

**CATTLE TRANSPORT: DECISION TREE**

Animals defined as **UNFIT** are likely to suffer during transport. They cannot be loaded or transported (unless they are going for veterinary care). Animals will be considered unfit if they are showing the following conditions:

- Non-ambulatory
- Any fracture that impedes the animal's mobility
- Is lame in one or more limbs to the extent that it exhibits signs of pain or suffering and halted movements or a reluctance to walk
- In shock or is dying
- Severe prolapse (uterus, rectal or vaginal)
- Signs of a generalized nervous system disorder
- Stressed hogs (porcine that is trembling, having trouble breathing and discoloured skin)
- Labored breathing
- Severe open wounds
- Hobbled to aid in treatment of an injury
- Signs of dehydration
- Signs of hyperthermia or hypothermia
- Signs of fever
- Has a large hernia
- Last 10% of gestation or has given birth within the preceding 48 hours
- An unhealed infected navel
- Gangrenous udder
- Severe cancer eye (squamous cell carcinoma of the eye)
- Bloat with discomfort and weakness
- Signs of exhaustion
- Is extremely thin
- Has any other signs of infirmity, illness, injury or condition that indicates an animal cannot be transported without suffering

If you assess an animal and find that it is showing 2 conditions, where one is on the list of "unfit" conditions list, and the other is on the list defined as "compromised", the more severe condition takes precedence, and the animal is to be classified as unfit.



Animals that are determined to be **COMPROMISED** prior to loading can only be transported directly to the nearest suitable place where they can receive care or be humanely killed, except an assembly center. Animals will be considered compromised if they are showing the following conditions:

- Bloat with no signs of discomfort
- Acute frostbite
- Blind in both eyes
- Not fully healed after a procedure (including dehorning, detusking, or castration)
- Lameness other than as described in unfit
- Has a deformity or fully healed amputation
- Is in period of peak lactation
- Unhealed or acutely injured penis
- Minor rectal or minor vaginal prolapse
- Mobility limited by a device to its body
- Wet bird
- Has any other signs of infirmity, illness, injury or condition that indicates an animal has a reduced capacity to withstand transport



Animals are **FIT** for transport when there are no signs of illness or poor health. This means:

- animals are bright, alert, moving and breathing normally
- animals are in good body condition
- animals are able to bear weight evenly on all limbs
- animals are free from signs of disease (for example, normal feces, normal breathing, normal nasal discharges, no unhealed injuries, lesions or wounds)
- no inside body parts outside
- not likely to give birth during the journey or be affected by metabolic conditions associated with late pregnancy or birth

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