# FOOD AND WATER

Animals in transit must be provided food and water. [3.16, 3.38, 3.63, 3.89, 3.115, 3.139]

# **Species Specific**

## **Dogs & Cats**

Food

Dogs/cats must be offered food: [3.16(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- *if 16 weeks of age or older*, then at least once every 24 hours while in-transit
- if less than 16 weeks of age, then at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

## Water

Dogs/cats must be offered potable water: [3.16(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

These time periods begin from the time the dog/cat was last offered food and water prior to beginning transport.

Any dog/cat consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler by a research facility, including a Federal research facility must:

- be accompanied by a certification statement containing the following information: [3.16(a)]
  - a statement that the dog/cat was offered food and water within 4 hours of delivery
  - the date and time the food and water was offered
- have easily noticed written instructions for the in-transit food and water requirement for a 24-hour period securely attached to the transport enclosure [3.16(b)]

Food and water receptacles must be: [3.16(c)]

- securely attached to the inside of the transport enclosure
- placed so that the receptacles can be filled from outside the enclosure
- designed, constructed and installed so that the dog/cat cannot leave the enclosure through the food and water openings

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# **Guinea Pigs & Hamsters**

Any guinea pig or hamster being transported by the research facility for more than 6 hours requires: [3.38(a)]

- access to food and potable water, or
- access to a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, such as apples, potatoes, speciallyprepared gel packs

Any guinea pig or hamster consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must have: [3.38(b)]

- an adequate supply of food/potable water in the transport enclosure, or
- an adequate supply of a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, in the transport enclosure

## **Rabbits**

Any rabbit being transported by the research facility for more than 6 hours requires: [3.63(a)]

- access to food and potable water, or
- access to a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, such as apples, potatoes, speciallyprepared gel packs

Any rabbit consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must have: [3.63(b)]

- an adequate supply of food/potable water in the transport enclosure, or
- an adequate supply of a type of food, which provides the food and water requirements, in the transport enclosure

# **Nonhuman Primates**

The following food and water requirements apply to both registered research facilities and Federal research facilities. Food

Nonhuman primates must be offered food: [3.89(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- if 1 year of age or older, then at least once every 24 hours while in-transit
- if less than 1 year of age, then at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

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#### Water

Nonhuman primates must be offered potable water: [3.89(a)]

- within 4 hours before being transported
- at least once every 12 hours while in-transit

These time periods begin from the time the nonhuman primate was last offered food and water prior to beginning transport.

Any nonhuman primate consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must:

- be accompanied by a certification statement containing the following information: [3.89(a)]
  - a statement that the animal was offered food and water within 4 hours of delivery
  - the date and time the food and water was offered
- have easily noticed written instructions for the in-transit food and water requirement for a 24-hour period securely attached to the transport enclosure [3.89(b)]

Food and water receptacles must be: [3.89(c)]

- securely attached to the inside of the transport enclosure
- placed so that the receptacles can be filled from outside the enclosure
- designed, constructed and installed so that the animal cannot leave the enclosure through the food and water openings

## **Marine Mammals**

## Food

Marine mammals must be offered food: [3.115(b)]

- as often as necessary and appropriate for the species, or
- as determined by the attending veterinarian

## Water

Marine mammals that require drinking water must be offered potable water: [3.115(a)]

• within 4 hours of being placed in the transport primary enclosure

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as often as necessary and appropriate to the species to prevent dehydration which would jeopardize the animal's health and well being

## **Other Animals**

## Food

Animals must be fed: [3.139(b)]

- at least once every 24 hours while in-transit, or
- as often as required by standard husbandry practices, hibernation, veterinary treatment or other professionally accepted practices

## Water

Animals must be offered potable water: [3.139(a)]

- within 4 hours prior to being transported
- at least once every 12 hours during transport in the dealer's primary conveyance, or
- as often as required by standard husbandry practices, hibernation, veterinary treatment or other professionally accepted practices

NOTE: Some species do not drink water and get fluid requirements from their food.

A sufficient quantity of food and potable water for a period of at least 24 hours must accompany the animal. [3.139(c)]

Any animal consigned to a carrier or intermediate handler must have written food/water instructions affixed to the outside of the transport enclosure. [3.139(d)]

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