

BASICS OF RABBIT TRANSPORT

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Covid 19 has had an impact on all of us in so many ways. Having all our shows shut down has also made it almost impossible to relocate our buns. So many routes were planned around some of the bigger shows like Jersey Woolly Nationals. That got me to thinking about the transporters and the hardships they are facing.

The biggest challenge now is the RHD virus. Transporters are refusing to enter areas known to have the disease. This often means finding new routes and driving out of their way. Before you book a transport do your homework!

Things to consider:

Check your transporters policies and procedures. Are the carriers and bowls being cleaned after each transport?

Do they feed and water and check buns on a regular basis?

Ask their procedures for excessive heat and unforeseen delays. Do they have rear AC? If so, do they cover the top cages

so air isn't blowing directly on the buns? You don't want hot summer sun beating down on them either.

Ask what they do if an animal shows signs of illness during transport.

Network – Ask other breeders who they use or don't use and why! Ask the seller if they have used this transport before.

Some tips to make sure your bunnies have a safe and speedy trip: Be on time or early for pickup or drop off! You may be just 5 minutes late but if everyone is 5 to 10 minutes late that can easily add up and put the transport off schedule.

Send plenty of food for the trip and transition after they arrive to their new home. Tag it with the ear # and breed, your name and the buyer's name.

Weigh your animals before you send them and give this info to the buyer. It's normal to have a little weight loss but not a lot.

Clip nails and groom.

Remember it's about the safety and comfort of the rabbits!

