

**WHILE WE ALL FALL IN LOVE WITH THE ANIMALS WE HELP TRANSPORT, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE OWNED BY SOMEONE ELSE. AT NO TIME IS IT EVER OK TO DECIDE TO KEEP AN ANIMAL YOU ARE TRANSPORTING. IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN AN ANIMAL YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE PROPER ORGANIZATION AND FOLLOW THEIR PROTOCOL FOR ADOPTING.**

**NEVER EVER** leave animals unattended/loose, with any windows open, at any time during transport or transfer.

All dog must be crated or securely tethered at all times while in your vehicle. Cat transports **MUST** be crated at all times, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

You are not allowed additional animals on the transport that are not included on the run sheet to include your personal pets, unless you have been instructed by me. For the safety and health of animals on transport and your personal pets, this is just another extra measure to keep the spread of illnesses down.

Remember that transports are stressful for rescue animals and they may suffer from nausea, vomiting and diarrhea – to help avoid unnecessary upset, do not feed animals during transport (a few treats are ok) and small amounts of water during potty breaks are ok.

For any dog being tethered you must keep the leash attached to the collar during the entire transport (all dogs will come with their own leash/collar)

**NEVER EVER EVER** transport animals in the bed of a truck, even if crated and covered. Animals must be inside a temperature controlled vehicle at all times. This means a/c in the summer, heater in the winter.

Please remember to clean your vehicle of debris and clutter before transport. Animals should ride in a clean area, preferably on a blanket or sheet, for their comfort. This means a/c in the summer, heater in the winter.

Please do not smoke while you have animals in your vehicle, even with the window cracked. Some animals are more sensitive to smoke than others, and this only invites car sickness.

Please make sure the animals are secure before opening any doors – this means check leash and collar to ensure it has not been chewed!

**NEVER** allow the general public to interact with the animals during transports ~ remember that rescue animals can become stressed and we don't want someone getting bitten, or someone catching an illness.

**DO NOT** change/loosen/remove collars or harnesses unless approved by the coordinator.

Please do not ever assume that the other drivers are following all the guidelines. If you think a driver is being unsafe, or is not following protocol, please send a private email, with all information, to [admin@rescuepetsarethebest.com](mailto:admin@rescuepetsarethebest.com). All reports are kept confidential and handled in a private manner.

