

Volunteers frequently transport animals to other cities and/or states for rescue, foster care and adoption. While this practice saves the lives of countless animals, it also requires special attention to the safety and well-being of the animals. House Rabbit Society recommends following our suggested best practices when transporting rabbits.

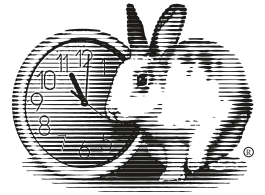
This checklist outlines House Rabbit Society transport guidelines and best practices. Please use this list to help organize your transport.

## House Rabbit Society Transport Checklist – For Transport Organizer

- Each rabbit carrier should have a cage card. A cage card includes the following information: Photo of rabbit(s), Name(s), Age, S/N status, Brief physical description, Special medical needs or medications, Destination shelter.
- Create a photo manifest of all rabbits on the transport including what destination shelters they are going to. Each transport participant should have a printed copy of the manifest.
- Consider transport drivers' rabbit care experience when determining the number of drivers needed for the distance travelled. To safely transport rabbits for multiple days over long distances, drivers with significant rabbit care experience are required.
- Create a detailed list of all transport participants with their contact information. Each driver should have a copy of this information.
- Create a transport itinerary that covers the activity of each day of transport and each driver's responsibilities for each day. Each driver should receive a copy of the itinerary.
- Regularly communicate with your drivers and destination shelters throughout the process.
- Obtain Health Certificates no more than 7 days before transport. Bring extra rabbits to the veterinarian in case some of the rabbits do not pass their health check (sick animals are not eligible for transport). This ensures the transport will have a full complement of rabbits.

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- Give starting driver a folder containing all Health Certificates and all other paperwork to travel with the rabbits. Such paperwork may consist of: veterinary records, shelter records, prescriptions, travel itinerary, photo manifest, emergency veterinarians along the travel route, contact info for transport participants, etc. Keep all paperwork together in one place.
- Have a contingency plan in place to address weather, mechanical or other unexpected situations that may go awry during the transport. Qualified veterinarians should be identified ahead of time along the travel route.
- Clearly communicate HRS humane standards of rabbit care and transport guidelines to each driver.
- HRS recommends each driver have the following supplies: emergency first aid kit, tie-downs for animal carriers, hay, fresh leafy greens, pellets, gallons of water, wet wipes, trash bags, papertowels, enough towels or other absorbent materials to replace wet bedding on each day of transport, whisk broom and pan, hand sanitizer.
- If motel stays are anticipated the driver should have these additional supplies: exercise pens, tarps, litter boxes, extra litter, toys and treats. Confirm motel reservations and that rabbit guests are allowed ahead of time. Note: Air BnB may be more flexible about rabbit guests than motels.

*House Rabbit Society believes each rabbit should be treated with dignity and respect throughout the transport process. Our goal for each transport is to reduce rabbit stress and to keep rabbits healthy on the road and after delivery. Thank you for partnering with us to save rabbit lives!*