transport.

As the recipient of grant funding from the ASPCA Animal Relocation, we ask that you make a commitment that your organization meets or exceeds the following best practices, as applicable, as recommended by the **National Federation of Humane Societies*:

1. Public health and safety is a primary concern. To that end, sick animals are not eligible for transport and all animals transported across state lines will have Rabies vaccination and a health certificate signed by a veterinarian;
2. All transfer agencies must be, or must be under the direction of, a 501(c)(3) agency a municipal agency;
3. All participants must be committed to abiding by all local, state, and federal laws and regulations;
4. Humane standards of care must be afforded to every animal being transported.

The Destination shelter must:

1. Have a community demand of adopters for transported animals.
2. Not euthanize animals of the same species and type being transported for time or space.
3. Have a strong infrastructure to receive large groups of animals.

Throughout the transport process, efforts should be made to create a plan for addressing the overpopulation issue in the community of origin. Ultimately, the Source shelter should benefit from the transport partnership addressing the root causes of pet overpopulation.

I understand and acknowledge that the execution of this document does not in any way ensure that my organization will receive a grant, and the ASPCA may determine to approve or reject my grant application in its sole and absolute discretion. If the ASPCA determines to provide a grant to my organization, I will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the ASPCA (the “Grant Agreement”). I understand and agree that if I do receive a grant, I will be bound by both the Grant Agreement and this Transport Best Practices Agreement, and the Grant Agreement will be in addition to, and not in substitution of, this Transport Best Practices Agreement.

I represent that I am an authorized representative of _____
(shelter name) and have the authority to bind that organization.

On behalf of _____ (shelter name), I agree that all future animal transports will meet or exceed the above best practices.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____ Title: _____

**A complete list of Best Practices from the National Federation of Humane Societies can be found at their website:
<http://www.humanefederation.org/TransferBestPractice.cfm>*