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Plan and control the movement of animals



Overview

This standard covers planning and controlling the movement of animals. Animals may need to be moved for a variety of reasons such as competition, breeding, selling, change of accommodation as well as responding to unplanned events caused by changes to the weather or veterinary attention.

This includes planning, resources, bio-security and safety of the animal and the people concerned. You will need to ensure that the location to which the animal is moved is safe, secure and suitable. It will also be necessary to monitor and review the effectiveness of the activity, whether planned or unplanned.

You need to be aware of your own limitations and ensure that you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard is for those with responsibility for planning and controlling the movement of animals.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 maintain your professional conduct and ethics and work within the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- P2 comply with relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
- P3 ensure that risks to the health and safety of yourself, others and animals are identified and minimised
- P4 plan for the movement of animals taking into account the reasons for movement
- P5 ensure the availability of suitable location/accommodation to which animals can be moved
- P6 assess the new location to ensure that it meets the animals' requirements
- P7 select appropriate route
- P8 select and implement appropriate hygiene and bio-security measures and ensure they are maintained
- P9 identify the appropriate method for moving the animal and the necessary equipment, including transport where required
- P10 ensure the availability of resources, including staff, required for successful completion of movement
- P11 communicate the movement plan to those involved to ensure that the animal's welfare is maintained and the risks to others are reduced
- P12 prepare contingency plans
- P13 assess the suitability of the animals for movement
- P14 control the movement of animals without damage to the health, safety and well-being of the animals or other animals in the vicinity
- P15 ensure animals are established after moving and that the animals' requirements are met
- P16 monitor implementation and effectiveness of the plans
- P17 ensure appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P18 respond to unplanned reasons for the movement of animals
- P19 monitor the effectiveness of unplanned movement of animals

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K2 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K3 how to assess the risks involved with the movement of animals and identify how to minimise them
- K4 the reason for the animals to be moved and how this may affect the plan
- K5 regulations that dictate when animals are deemed fit to be moved or to travel
- K6 how to assess the suitability of the location for the animal to be moved to and the route for the movement of the animal
- K7 factors affecting the choice of route
- K8 the suitable methods for moving animals and equipment required
- K9 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K10 the resources required to carry out the activity, including staff
- K11 the staff competencies needed for animal movements to be successful
- K12 the importance of communicating clearly with those involved in the activity
- K13 the types of physical conditions that may affect the movement of animals
- K14 the types of behavioural conditions that may affect the movement of animals
- K15 how environmental conditions may affect the movement of animals and the selection of the method of movement
- K16 how movement can impact on the health and welfare of animals
- K17 how to assess the health of the animal to be moved and how this may affect their movement and the method used
- K18 the normal and abnormal behaviour patterns seen in the animal to be moved and how these can be recognised
- K19 that different animals may have specific needs, before, during and after movement and how to recognise this by behavioural changes
- K20 the range of handling and restraint methods of the animals to be moved
- K21 the different methods of identification used for animals and which

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methods are suitable for the animal to be moved

K22 the ways by which animals can be established after moving and the requirements that must be met

K23 the importance of maintaining complete and accurate records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

K24 circumstances that may dictate the need to change the plan; including long term and more immediately

K25 circumstances that may require the unplanned movement of animals

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Glossary

Current animal welfare legislation:

- England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006
- Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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