

Your Texas Rescue Connection Transport Requirements

- 1) **INTERSTATE HEALTH CERTIFICATE:** All Interstate Health Certificates must be dated no more than 10 days from the dogs final arrival date. The name and microchip number for the dog will be listed on the health certification. The dog will also be in compliance with all requirements, according to the [State Regulations of Importing Animals](#) for the state that is the dogs final destination.

- 2) **AGE APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS:** Dogs traveling must be current on vaccinations with a current copy of the dogs medical and shot records. Puppies must have had a minimum of two rounds of DHPPv or DA2PPv1 (required for Maine) vaccinations. For puppies with only two rounds of DHPPv or DA2PPv1, the second vaccination should not be less than five days prior to departure date. Dogs must have been vaccinated for Bordetella no more than five months previous or less than seven days from the departure date. Dogs three months or older must have a current Rabies vaccination and tag on their collar.

- 3) **TWO WEEK ISOLATION PERIOD:** Dogs must have been removed from a State/County/City shelter or pound, placed in foster care, veterinarian's office or a boarding facility for a minimum of two weeks (minimum fourteen days) prior to departure date. This practice helps to control the exposure and spread of communicable illnesses common the shelters. **THIS PRACTICE PROTECTS EVERYONE.**

- 4) **MEDICATIONS:** Dogs arriving sick with or undergoing treatment for Distemper, Parvo, Upper Respiratory Infection, Kennel Cough, Coccidia, Giardia, Ringworm, Sarcoptic Mange or other contagious conditions will be NOT be allowed on transport. Dogs with minor or chronic NON-CONTAGIOUS conditions can be transported, provided the necessary medications are supplied. Please list this information in your transport application and provide the medications, schedule, and dosage at departure.

- 5) **FLEA/TICK PREVENTITIVE:** Dogs must be free of fleas and ticks. Record of last application of preventative must be provided.

- 6) **SPAY / NEUTER:** Dogs must be spayed or neutered not less than five days prior to transport, unless they are being transported to a rescue that has provided a copy of their spay/neuter policy prior to reserving a kennel. No female in a heat cycle will be allowed on transport. Non-sterilized dogs will **ONLY BE DELIVERED TO RESCUES NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- 7) **MINIMUM PUPPY AGE:** All weaned puppies are required to be a minimum of ten weeks old. Whelping mamas and puppies are isolated from all other dogs being transported. We will only transport whelping mamas and puppies **TO APPROVED RESCUES.**

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8) **IDENTIFICATION**: Dogs MUST have a collar with an identification information (i.e. name tag or written on the collar), rabies tag (if old enough to have been vaccinated), and microchip. For puppies or dogs riding as partners, we will secure the collars to prevent them from being destroyed during transport. Picture identification (i.e. Drivers License or State-Approved ID) will be required to pick the dog up at its final destination. If the person picking the dog up is different from the person listed on the application, we MUST BE NOTIFIED prior to delivery of the dog.

9) **CRATES**: All dogs MUST be crate trained and comfortable being in, as well as getting in or out of the crate. This needs to be accomplished in the days and weeks prior to transport. The transport should not be the dogs first time to be in a crate. If we determine the dog is not crate comfortable and will become a risk to the handlers or themselves, we reserve the option to remove the dog prior to departure.

10) **DOGS PERSONALITY**: If the dog comes to the transport with unusually high fear, aggression, or anxiety level that indicates the transport team or other dogs are at risk, we will attempt to resolve the situation. Once the Lead Person determines the dog is a bite, fight or flight risk, you will be asked to remove the dog from the transport vehicle immediately. Dogs needing sedation must have been previously approved. We are all experienced dog rescuers, but we will not put the entire trip at risk over a dog with issues. If you feel your dog may have difficulty during transport please contact us to help evaluate the dog prior to making your transport reservation.

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Driver & Dog Handler