

WHILE WE ALL FALL IN LOVE WITH THE ANIMALS WE HELP TRANSPORT, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE OWNED BY SOMEONE ELSE. AT NO TIME IS IT EVER OK TO DECIDE TO KEEP AN ANIMAL YOU ARE TRANSPORTING. IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN AN ANIMAL YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE PROPER ORGANIZATION AND FOLLOW THEIR PROTOCOL FOR ADOPTING.

NEVER EVER leave animals unattended/loose, with any windows open, at any time during transport or transfer.

All dog must be crated or securely tethered at all times while in your vehicle. Cat transports **MUST** be crated at all times, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

You are not allowed additional animals on the transport that are not included on the run sheet to include your personal pets, unless you have been instructed by me. For the safety and health of animals on transport and your personal pets, this is just another extra measure to keep the spread of illnesses down.

Remember that transports are stressful for rescue animals and they may suffer from nausea, vomiting and diarrhea – to help avoid unnecessary upset, do not feed animals during transport (a few treats are ok) and small amounts of water during potty breaks are ok.

For any dog being tethered you must keep the leash attached to the collar during the entire transport (all dogs will come with their own leash/collar)

NEVER EVER EVER transport animals in the bed of a truck, even if crated and covered. Animals must be inside a temperature controlled vehicle at all times. This means a/c in the summer, heater in the winter.

Please remember to clean your vehicle of debris and clutter before transport. Animals should ride in a clean area, preferably on a blanket or sheet, for their comfort. This means a/c in the summer, heater in the winter.

Please do not smoke while you have animals in your vehicle, even with the window cracked. Some animals are more sensitive to smoke than others, and this only invites car sickness.

Please make sure the animals are secure before opening any doors – this means check leash and collar to ensure it has not been chewed!

NEVER allow the general public to interact with the animals during transports ~ remember that rescue animals can become stressed and we don't want someone getting bitten, or someone catching an illness.

DO NOT change/loosen/remove collars or harnesses unless approved by the coordinator.

Please do not ever assume that the other drivers are following all the guidelines. If you think a driver is being unsafe, or is not following protocol, please send a private email, with all information, to admin@rescuepetsarethebest.com All reports are kept confidential and handled in a private manner.

I truly hope you will enjoy working with Rescue Transport USA and wish to continue in the future.

Please be aware that these animals are in need of transport because they are sometimes in dire situations. I take every precaution, through my transport protocol, to ensure these animals are free of infectious diseases, but please know that there is always a possibility something has not shown itself. Neither I, the sending party, or the receiving party can be held liable for any illnesses the animal contracts, or shows symptoms of, AFTER the original health certificate was given; be it before, during or after the transport.

Make sure cell phones are charged and turned on. If you utilize a phone for transports only, it must be turned on from the beginning of the transport (leg one) to the completion of your leg. This is crucial as being on a transport is the time leading up to and including the completion of your leg. A big misconception is that you are only on transport when you are driving. Problems can happen well before your leg and result in changes to your leg.

OVERNIGHT STAY RULES

When doing an overnight, although these animals have a health certificate it is required to keep each animal separate from other animals unless approved by the coordinator.

DO NOT LET YOUR PERSONAL PETS INTERACT with the transport animals. It is your pet's home and even though they might be friendly, you cannot guarantee that there may not be a negative interaction. We also want to take this precaution to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses.

DO NOT FEED THE OVERNIGHT ANIMAL anything that has not been authorized by the rescue or transport coordinator. All food and treats needed for an overnight stay will be provided.

NO PAWS ON GROUND (NPOG)

It is sometimes necessary to move very young puppies or puppies that have only had one or two of the three basic boosters of doggie vaccinations. Although not ideal, it can be necessary and therefore special protocol must be followed.

First: Grassy areas are not high priority since these pups cannot touch the ground. If you think one is not suitable, please advise the coordinator as soon as possible.

Second: All pups will come in mandatory crates unless otherwise noted on the run sheet. When at all possible, dimensions will be noted on the run sheet.

Third: Please make sure to bring the following with you:

- Old/clean sheets, towels or blankets
- Baby/hand/sanitary wipes (use before and after handling the pups)
- Water and bowls

Fourth: Please arrive at the hand off location early so you can assist if the pups need cleaned up. There are several ways to handle the extended hand offs.

- Use the back of an SUV to lay out several clean sheets and let the pups run around and eat, drink, play, potty
- Lay a tarp on the ground, cover with several clean sheets and let the pups run around and eat, drink, play, potty (only if more than 2 drivers are present at all times!)

Last but not least: ENJOY!! Although crucial that babies don't get cooties, they also need plenty of love! I trust you all to handle that part well.