

**SHELTER
FROM THE
ELEMENTS**

Any exhibitor who moves a live animal must provide adequate shelter from the elements. [3.19, 3.41, 3.66, 3.92, 3.142]

Criteria

Adequate shelter includes, but is not limited to:

- shelter from sunlight
 - sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun [3.19(a)(1), 3.41(a)(1), 3.66(a)(1), 3.92(a)(1), 3.142(a)(1)]
- shelter from the extreme heat
 - an animal cannot be exposed to surrounding ambient temperatures which exceed 85° F for more than 45 minutes [3.19(a)(1), 3.41(a)(1), 3.66(a)(1), 3.92(a)(1), 3.142(a)(1)]
 - ambient temperature is measured at a point not more than 3 feet from an outside wall of the primary enclosure and approximately midway up the side of the enclosure [3.18(d), 3.40, 3.65, 3.91(d), 3.117, 3.141]
- shelter from rain & snow
 - sufficient protection must be provided to allow the animal to remain dry during rain, snow, sleet, etc. [3.19(a)(2), 3.41(a)(2), 3.66(a)(2), 3.92(a)(2), 3.142(a)(2)]
- shelter from cold temperature (see page 13.12.2)

When climatic conditions present a threat to an animal's health and well-being, appropriate measures must be taken to alleviate the impact of those conditions. [2.131(d)]

An animal may **not** be subjected to any combination of the following climatic conditions that is detrimental to its health and well-being: [2.131(d)]

- temperature
- humidity
- time

When determining if climatic conditions are detrimental to an animal's health and well-being, the following factors must be taken into consideration:

- age
- species
- breed
- overall health status
- acclimation

**SHELTER
FROM COLD**

TEMPERATURES

Species Specific

Dogs & Cats

- transporting devices used to move an animal must be covered to protect the animal when the outdoor temperature falls below 50° F [3.19(a)(3)]
- an animal must not be exposed to an ambient temperature below 45° F for a period of more than 45 minutes **unless** accompanied by an acclimation certificate [3.19(a)(3)]
- ambient temperature is measured at a point not more than 3 feet from an outside wall of the primary enclosure and approximately midway up the side of the enclosure [3.18(d)]

Guinea Pigs & Hamsters

- transporting devices used to move an animal must be covered to protect the animal when the outdoor temperature falls below 50° F [3.41(c)(3)]
- a *guinea pig* must not be exposed to an ambient temperature below 45° F for a period of more than 45 minutes [3.41(a)(3)]
- a *hamster* must not be exposed to an ambient temperature below 45° F for a period of more than 45 minutes **unless** accompanied by an acclimation certificate [3.37(g), 3.41(a)(3)]

- ambient temperature is measured at a point not more than 3 feet from an outside wall of the primary enclosure and approximately midway up the side of the enclosure [3.40]

Rabbits

- transporting devices used to move an animal must be covered to protect the animal when the outdoor temperature falls below 50° F [3.66(a)(3)]
- an animal must not be exposed to an ambient temperature below 45° F for a period of more than 45 minutes **unless** accompanied by an acclimation certificate [3.66(a)(3)]
- ambient temperature is measured at a point not more than 3 feet from an outside wall of the primary enclosure and approximately midway up the side of the enclosure [3.65]

Nonhuman Primates

- transporting devices used to move an animal must be covered to protect the animal when the outdoor temperature falls below 45° F [3.92(a)(3)]
- an animal must not be exposed to an ambient temperature below 45° F for a period of more than 45 minutes **unless** accompanied by an acclimation certificate [3.92(a)(3)]
- ambient temperature is measured at a point not more than 3 feet from an outside wall of the primary enclosure and approximately midway up the side of the enclosure [3.91(d)]

Other Animals

- transporting devices used to move an animal must be covered to protect the animal when the outdoor temperature falls below 50° F [3.142(a)(3)]
- an animal must not be exposed to an ambient temperature below 45° F for a period of more than 45 minutes **unless** accompanied by an acclimation certificate

[3.142(a)(3)]

- ambient temperature is measured at a point not more than 3 feet from an outside wall of the primary enclosure and approximately midway up the side of the enclosure [3.141]
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