



Requirements to Transport

Animal Requirements, Shelter to Rescue

- We will move pregnant animals on shelter to rescue.
- We will take puppies and kittens younger than eight (8) weeks along with the mother.
- Ten (10) days pull rule is waived for shelter to rescue runs.
- Feeding for animals is as above.
- Dogs must be wormed a minimum of three (3) days prior to transport. Please do not worm the day before or the day of.

Paperwork & Documentation Shelter to Rescue

- Place all health records, **including a copy of the interstate health certificate** and any other information you need transferred to the new shelter/rescue in one 9"x12" envelope.
- Place any rabies tags, chip tags etc. in the same envelope.
- If any medications are being sent, please place them and the prescription documents in this envelope as well. (see guidance below).

Animal Requirements, Adoptions

- Animals must be at least eight (8) weeks old and weaned.
- We do not take pregnant animals of any age to adopters.
- All animals must have been out of the shelter/pound or animal control for a minimum of 10 days prior to transport unless the transport is a shelter to rescue run. This may be a foster home, rescue facility, vet office or boarding facility.
- All animals going on transport must be offered food and water within four (4) hours of leaving for transport. **Please take care not to over feed** as this can cause stomach upset, vomiting and diarrhea during the ride, which is upsetting for both the animal and the drivers. Your pets will be fed and have constant access to water while on transport.

- All animals must be flea and tick free.
- **Please see section on Paperwork and Documentation**

Paperwork & Documentation Adoptions

- Place all health records, **a copy of the interstate health certificate** and any other information you need transferred to the adopter in one 9"x12" envelope. If any medications are being sent, please place them and the prescription documents in this envelope as well.
- Fill out the Rescue Riders Transport sheet and attach this document and our copy of the health certificate to the front of the envelope. This is provided below in PDF form.

Booking Adoption only – Shelter to Rescue is handled directly with the parties.

- All bookings are made through our online booking system, <https://pooches.bookwhen.com>. Just choose the date you desire and proceed with your booking.
- In our booking system we have scheduled trips going to different locations. Please be aware of this when selecting your desired date of transport.
- All bookings must be complete by noon on the Thursday of a transport week. Please fill in all the required information to complete your booking as these fields reflect the details that must be submitted to the states on a required manifest.
- If there is special information about the pet, add it in the additional information section. [NOTE: Even if you spoke with us verbally about the additional information, please still add it in the additional information section.] We place this information on the driver's instructions to ensure your pet's special needs are thoroughly cared for.
- If any information changes after the booking is made, we will be glad to edit this for you

Payment- Adoptions

- Payments are made by PayPal using our email address, Rescue.Riders.llc@gmail.com. **Please make sure that you reference the name of the animal in the payment NOTES so that we can easily track who has paid.**
- The rescue organization is responsible for the payment of the transport fee. We prefer not to deal with the adopters directly on payment however if you do have them pay us PLEASE make certain they give us the animal's name AND the rescue name in the payment notes.

- All payments must be finalized by 3:00pm the Thursday of the transport week. We will send you a confirmation of booking on Wednesday with a payment reminder if payment has not been received. Animals not paid by 3.00 on Thursday will be removed from the transport manifests and you will need to rebook for the next transport.

Vetting – both Adoptions and Shelter to Rescue

- **Interstate Health Certificates:** USDA requires that all animals on transport must have a valid health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian and dated within ten (10) days prior to the **delivery** date of the animal at its destination.

The form must be fully completed. One copy of the Health Certificate is placed inside the animal's transport envelope and will be given to your adopter/rescue/shelter along with the other documents. **A second is attached to the outside of the envelope as the transport is required to keep one copy for our records.**

- All pets must be age appropriately vetted. A copy of all medical records must accompany the animal on transport. They will be given to the adopter along with the animal.

- Spay & neuter surgeries (if required) should be done no less than five (5) days before transport departs

- Rabies vaccine is required For ALL animals over the age of 12 weeks.

In addition:

- Canine Requirements

- Negative fecal. Negative for worms (hooks, whips, rounds, etc.), Giardia & Coccidia (if possible)
- Puppies require **a minimum of two (2) vaccines for DHPP/ DHLPP**. The most recent one should be at least four (4) days prior to transport.
- Bordetella (Kennel Cough) vaccine (Intra Nasal, injectable or Oral vaccine) should be given within past five (5) months and at least seven (7) days prior to transport.
- Heart worm testing if applicable (within the last 6 months even if on preventative). Results must be negative for microfilaria.
- NOTE: Michigan requires dogs 12 weeks of age or older to also be vaccinated for leptospirosis.

- Feline Requirements

- Negative FIV and FLV testing
- A minimum of two (2) vaccines / three (3) weeks apart for FVRCP. Please vaccinate at least three (3) days prior to transport.

In Transit

- Rescue Riders provides all crates, pads, food and water during transport. Cats also have litter pans and litter. Please do not send food unless the animal requires a special food and please notify us when booking if this is the case.
- **Your animals will be fed and have constant access to water while on transport. All adult dogs are walked as per USDA requirements. Puppies and cats are never walked but rather moved to an empty crate during cleaning and then re-crated.**
- If your pet requires a sedative or over the counter medication to help with motion sickness and/or anxiety, this medication **must be administered by the rescue before getting on transport**. We CANNOT administer medication during transport except as below.
- For animals requiring special medication (for example, insulin or other life sustaining medication) that will need to be given during transport, please contact us prior to scheduling the pet so that we can make sure we are aware and equipped to administer it during the run. Additionally:
 - The medication must be specifically prescribed for this animal and the label must have the animal's name clearly marked. You must also provide a signed prescription from the vet's office and the dosage and clear instructions must be included and legible.
 - If the pet has a medication that is going to the new adopter, it must also be in a labeled container and be accompanied by the full prescription information.
- Please do not send personal items with the animal. You can send a small bed, toy or blanket but if possible, it is best for you to mail these things directly to the adopter. The driver's main responsibility is the safety and care of the animals and the schedule makes it difficult for us to track and manage additional items. We do not guarantee that additional items will be delivered.

Cancellations

- We understand that cancellations happen. If possible, please inform us of any changes or cancellations at least 48 hours before the transport departs. This will give opportunity for another pet to be transported in their place.