

**Part 20. Transportation**

- 20.1. Animals transported by a vehicle must be secured within the vehicle by seatbelt harness or an enclosure that is secured to the vehicle. Unconfined transportation in the open bed of a pick-up truck or other open vehicle is prohibited.
- 20.2. Enclosures used to transport animals must be secured, water-resistant, well-constructed of cleanable material, and designed to protect the health and ensure the safety of the animals.
- 20.3. Enclosures must have appropriate heating, cooling, and ventilation to ensure the comfort and health of the animals at all times. The requirements of the specific species, age of the animal, and the specific health condition of the animal(s) must be accommodated.
- 20.4. Enclosures for transport
  - 20.4.1. The openings of such enclosures must be accessible at all times for emergency removal of the animals.
  - 20.4.2. The animals must be afforded protection from the elements.
  - 20.4.3. Animals may not be placed in enclosures over other animals in transit unless the higher enclosure is fitted with a floor of material that prevents waste from entering lower enclosures.
  - 20.4.4. Ingress of exhaust from the vehicle's engine must be minimized.
  - 20.4.5. Enclosures must be large enough so that each animal has space to turn around, stand, and lie down.
- 20.5. Animals that are not conditioned to each other may not be transported in the same enclosure.
- 20.6. Multiple species may not be transported in the same enclosure with the exception of birds.
- 20.7. Enclosures must be cleaned and sanitized after each use or between animals, or more often if necessary.
- 20.8. Any vehicle used to transport an animal must be maintained in good repair and kept clean.
- 20.9. Dogs must be removed from the vehicle at least every 6 hours and allowed to urinate, defecate, and obtain food and exercise. The licensee must document evidence of the exercise of these dogs. Facilities may submit written request to the Commissioner for an exemption from this requirement if the facility has no disciplinary matters pending. Any such submission must demonstrate provisions for the safety and well-being of dogs in the care of the facility if such submission were to be granted.
- 20.10. Enclosures used to transport cats must have a solid floor and contain a mat, towel, or other soft covering.
- 20.11. If the trip is 6 hours or more in length, a litter box must be provided within each enclosure for cats. The litter box may not cover more than 50% of the enclosure floor.
- 20.12. Animals must be kept hydrated.
- 20.13. When transporting dogs and cats, a dated manifest must be kept to document number, species, and breed of animals being transported.