# PRIMARY CONVEYANCE

The animal cargo space of a primary conveyance used to transport an animal(s) must be constructed so that the animal(s) is protected and its health and comfort is ensured at all times.

[3.15, 3.37, 3.62, 3.88, 3.114, 3.138]

### Criteria

An animal is protected and its health and comfort ensured if:

- it is protected from exhaust fumes
- the animal cargo space has sufficient air supply for normal breathing
- the primary enclosure is positioned to assure each animal has sufficient air for normal breathing
- the primary enclosure is positioned so that the animal can be removed in an emergency
- the interior cargo space is kept clean

Animals must be protected **if** transported with materials that may be harmful, such as:

- cleaning solutions
- fertilizer
- propane tanks
- dry ice
- human remains

During surface transportation, animals must be easily accessible.

Criteria for determining accessibility include, but are not limited to:

- number and placement of doors on vehicles
- width of aisles so animals can be seen
- space between stacked crates for adequate air movement

## **Species Specific**

#### **Dogs & Cats**

During surface transportation, animal areas must be: [3.15(e)]

- temperature regulated to not exceed  $85^{\circ}$  F or fall below  $45^{\circ}$  F for more than 4 hours
- vented by auxiliary means, such as fans, blowers or air conditioning when the cargo space ambient temperature is  $> 85\,^{\circ}$  F

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During air transportation, animal areas must be: [3.15(d)]

- pressurized while above 8,000 feet
- heated or cooled as necessary to ensure the animal's health and well-being

## **Guinea Pigs & Hamsters**

Animal areas must be: [3.37(g)]

- mechanically sound and provide fresh air by means of windows, doors, vents, etc.
- maintained below 85° F and above 45° F **except** hamsters may be shipped at a lower temperature if accompanied by an acclimation certificate
- vented by auxiliary means when the ambient temperature is  $> 75^{\circ}$  F

#### **Rabbits**

Animal areas must: [3.62(g)]

- be mechanically sound and provide fresh air by means of windows, doors, vents, etc.
- maintained below 85° F and above 45° F **except** rabbits may be shipped at a lower temperature if accompanied by an acclimation certificate
- vented by auxiliary means when the ambient temperature is  $> 75^{\circ}$  F

#### **Nonhuman Primates**

Animal areas must:

- *during surface transportation*, maintain a temperature gradient between 45° to 85° F [3.88(e)]
- *during air transportation*, maintain an ambient temperature that ensures the health and well-being of the animal, in accordance with accepted professional husbandry practices [3.88(d)]
- provide that primary enclosures containing nonhuman primates can be positioned far enough away from their natural enemies so that the nonhuman primate cannot touch or see the other animals [3.88(f)]

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