

Transporting sled dogs and dog activities that require a permit



Extract from:

- » the Swedish Board of Agriculture's provisions and general guidelines on the transport of live animals
- » the Animal Welfare Agency's provisions on the requirement for a DFS 2004:5 permit under Section 16 of the Animal Welfare Act (1988:534) for the keeping etc. of horses, dogs, cats and other pets



The Swedish Board of Agriculture's provisions and general guidelines on the transport of live animals

Chapter 6 Road transport

Section 1

All motorised vehicles, with the exception of private cars, and trailers that transport live animals must display signs showing that the vehicle contains live animals. Vehicles registered in Sweden must have signs with text and/or a picture that must be displayed so they are clearly visible from behind and from in front of the vehicle. The text/picture must also be easy to see from a distance. The text must be written in either Swedish or English.

Signs that are approved according to the regulations of other member states within the EEA are permitted on vehicles registered abroad, providing the corresponding purpose is achieved through these regulations.

General guidelines for Chapter 6.

Section 1

It should be possible to remove, fold down, turn off or cover the sign when animals are not being transported in the vehicle.

Section 34

When dogs are transported regularly in private cars or light lorries for recurring business activities, the vehicle must have a space that is designed specifically for dogs. The space must be separated with a grid or a net from the space where people sit.

If a dog is transported in a space intended for use by people, Section 3 applies. The space where animals are kept must be protected from exposure to the sun and be mechanically ventilated with a fan that works even when the vehicle's engine is turned off. Evacuation must be possible by more than one evacuation route and without delay or difficulty.

Section 35

A container or cage must be designed and positioned in such a way that dogs are in the shade and have good ventilation.

Section 36

When dogs are transported on a lorry platform or the like, the transport must be done in a container that is at least of the dimensions stated in Appendix 1.7. The containers must be draught-free and wellventilated.

Flow-through ventilation in the travel direction of the vehicle is not permitted. The intake of exhaust fumes must be prevented. The containers must be firmly anchored on the platform and provide protection against bad weather.

General guidelines for Chapter 6.

Section 36

In order to eliminate the risk of exhaust fumes being sucked in, the container should have covers on its sides.

Section 37

It is forbidden to keep dogs permanently in a transport vehicle, nor may they be left without supervision in a vehicle when there is a risk of the temperature in the cargo space rising above +25°C or going below – 5°C. The space must be wellventilated so that moisture is expelled.

Appendix 1.7

Dog

The following dimensions apply for spaces where dogs are transported:

1. **length:** at least 1.10 times the length of the dog from the tip of the nose to the point of the buttock when the dog is standing normally,
2. **width:** at least 2.5 times the chest width of the dog; the dog must be able to lie down and turn around easily.
3. **height:** the height of the dog over its forehead in the position when it is at its tallest.

The length of the roof may be maximum five percent shorter than the stated length measurement. If several dogs are transported in one cage, the width for each dog must be

When being transported, dogs must be rested and offered water at least once every six hours and must be fed at maximum 24-hour intervals.

Section 38

Bitches that are on heat must be transported separately from male dogs.

increased by the chest width of the largest dog. Working dogs, such as service dogs and dogs used for working and sledding activities or other professional activities, that are only transported for short distances (< 2 hours) after which the dog is rested or put to work, may be transported in a space with the following minimum measurements:

- » Length 0.9 metres
- » Width 0.6 metres
- » Height 0.7 metres

However, dogs must always be able to lie down comfortably.

General guidelines for Appendix 1.7

If a dog is kept in a transport cage measuring 0.9 x 0.6 x 0.7 metres, the dog's wither height should not exceed 65 centimetres.

Provisions on the requirement to have a permit for the keeping of dogs

Section 1

In Section 16 of the Swedish Animal Welfare Act (1988:534), there are provisions stating that anyone who keeps, breeds, leases, sells or receives pets or horses for boarding or feeding, or who uses

horses for riding school activities, as a professional business or on a larger scale, must have a permit. In these provisions, there are regulations that determine when an activity referred to in the first section is to be regarded as being on a larger scale

and what activities are exempted from the requirement to have a permit.

Section 2

In these provisions, fodder animals means: vertebrates that are intended for use as feed for carnivorous animals; the boarding or feeding of animals: activities that entail regularly and at the same time either receiving animals from other people for remuneration or receiving animals with the intent of passing them on; the keeping of animals: taking care of one's own or other people's animals, pets: vertebrates that are



used or are going to be used as pets, for hobby purposes or as a fodder animal, including all types of dogs and cats; and the leasing of animals: activities that entail lending out animals for payment.

Section 4

The following activities with dogs are to be viewed as being of a larger scope:

1. the keeping of ten or more dogs that are older than twelve months
2. the breeding of three or more litters per year
3. the leasing of three or more dogs per year
4. the sale of dogs from three or more litters per year from one's own breeding
5. the sale of three or more dogs per year from another person's breeding
6. the boarding or feeding of four or more dogs.

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