



## Rescue Transport Etiquette Guidelines

Thank you for taking the time to help Quincy K-9 Connection (QK9C) transport and save the lives of homeless pets! As a transport volunteer, you are the lifeline of animal rescue - without you, thousands of animals could not be transported to responsible, no-kill rescues. It is the mission QK9C to ensure the safety and security of all rescue pets and volunteers during transports. Please keep in mind the following etiquette guidelines during rescue transports:

1. All transporters are fellow volunteers; treat them with respect and kindness. Remember – “Please” and “Thank you” can go a long way!
2. Most (if not all) the animals on transports have come from county pounds or shelters. They may be scared, confused and malnourished. They may not want to be crated and/or may try to run away or bark. Always remain calm around the animals and keep a firm hold on all leashes when taking the dogs for a potty break.
3. Drive with care and obey the speed limit – you are not running a race!
4. The utmost care should be taken during transfers. Dogs should be transferred between cars one at a time. If the animal is in your car, YOU are responsible for unloading the animal and ensuring the animal gets to the next transporter’s car safely. If you are receiving an animal from an incoming transport, please give the incoming transporter time to unload your animal, give it food/water if needed and walk the animal. You may assist the incoming transport with transfer only if asked. Please use the pooper bags you bring to clean up after the dogs in your control.
5. All dogs are issued with a leash and collar on the initial leg of the transport. These items remain with the dog throughout the entire transport and should not be removed under any circumstances.
6. All animals are numbered. Please refer to the run sheet for details on each animal. If you discover an error in the numbering, please contact the transport coordinator (Lauren Nehlsen, Barb Bauer, or Kerrie Hoar) immediately.
7. If an animal has been vetted, paperwork will accompany the animal during the transport. The paperwork will be in a white envelope that correlates to the animal’s number. If an animal has an empty envelope, it means no paperwork is available.

8. There will be a 'point person' on each leg of the transport. This person is responsible for receiving and accurately distributing all paperwork. The 'point person' will be detailed on the run sheet.
9. Please ensure you have enough crates for your leg of the transport. Crates may also be purchased cheaply at garage sales or thrift stores. You will know before the transport what size and how many crates you will need for your leg.
10. Dogs should not be tethered to windows or ride loose in the car except in emergency situations. A loose dog in a car can be potentially dangerous and fatal should an automobile accident occur. Our policy is simple: Crates are mandatory.
11. Transports can be a chaotic time and mishaps will happen from time to time. If an animal should get loose and runaway, we ask that, for your own safety, you do not chase the animal. The local Animal Control will be promptly contacted.
12. If you are running more than 15 minutes late, please contact the on-call transport monitor. We will contact those ahead of you and alert them of the delay.
13. Please note that, depending upon the number of animals being transported, 15-30 minutes is allotted between legs for transfers and potty breaks.
14. Every transport is fully monitored. Once you have completed your leg of the transport and the receiving leg has left, please call the on-call transport monitor so we know everyone is safe and on their way.
15. We need your information! Be make sure to complete the Volunteer Information Request Form and the Transporter Waiver of Liability form.
16. Smile! Make a friend on the transport and know that what you do is appreciated by us, the animals and the receiving rescues!

Please remember these guidelines during your transport. Transports can be fun and rewarding but can also be a time of confusion for the animals that have already been through a lot. Use common sense and stay safe! For your time, your effort, your resources and energy, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.