
All session have been approved for CAWA CE.

1. Updated Animal Transportation Best Practices (10/16/19)
2. How to Implement the Transportation Best Practice Document (11/13/19)
3. Medical Aspects of Companion Animal Transport Programs (12/04/19) [approved for RACE CE]
4. Urgent Transport: Moving Large Numbers of Animals by Air and Land (1/15/20)

History of The Association Best Practices

• The Association (formerly SAWA) merges with the National Federation of Humane Societies (Nov. 2015)
• Established the Best Practices & Emerging Trends Committee
• Committee’s first assignment: Best Practices on Transport of Companion Animals
• Committee reconvened in 2018 to reopen the BP for update
**Best Practices Really Means BEST**

- May be aspirational for some

*Every organization involved in transport should strive to achieve these BEST practices*

- Set goals and keep working towards them.

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**Key Guidelines**

To establish a standard of care, practice of companion animal transport must:

- Support the five freedoms for animals;
- Ensure public safety;
- Minimize risk of disease and safeguard veterinary best practices;
- Adhere to local, state, and national laws; and
- Base guidelines on accepted methods of care.

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- Improve the quality of transfers – minimizing animal stress and disease transmission
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- Promote best practices to achieve the above
- Collect data on transports

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**Five Freedoms**

1. **Freedom from hunger and thirst**
   - by ready access to fresh water and food to maintain health and vigor
2. **Freedom from discomfort**
   - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable lying area
3. **Freedom from pain, injury or disease**
   - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment
4. **Freedom to express normal behavior**
   - by providing adequate space, proper facilities and company of the animal’s own kind
5. **Freedom from fear and distress**
   - by avoiding procedures and treatment which cause mental suffering

Caption: “Image courtesy of the Association for the Advancement of Animal Welfare Education.”
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**Key Elements**

- Public health and safety must be the primary concern
- All transfer agencies must be a registered 501(C)3 agencies or a municipal agency
- All participants must be committed to abiding by all local, state and federal agencies
- Humane standards of care must be afforded to every animal being transported.

**Updated Sections**

- MOU
- Medical updates —
  - Heartworm management
  - Quarantine
  - Vaccination protocols

**New Sections**

- Transport Costs Calculator
- Vehicle Buildout and Safety
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New and Updated Exhibits

- Exhibit A Animal Transport Memorandum of Understanding
- Exhibit A1 ASPCA Animal Transfer Memorandum of Understanding
- Exhibit B Vehicle Buildout Consideration
- Exhibit C Vehicle Supply List
- Exhibit D Funding Transport Cost
- Exhibit E Transport Census Spreadsheet

Thank you, to The Association’s Best Practices & Emerging Trends Committee – Companion Animal Transport Programs

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QUESTIONS?

Where can I read more??

https://theaawa.org/page/Bestpractice

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