

Animal Transport Best PracticesPart VI:

How to Transport Cats





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Poll Question 1

Raise your hand

(see hand button on right column)...

... If you have participated or watched one or more of the webinars in our 7-part series.





Poll Question 2

Which best describes your organization's experience with transporting cats?

- a) Have not yet but are considering a program
- b) Regular cat transports
- c) Occasional or infrequent cat transports





Poll Question 3

Whether you have an existing transfer program or are considering one, which best describes your role or potential interest in transports?

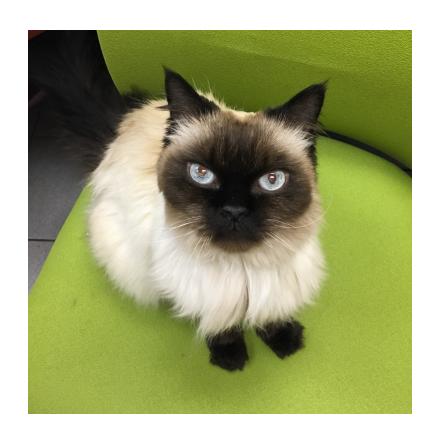
- (a) Sending shelter
- (b) Destination shelter



General Overview of Today



- Relationships
- Medical Considerations
- Behavioral Considerations
 - Stress
- Transport Logistics
- Measurement
- Resources





Nuts and Bolts





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Relationships



Basic Philosophical Alignment

Responsible Adherence to Best Practices

Ability to Manage Expectations

Effective Communication

Trust



Reasons to Transport Cats



- Canine model
 - Successful programs
- Capacity and demand
- Variety
- Seasonality
- Partnerships with local coalitions and networks





Medical and Health Considerations



- Age
- Vaccinations
- Spay/Neuter
- Prior to adoption
- Illness
- Ringworm
- URI
- Panleukopenia
- Dental disease
- FeLV/FIV





Medical and Health Considerations



Medical Records

- Complete records
- Health certificates
- Transport exam
- Rabies certificates





Feline Vaccines



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Core:

- Rhinotracheitis
- Calicivirus
- Panleukopenia

Additional:

- Feline Leukemia (FeLV)/Feline Immunodeficiency (FIV)
 - Test prior to immunization
- Bordetella
- Rabies



Additional Items



Flea and Tick Prevention

All animals treated for external parasites

Deworming for cats





Behavioral Considerations



History

- House-soiling
- Aggression
- Cat reactivity
- Length of stay

Shelter performance

- Overtly social
- Cooperative

Transitional stress

Regression





Stress Reduction





Selection

Behaviorally prone for success

Carrier acclimation

Prior to transport

Scent

- Beds/linens
- Feliway

Carrier/Kennel set-up

- Ability to retreat
- Litterbox

Swapping carriers

Multiple legs of transport



Transport Checklist – Sending Shelter



- Easy bullet points
- Can be included with transfer paperwork

Transport Checklist

- Full medical records haven been gathered and included
 - Vaccination Certificate(s) and Tag(s)
 - Health Certificate (when appropriate)
 - Any current medications
- Any historical behavioral information (previous guardian comments) has been gathered and included
- If cat was found stray, you have confirmed:
 - Impound period fulfilled
 - Scanned for MC, and, if found, chip has been traced
- Cat is collared or otherwise identifiable
- Cat is behaviorally appropriate and cooperative for transport
 - Not excessively fearful, hissing, swatting, attempting to bite, etc.
- Cat is apparently healthy and appropriate for transport
 - No hair loss, lethargy, coughing, sneezing, nasal or ocular discharge, etc.

Transport Form- Destination shelter





Transfer Intake Form

| Transferring Agency: |
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| Animal Name: Breed: |
| Color: Age: Gender: Male Female |
| Is the animal altered? Y N Surgery Date: |
| What date did the animal arrive at your facility? |
| Was the animal: Surrendered Stray Other |
| If Guardian Surrendered, why? |
| ************** |
| Is the animal micro-chipped? Yes No Unknown Microchip #: Type: AVID Home Again Other |
| If <u>ves</u> , what steps have been taken to find the guardian linked to the microchip? |
| *********** |
| Vaccination History: |
| DHPP or FVRCP Date/s: |
| Bordetella Date/s: Intranasal? Yes or No |
| Rabies Date/s: |
| De-worm Date/s: |
| Heartworm Date tested: Preventative: |
| FIV/FELV Date tested: |

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- Summary of information
 - At a glance
 - Data entry
- Does not replace full records



Conclusive Identification

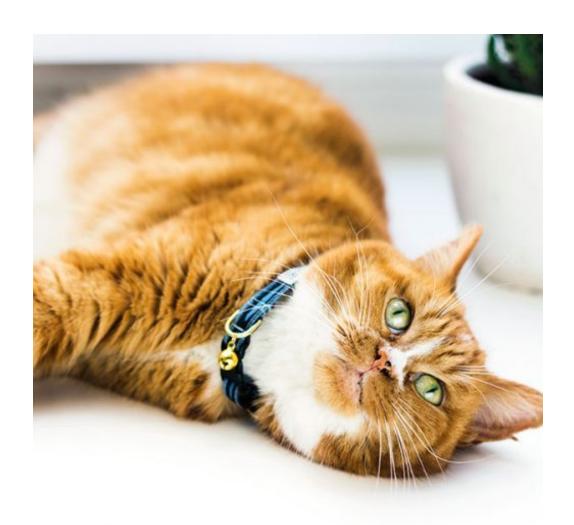


Mandatory

- Collar/Tag
- Transport Manifest

Additional Options

- Photo
- Kennel label
- Microchip
 - Registration





Vehicle Set Up

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- Climate control
- Resource access
 - Water/Litterbox
- Queens with kittens
- Multi-species transports
 - Noise
 - Visual barrier





Measurement



Baseline – on both sides

- Shelter health
- Community health
- LOS

Periodic Measurement

- Every transport
- Annually

Big Picture

Larger community





Transport Resources



- SAWA Companion Animal Transport Best Practices
- Exhibit B Transport Census Spreadsheet
- Exhibit C Funding Transport Cost Estimation

<u>ASPCApro.org/transport</u> – webinar resources:

- Slides
- Glossary
- Checklist with sample MOU



Questions?







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Q & A on Transport Best Practices Wednesday, April 5, 3-4 pm ET





