

**FOOD AND
WATER**

Animals in transit must be provided food and water.
[3.16, 3.38, 3.63, 3.89, 3.115, 3.139]

Species Specific

Dogs & Cats

Food

Dogs/cats must be offered food: [3.16(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- *if 16 weeks of age or older*, then at least once every 24 hours while in-transit
- *if less than 16 weeks of age*, then at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

Water

Dogs/cats must be offered potable water: [3.16(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

These time periods begin from the time the dog/cat was last offered food and water prior to beginning transport.

Any dog/cat consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler by a research facility, including a Federal research facility must:

- be accompanied by a certification statement containing the following information: [3.16(a)]
 - ▶ a statement that the dog/cat was offered food and water within 4 hours of delivery
 - ▶ the date and time the food and water was offered
- have easily noticed written instructions for the in-transit food and water requirement for a 24-hour period securely attached to the transport enclosure [3.16(b)]

Food and water receptacles must be: [3.16(c)]

- securely attached to the inside of the transport enclosure
- placed so that the receptacles can be filled from outside the enclosure
- designed, constructed and installed so that the dog/cat cannot leave the enclosure through the food and water openings

Guinea Pigs & Hamsters

Any guinea pig or hamster being transported by the research facility for more than 6 hours requires: [3.38(a)]

- access to food and potable water, or
- access to a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, such as apples, potatoes, specially-prepared gel packs

Any guinea pig or hamster consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must have: [3.38(b)]

- an adequate supply of food/potable water in the transport enclosure, or
- an adequate supply of a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, in the transport enclosure

Rabbits

Any rabbit being transported by the research facility for more than 6 hours requires: [3.63(a)]

- access to food and potable water, or
- access to a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, such as apples, potatoes, specially-prepared gel packs

Any rabbit consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must have: [3.63(b)]

- an adequate supply of food/potable water in the transport enclosure, or
- an adequate supply of a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, in the transport enclosure

Nonhuman Primates

The following food and water requirements apply to both registered research facilities and Federal research facilities.

Food

Nonhuman primates must be offered food: [3.89(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- *if 1 year of age or older*, then at least once every 24 hours while in-transit
- *if less than 1 year of age*, then at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

Water

Nonhuman primates must be offered potable water: [3.89(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

These time periods begin from the time the nonhuman primate was last offered food and water prior to beginning transport.

Any nonhuman primate consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must:

- be accompanied by a certification statement containing the following information: [3.89(a)]
 - ▶ a statement that the animal was offered food and water within 4 hours of delivery
 - ▶ the date and time the food and water was offered
- have easily noticed written instructions for the in-transit food and water requirement for a 24-hour period securely attached to the transport enclosure [3.89(b)]

Food and water receptacles must be: [3.89(c)]

- securely attached to the inside of the transport enclosure
- placed so that the receptacles can be filled from outside the enclosure
- designed, constructed and installed so that the animal cannot leave the enclosure through the food and water openings

Marine Mammals

Food

Marine mammals must be offered food: [3.115(b)]

- as often as necessary and appropriate for the species, or
- as determined by the attending veterinarian

Water

Marine mammals that require drinking water must be offered potable water: [3.115(a)]

- within 4 hours of being placed in the transport primary enclosure

- as often as necessary and appropriate to the species to prevent dehydration which would jeopardize the animal's health and well being

Other Animals

Food

Animals must be fed: [3.139(b)]

- at least once every 24 hours while in-transit, or
- as often as required by standard husbandry practices, hibernation, veterinary treatment or other professionally accepted practices

Water

Animals must be offered potable water: [3.139(a)]

- within 4 hours prior to being transported
- at least once every 12 hours during transport in the dealer's primary conveyance, or
- as often as required by standard husbandry practices, hibernation, veterinary treatment or other professionally accepted practices

NOTE: Some species do not drink water and get fluid requirements from their food.

A sufficient quantity of food and potable water for a period of at least 24 hours must accompany the animal. [3.139(c)]

Any animal consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must have written food/water instructions affixed to the outside of the transport enclosure. [3.139(d)]