



Transport Decision Tree



FIT ANIMALS

TRANSPORT

- Those that will arrive at their final destination in good condition
- According to the *Health of Animals Regulations Part XII* and CFIA policies
- Consult also *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals: Transportation*.



COMPROMISED ANIMALS

TRANSPORT WITH SPECIAL PROVISIONS*

Compromised Animals Policy (Health of Animals Regulations Part XII)

Examples:

- Lameness, even if slight (may deteriorate quickly in transit)
- Cancer eye
- Bloated (if not weak or already down)
- Having given birth in the preceding 48 hours
- Acute frostbite
- Labored breathing
- Blindness in both eyes
- Open wound (depending on the severity of the wound, the animal may be unfit)
- Not fully healed after an operation, such as dehorning or castration
- Rectal or vaginal prolapse
- Lumpy jaw
- Left/right displaced abomasum (without weakness, toxicity)
- Abscess
- Acute penis injury
- Hardware disease with localized signs
- Unhealed broken tail or jaw
- Hobbled to prevent kicking, or
- Amputation or deformity (only if fully-healed and not painful).



UNFIT ANIMALS

DO NOT TRANSPORT

Other than for veterinary diagnosis or care

Examples:

- Unable to rise, remain standing, or move without assistance, reluctant to move (non-ambulatory)
- Severe lameness
- Fractured limb or pelvis
- Rupture of pre-pubic tendon (after splitting)
- Likely to give birth
- Uterine prolapse
- Severe cancer eye
- Arthritis in multiple joints
- Cancer/leukosis (extensive)
- Pneumonia (unresponsive with fever)
- Water belly
- Nervous disorder (e.g. rabies – must be reported to CFIA)
- Emaciation, dehydration or dehydration
- Fever, shock or dying.



*Special Provisions for Compromised Animals

Compromised animals, if loaded, must be transported **directly** to the nearest available place to receive care, treatment, be slaughtered or euthanized – but only with special provisions, such as:

- Local direct transport only
- Extra bedding
- Loading in a rear compartment
- Separation from other animals
- Penning with a familiar companion animal
- **Other measures as appropriate**, e.g. veterinary assessment prior to loading when unsure of the animal's capacity to withstand transportation.

Do not continue to transport an animal that becomes compromised or unfit beyond the nearest available place where it can receive care, be euthanized or slaughtered.