CARE IN TRANSIT

An animal in transit must be cared for properly. [3.17, 3.39, 3.64, 3.90, 3.116, 3.140]

Criteria

An animal who is ill, injured or in physical distress must **only** be transported to receive veterinary care.

An animal in obvious physical distress must be provided veterinary care at the closest available veterinary facility.

An animal may **only** be removed from its primary enclosure:

- for cleaning of the primary enclosure
- for veterinary care
- in an emergency
- to be transferred to another primary enclosure or facility which meets AWA regulations and standards

The Care in Transit regulations are in effect until:

- the consignee takes physical delivery of the animal, or
- the animal is returned to the consignor

Surface Transportation

An animal must be observed at least once every 4 hours.

An animal must be observed to ensure:

- there is sufficient air for normal breathing
- the ambient temperature in the cargo space not greater than 85° F or less than 45° F for more than 4 hours
- there are no signs of obvious physical distress, such as:
 - labored breathing
 - excessive salivation
 - vomiting/diarrhea
 - frantic scratching, chewing, or biting on the transport enclosure

Air Transportation

An animal must be observed:

• at least once every 4 hours if the animal cargo area is accessible during flight

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- if the cargo area is not accessible during flight
 - whenever the animal is being loaded and unloaded
 - whenever the animal cargo area is accessible

An animal must be observed to ensure:

- there is sufficient air for normal breathing
- the ambient temperature in the cargo space not greater than 85° F or less than 45° F for more than 4 hours
- there are no signs of obvious physical distress, such as:
 - labored breathing
 - excessive salivation
 - vomiting/diarrhea
 - frantic scratching, chewing, or biting on the transport enclosure

Species Specific

Nonhuman Primates [3.90(d)]

Only the following persons may remove a nonhuman primate from its transportation enclosure **unless** required for the health and well being of the animal:

- persons experienced and authorized by the shipper
- persons authorized by the consignor
- persons authorized by the consignee

Marine Mammals [3.116]

RESERVED-Pending approval of negotiated rules.

Other Animals [3.140(b)]

A wild or dangerous animal may **only** be removed from its transportation primary enclosure:

- when extreme emergency conditions exist, and
- a temporary primary enclosure is available which is strong enough to prevent the escape of the animal

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