

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**  
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**TITLE:** **Transportation of Swine**  
**SCOPE:** Animal Care Personnel  
**RESPONSIBILITY:** Facility Manager, Technical Staff, Veterinary Staff  
**PURPOSE:** To Outline the Proper Procedures for Relocation of Swine to Another Facility

**I. PURPOSE**

1. To ensure the highest quality of animal health and preclude the development of spontaneous diseases or disorders, which could compromise the integrity of studies and the interpretation of results.
2. To ensure personnel handling livestock perform their duties in a manner that complies with all current governing laws, regulations

- e. If extremely hot and loading is delayed they can be hosed down in the garage or held in the back hallway of the vivarium.
  - f. Likewise, if extremely cold they can be housed in the back hallway until loaded.
  - g. Text the animal weights to assistant director for assignment of numbers and to lab(s). Typically, the lowest weight is assigned the lowest number.
4. Loading/Unloading animals for transport:
- a. Ensure transport cage flooring is secured with hooks to prevent shifting during transport.
  - b. At least two staff must be present to load/unload transport cages onto/off the truck.
  - c. With the lift gate at ground level, load transport caging onto truck lift gate with lift gate cart stops deployed.
  - d. Ensure transport cage wheels are locked and raise the lift gate to truck body level.
  - e. Unlock transport cage wheels and.011 Tw 9c. -0.d-0.002 .6( wGG11.2(h)6.7)-2(52f(g)-11.nS(

5. Ensure water bowls are full
6. Give each pig 3 cups of swine feed.
- f. **Record in Progress Notes** if pigs are eating/drinking/taking applesauce on final check before leaving (use the line below the pre-completed area).

**6. Prior to Departure**

- a. Check/Record temperature and humidity for all rooms, refrigerators.
- b. Check collateral duties list for additional assignments.
- c. Report any out of range temperature/ humidity to the Facility Manager and document notification on the Health/Environmental Sheet.
- d. Ensure each pen has
  1. Feeder in place and locked.
  2. Water bowl.
  3. One hanging toy per pig (e.g., Porkpie, tire, apple, etc.)
  4. One ball per two pigs
  5. Housed in pairs- if all 4 pigs are compatible they can be housed on one side with all door open.
  6. Lock for each door bottom.
- e. Load caging on truck for return to COM for sanitation following the instructions in