

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE #518  
TRANSPORTATION OF NHPS BETWEEN  
FACILITIES

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1. PURPOSE

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Anesthetic drugs, needles, and syringes

Transport cage of the following specifications:

3.2.1. Made of sturdy material with a secured door to prevent escapes

3.2.2. With a tray and/or containing body fluids and dejections

Climate-controlled transport vehicle

Opaque drape or transport bag to cover the transport cage

Disinfectant (e.g., accelerated hydrogen peroxide spray)

Material to cover surfaces (e.g., drapes, plastic sheet and bag, absorbent pads)

Personal protective equipment (PPE):

3.7.1. Fit-tested N95 respirator

3.7.2. Gloves

3.7.3. Lab coat or gown

3.7.4. Goggles/face shield

4. PROCEDURES

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Follow guidelines in SOP 501 - Animal Transport and Use Outside Animal Facilities.

Obtain necessary transport permits from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) prior to transport.

Wear all the required PPE when directly exposed to the animals. The N95 respirator is required in the transport vehicle if there is no solid physical separation between the animal holding area and driver/passenger area.

The presence of a veterinarian or veterinary technician is required to ensure that proper anesthesia and monitoring are provided and that biosafety measures are applied for disease prevention.

In very hot or very cold weather, the transport vehicle is brought to the adequate temperature before loading animals.

Veterinary Care staff reserves the right to cancel transports in the event of inclement weather, e.g., heavy snowfall, slippery or impassable roads, extreme heat or cold, or any circumstance that may result in dangerous conditions.

It is strongly recommended that two people accompany the animals or, if there is only one person present during transport, that a contingency plan be established in case of transportation issues.

Use service elevators and corridors as much as possible, while reducing the transit time to a minimum.

Macaques

4.9.1. Sedate animal as per SOP 115 - NHP Anesthesia unless otherwise approved in the Animal Use Protocol.

4.9.2. Place the animal in the transport cage and secure door.

