

Animal Transport Best Practices

Part 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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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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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

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: _____

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 yes, 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: _____

- 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

- 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](#)

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

- Slides
- Glossary
- Checklist with sample MOU

Questions?



Upcoming Webinars in the 7-Part Series

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

