§ 3.12 Whether by hosing, flushing, or other methods, dogs and cats must be removed, unless the enclosure is large enough to ensure the animals would not be harmed, wetted, or distressed in the process. Standing water must be removed from the primary enclosure and animals in other primary enclosures must be protected from being contaminated with water and other wastes during the cleaning. The pans under primary enclosures with grill-type floors and the ground areas under raised runs with mesh or slatted floors must be cleaned as often as necessary to prevent accumulation of feces and food waste and to reduce disease hazards, pests, insects and odors.

(b) Sanitization of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles. (1) Used primary enclosures and food and water receptacles must be cleaned and sanitized in accordance with this section before they can be used to house, feed, or water another dog or cat, or social grouping of dogs or cats.

(2) Used primary enclosures and food and water receptacles for dogs and cats must be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks using one of the methods prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, and more often if necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta, and other disease hazards.

(3) Hard surfaces of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles must be sanitized using one of the following methods:

(i) Live steam under pressure;

(ii) Washing with hot water (at least 180 °F (82.2 °C)) and soap or detergent, as with a mechanical cage washer; or

(iii) Washing all soiled surfaces with appropriate detergent solutions and disinfectants, or by using a combination detergent/disinfectant product that accomplishes the same purpose, with a thorough cleaning of the surfaces to remove organic material, so as to remove all organic material and mineral buildup, and to provide sanitization followed by a clean water rinse.

(4) Pens, runs, and outdoor housing areas using material that cannot be sanitized using the methods provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, such as gravel, sand, grass, earth, or absorbent bedding, must be sanitized by removing the contaminated material as necessary to prevent odors, diseases, pests, insects, and vermin infestation.

(c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. Premises must be kept free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. Weeds, grasses, and bushes must be controlled so as to facilitate cleaning of the premises and pest control, and to promote the health and well-being of the animals.

(d) Pest control. An effective program for the control of insects, external parasites affecting dogs and cats, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.


§ 3.12 Employees.

Each person subject to the Animal Welfare regulations (9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3) maintaining dogs and cats must have enough employees to carry out the level of husbandry practices and care required in this subpart. The employees who provide for husbandry and care, or handle animals, must be supervised by an individual who has the knowledge, background, and experience in proper husbandry and care of dogs and cats to supervise others. The employer must be certain that the supervisor and other employees can perform to these standards.

TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS

§ 3.13 Consignments to carriers and intermediate handlers.

(a) Carriers and intermediate handlers must not accept a dog or cat for transport in commerce more than 4 hours before the scheduled departure time of the primary conveyance on which the animal is to be transported. However, a carrier or intermediate
handler may agree with anyone con-
signing a dog or cat to extend this time
by up to 2 hours.

(b) Carriers and intermediate han-
dlers must not accept a dog or cat for
transport in commerce unless they are
provided with the name, address, and
telephone number of the consignee.

(c) Carriers and intermediate han-
dlers must not accept a dog or cat for
transport in commerce unless the con-
signor certifies in writing to the car-
rrier or intermediate handler that the
dog or cat was offered food and water
during the 4 hours before delivery to
the carrier or intermediate handler.
The certification must be securely at-
tached to the outside of the primary
enclosure in a manner that makes it
easily noticed and read. Instructions
for no food or water are not acceptable
unless directed by the attending veteri-
narian. Instructions must be in compli-
ance with § 3.16 of this subpart. The
certification must include the fol-
lowing information for each dog and
cat:

(1) The consignor’s name and address;
(2) The tag number or tattoo assigned
to each dog or cat under §§ 2.38 and 2.50
of this chapter;
(3) The time and date the animal was
last fed and watered and the specific
instructions for the next feeding(s) and
watering(s) for a 24-hour period; and
(4) The consignor’s signature and the
date and time the certification was
signed.

(d) Carriers and intermediate han-
dlers must not accept a dog or cat for
transport in commerce in a primary
enclosure unless the primary enclosure
meets the requirements of § 3.14 of this
subpart. A carrier or intermediate han-
dlere must not accept a dog or cat for
transport if the primary enclosure is
obviously defective or damaged and
cannot reasonably be expected to safe-
ly and comfortably contain the dog or
cat without causing suffering or injury.

(e) Carriers and intermediate han-
dlers must not accept a dog or cat for
transport in commerce unless their
animal holding area meets the min-
imum temperature requirements pro-
vided in §§ 3.18 and 3.19 of this subpart,
or unless the consignor provides them
with a certificate signed by a veteri-
narian and dated no more than 10 days
before delivery of the animal to the
carrier or intermediate handler for
transport in commerce, certifying that
the animal is acclimated to tempera-
tures lower than those required in
§§ 3.18 and 3.19 of this subpart. Even if
the carrier or intermediate handler re-
ceives this certification, the tempera-
tures the dog or cat is exposed to while
in a terminal facility must not be
lower than 45 °F (2.2 °C) for more than
4 consecutive hours when dogs or cats
are present, as set forth in § 3.18, nor
lower than 45 °F (2.2 °C) for more than
45 minutes, as set forth in § 3.19, when
moving dogs or cats to or from ter-
minal facilities or primary convey-
ances. A copy of the certification must
accompany the dog or cat to its des-
tination and must include the fol-
lowing information:

(1) The consignor’s name and address;
(2) The tag number or tattoo assigned
to each dog or cat under §§ 2.38 and 2.50
of this chapter;
(3) A statement by a veterinarian,
dated no more than 10 days before de-
livery, that to the best of his or her
knowledge, each of the dogs or cats
contained in the primary enclosure is
acclimated to air temperatures lower
than 50 °F (10 °C); but not lower than a
minimum temperature, specified on a
certificate, that the attending veteri-
narian has determined is based on gen-
erally accepted temperature standards
for the age, condition, and breed of the
dog or cat; and
(4) The signature of the veterinarian
and the date the certification was
signed.

(f) When a primary enclosure con-
taining a dog or cat has arrived at the
animal holding area at a terminal fa-
cility after transport, the carrier or in-
termediate handler must attempt to
notify the consignee upon arrival and
at least once in every 6-hour period
thereafter. The time, date, and method
of all attempted notifications and the
actual notification of the consignee,
and the name of the person who noti-
fiies or attempts to notify the consignee
must be written either on the carrier’s
or intermediate handler’s copy of the
shipping document or on the copy that
accompanies the primary enclosure. If
the consignee cannot be notified within
§ 3.14 Primary enclosures used to transport live dogs and cats.

Any person subject to the Animal Welfare regulations (9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3) must not transport or deliver for transport in commerce a dog or cat unless the following requirements are met:

(a) Construction of primary enclosures.

The dog or cat must be contained in a primary enclosure such as a compartment, transport cage, carton, or crate. Primary enclosures used to transport dogs and cats must be constructed so that:

1. The primary enclosure is strong enough to contain the dogs and cats securely and comfortably and to withstand the normal rigors of transportation;

2. The interior of the primary enclosure has no sharp points or edges and no protrusions that could injure the animal contained in it;

3. The dog or cat is at all times securely contained within the enclosure and cannot put any part of its body outside the enclosure in a way that could result in injury to itself, to handlers, or to persons or animals nearby;

4. The dog or cat can be easily and quickly removed from the enclosure in an emergency;

5. Unless the enclosure is permanently affixed to the conveyance, adequate devices such as handles or handholds are provided on its exterior, and enable the enclosure to be lifted without tilting it, and ensure that anyone handling the enclosure will not come into physical contact with the animal contained inside;

6. Unless the enclosure is permanently affixed to the conveyance, it is clearly marked on top and on one or more sides with the words “Live Animals,” in letters at least 1 inch (2.5 cm.) high, and with arrows or other markings to indicate the correct upright position of the primary enclosure;

7. Any material, treatment, paint, preservative, or other chemical used in or on the enclosure is nontoxic to the animal and not harmful to the health or well-being of the animal;

8. Proper ventilation is provided to the animal in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section; and

9. The primary enclosure has a solid, leak-proof bottom or a removable, leak-proof collection tray under a slatted or mesh floor that prevents seepage of waste products, such as excreta and body fluids, outside of the enclosure. If a slatted or mesh floor is used in the enclosure, it must be designed and constructed so that the animal cannot put any part of its body between the slats or through the holes in the mesh. Unless the dogs and cats are on raised slatted floors or raised floors made of mesh, the primary enclosure must contain enough previously unused litter to absorb and cover excreta. The litter must be of a suitably absorbent material that is safe and nontoxic to the dogs and cats.

(b) Cleaning of primary enclosures. A primary enclosure used to hold or transport dogs or cats in commerce must be cleaned and sanitized before each use in accordance with the methods provided in §3.11(b)(3) of this subpart. If the dogs or cats are in transit for more than 24 hours, the enclosures must be cleaned and any litter replaced, or other methods, such as moving the animals to another enclosure.