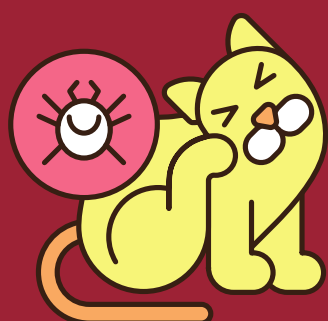


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BEST SAFETY PRACTICES for Companion Animal Transport*

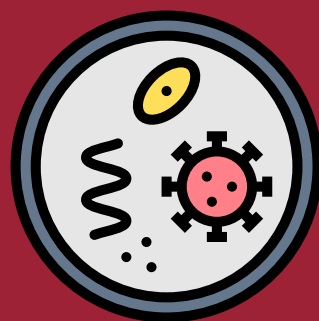
Public health and the health of the animal population at both the source and destination agencies are of utmost importance. Consultation with a veterinarian is recommended.

- 1 Transported animals will have received vaccinations prior to or upon intake at the source organization. Dogs and cats 12+ weeks old must be vaccinated for rabies before transport.



- 2 Animals are administered preventative flea and tick treatment prior to transport.

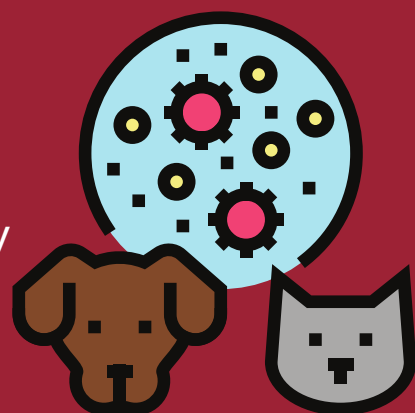
- 3 Animals are treated for diagnosed internal and external parasites.



- 4 Animals receive a physical exam within 24 hours of transport and upon arrival at the destination organization.



- 5 Animals screened for signs of infectious disease such as vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory signs, hair loss/skin lesions, and any other signs of disease or injury.



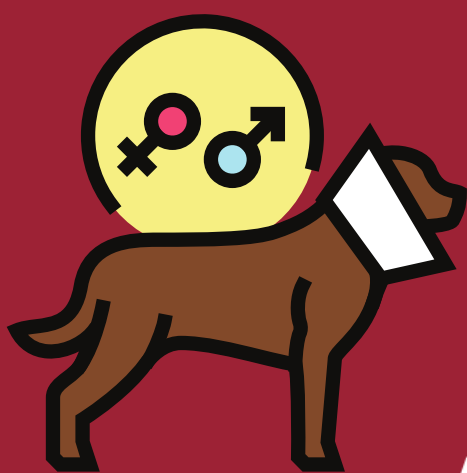
- 6 Animals with contagious or communicable diseases must be deemed ineligible for transport.

- 7 Puppies and kittens must be 8+ weeks old at time of transport unless they are being transported with their mother.



- 8 Dogs 6+ months in heartworm epidemic areas must be screened and state regulations must be followed for the import of heartworm positive dogs as some states require a negative test prior to importation.

- 9 Select behaviorally appropriate animals for transport. Historical behavior information provided to the source organization at the time of relinquishment must be shared with the destination organization.



- 10 All transported animals must be sterilized prior to adoption either by the source or destination agency.

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