

ASSESSING LAMENESS FOR TRANSPORT



ANYONE TRANSPORTING AN ANIMAL IN CANADA MUST MEET SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE SURE THE ANIMAL IS FIT FOR THE INTENDED JOURNEY

Is the animal ambulatory (able to stand and walk without assistance)?

NO

YES

Does the animal have a fracture that impedes their mobility or that causes pain or suffering?

YES

NO



The animal is unfit and must not be transported, unless to receive veterinary care as recommended by a veterinarian.

Is the animal able to walk on all their legs?

NO

YES

Does the animal walk with a smooth and steady motion, a straight back and normal head carriage while bearing their weight evenly on all limbs?

NO

YES

Is the animal reluctant to walk or walks with halted movements due to pain or suffering (shown by an arched back, head bobs, reluctance to bear weight on a limb, etc.)?

YES



The animal isn't lame and may be transported.

NO



The animal is compromised and must be transported as such.

DEFINITIONS



UNFIT

An **unfit** animal can only be transported (with special provisions) directly to a place to receive veterinary care and under the recommendation of a veterinarian.



COMPROMISED

A **compromised** animal can only be transported (with special provisions) directly for slaughter or to a place to receive care for their condition. They cannot be transported to an assembly centre or auction market.

REQUIREMENTS

Special provisions if transporting an **unfit** or **compromised** animal:

- Isolate the animal
- Load or unload the animal alone without using interior ramps
- Take special measures to prevent unnecessary suffering
- Transport directly to the nearest suitable place to provide care or to humanely kill the animal