

Transporting Cats

708.738.1438 office ☎ 630.214.3603 fax
info@triplerpets.org ☎ www.triplerpets.org
Post Office Box 86 ☎ Western Springs, IL 60558



Last Updated: 10/12/2009

Cats, in general, do not like to travel in car. By following these guidelines, you can help to minimize the stress on the cats during transport. Please see our website for more detailed directions.

- Basic Information
 - Always transport cats in humane traps or transfer cages
 - A towel must cover each trap, top and all sides, at all times
 - Cats **MUST** be transported inside a vehicle
 - Open bed pick-up trucks are **NOT** an acceptable means of transporting cats – no matter what the weather is
 - A car trunk should **NEVER** be used to transfer a cat
- Loading Information
 - Place a plastic tarp or painter's tarp on all inside surfaces of your vehicle, back seat, floor, and seat backs
 - Place a heavy, washable blanket or several towels on top of the plastic tarp
 - Keep the towel or blanket over the cage, covering all sides and the tops at all times
 - If you are going to have two layers of traps, be sure to place a solid piece of cardboard between the layers and towels on top of the cardboard. Cardboard can be obtained from many stores by asking at their loading dock if they have scrap cardboard
- Travel Information
 - Try to plan your route ahead of time, so you do not get lost and prolong the time in the vehicle
 - Try to travel during light traffic hours
 - If your car does not have air conditioning and it is warm out, transport in the cooler morning or evening hours



Plastic is put on all surfaces.



Towels are placed on top of the plastic. One trap is on the floor.



Two traps are placed on the floor and two traps on the back seat.



Cardboard has been added on top of the two traps on the floor.



Towels are put on top of the cardboard.



Six cats in six covered traps, loaded for safe transport.