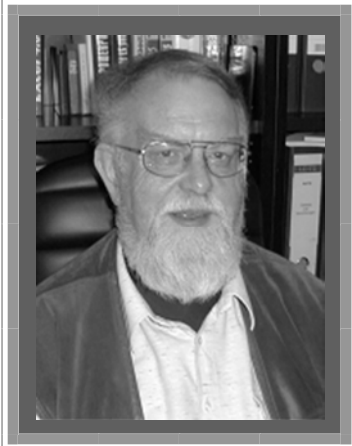


“Training of Zoological Road Haulers”

The transportation of Zoo animals is slightly different compared to other animals; the multitude of species and subspecies represents an ever changing challenge for the team transporting them. While human beings have the choice of travelling first, business or tourist class, animals always have to travel first class. To ensure a smooth animal transport, a variety of issues must be considered and carefully evaluated before the transport even commences:



- Demonstration of thorough training methods required by personnel involved in the animal transportation procedure and standard of equipment used
- Examples of different transports are presented and explained, slides and graphics are used for better understanding
- Crate building according to IATA LAR and CITES regulations (one way or multiple use, materials to be used, ventilation, measurements, labels)
- Regulations to be respected, all aspects of planning a transport, all involved paperwork, early bookings of loading gear, trucks, cargo space, quarantine stations, BIPs and border crossings
- Communication between all parties involved, distribution of responsibilities
- Means of transportation: Road, Air or Sea?,
- Preparation of animals to be transported (crating of animals, crate training or immobilization), consideration of possible pregnancy and age of the animals

Our guideline is: Animals should be transferred from stable to stable with the maximum of care and comfort and a minimum of stress

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