

LANNCU43 - SQA Unit Code F8J5 04

Maintain the health and well-being of animals during transportation



Overview

This sets the standard for maintaining the health and welfare of animals during transportation. The standard is not intended to cover the driving of vehicles, but focuses on the preparation of transport and maintaining the health and welfare of animals during transportation.

The elements are:

1. Prepare transport for the receipt of animals
2. Monitor and maintain animals during transportation

Element 1 is about the preparation of transport for animal use. It involves ensuring that transportation is safe and secure and animals are established in a manner which minimises stress and optimises their health and well being.

Element 2 covers how animals should be monitored during transportation. It considers how the health of the animal (s) can be maintained, how the environment should be maintained, what action to take in the event of unexpected occurrences, signs of stress and indicators of animal health and well-being, legislation and record keeping.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Prepare transport for the receipt of animals

- P1 **prepare the transportation** and make it safe and secure to receive the animals
- P2 communicate accurate information about destination and expected time of arrival to the appropriate people
- P3 establish the animals within the transportation, make safe and secure for the journey in a manner which **minimises their stress**
- P4 ensure records are accurate, legible and complete
- P5 ensure the containment of animals complies with legislation and optimises their health and well-being
- P6 ensure working methods and systems promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

You must be able to:

Monitor and maintain animals during transportation

- P7 **monitor animals** health and well-being at the required times to identify any causes for concern
- P8 maintain animal health and well-being at optimal levels throughout the journey consistent with relevant legislation
- P9 recognise changes in animal health and well-being which might signify stress or ill health and take the appropriate actions
- P10 maintain the transportation environment in a manner and to a level appropriate to the animals concerned
- P11 take the appropriate actions to maintain the safety and security of the animals when you have to leave them
- P12 take the appropriate actions to maintain the safety and health and well-being of, and minimise the risks to the animals when there are unexpected occurrences
- P13 ensure working methods and systems promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Prepare transport for the receipt of animals

- K1 how transportation needs to be prepared for the animals in relation to their health and well-being, safety and security and the likely risks
- K2 destination and likely time of arrival, and why this information should be given to individuals and who they should be
- K3 factors which cause the animals stress and how to minimise them
- K4 how to establish and secure animals in the transportation environment
- K5 records which are necessary and required
- K6 legal requirements in relation to density and the number of animals in transport
- K7 your responsibilities under animal welfare, the transportation of animals and health and safety legislation

You need to know and understand:

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- K8 indicators of animal health and well-being
- K9 signs and symptoms of animal health and well-being deterioration in relation to appearance, body functions and behaviour
- K10 when to monitor health and well-being according to the animals being transported, relevant legislation and the method of transportation being used
- K11 factors which cause stress to the animals
- K12 assessing criticality of stress or ill health and determining actions to be taken and their urgency
- K13 how to maintain health and well-being of particular animals (e.g. through the provision of feed - or not, breaks from travelling, maintaining the transportation environment)
- K14 methods of maintaining transportation environment for particular animals and the levels to which it needs to be maintained
- K15 circumstances in which animals can be left and how safety and security may be maintained
- K16 the possible unexpected occurrences which may occur and how each may best be handled
- K17 any necessary documentation and your responsibility in relation to it
- K18 your responsibilities under health and safety, animal welfare and animal transportation legislation

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

Prepare transport for the receipt of animals

1. **prepare the transportation** in terms of:
 - 1.1. cleanliness
 - 1.2. safety
 - 1.3. security
 - 1.4. travel requirements of animals
2. **minimise the animals stress** in relation to:
 - 2.1. the number of animals to the size of the transporter
 - 2.2. environmental conditions.

Monitor and maintain animals during transportation

3. **monitor animals** for:
 - 3.1. behaviour
 - 3.2. appearance
 - 3.3. bodily functions

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