

**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 temperature extremes
- 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
 - ▶ 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° F or fall below 45° 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° F or warmer

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° F or warmer

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° F or warmer

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)]

Marine Mammals

The primary conveyance used must be sufficiently temperature controlled: [3.114(a)]

- to provide an appropriate environmental temperature for the species being transported
- to provide for the safety and comfort of the marine mammal

If the primary conveyance cannot be sufficiently temperature controlled, other safeguards must be employed to maintain the animal at an appropriate temperature, including, but not limited to: [3.114(a)]

- cooling the animal with cold water
- adding ice to water-filled enclosures
- using fans

Adequate lighting for marine mammal attendants to properly inspect the animals at any time must be available and provided by:

[3.114(g)]

- the carrier, or
- the shipper

