

The Animal Transportation Association (AATA)

Mission Statement:

The Animal Transportation Association is an organization with a worldwide membership of diverse participants.

- We serve as a resource for those concerned with the humane handling and transportation of animals.
- AATA initiates and encourages related organizations to develop "best practices" for animal transport.

A CHALLENGE ASSUMED

- Look how far AATA has come in the last few years in becoming actively involved in other organizations . . . the task forces and committees AATA (as an organization) participates in, and the activities of individual members in international organizations.
- We here today are challenge all conference attendees to, as you attend other functions or are actively involved in other organizations, to keep in mind how your involvement can enhance efforts on improving welfare for animals in transit.

The AATA On The Move!

In the last three years the AATA has assumed a greater International role in the field of Animal Welfare, than ever before in its 27 year history. Our members have participated in conferences and seminars around the world and as such have become increasingly involved in promulgation of regulations that foster safety and care in the transport of animals worldwide. Although we are non profit, our dedicated members , at their own expense, have made these trips and presented their ideas solely for the promulgation of raising industry standards and securing animal welfare.

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- AATA Past President Emma Stamper represented the AATA to OIE, Paris meeting.
- President Santarelli traveled to Las Vegas to address The National Horse Carriers Conference
- Tim Harris, our European Secretary has had many meetings with ELT (European Livestock Transporters Association) regarding the new proposed changes to the European Transport Legislation.
- Pres. Santarelli has been named a member of member of The Equine ID Tast Force in USA

AATA ON THE MOVE!

- AATA had *Five Speakers* at the 2nd International Conference on the Transportation of Horses by Road, Sea & Air, Hartbury College Gloucestershire, UK 12-13 July 2003. The Conference was planned by Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), & The International League for The Protection of Horses (ILPH), and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA).

AATA ON THE MOVE

- AATA Working for you: AATA representatives visited and participated in meetings & conferences as advisors and speakers last year in the following countries: Austria, England, France, USA, Mexico, Canada, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Ireland. In less than 12 months AATA has presented a united front for the entire Animal Transport Industry in 11 countries. When one considers how small our resources are, we feel proud that so many dedicated professionals in our industry serve, at their own expense, to ensure our collective voice resonates throughout the globe.

INDUSTRY POSTIONS

- AATA has taken formal positions on behalf of industry:
 - A/ Position on Quarantine Changes within the CFR by US Dept. of Agriculture
 - B/ Position on the Federal Aviation Association's proposal on Animal Incident Reporting Regulations.
 - C/ Position on USDA's Executive Order Memo# 591.58 Piroplasmosis Testing
 - D/An AATA initiative helped to Define Competency in the LAR.

IATA LAPB DEFINES ANIMAL ATTENDANT COMPETENCY!

- The LAR is published annually and goes into effect on October 1 of each year. On October 15, 2003, IATA's Live Animal and Perishables Board (LAPB) held a meeting in Montreal, Canada. At this meeting, the LAPB unanimously approved the addition of new text to the LAR by defining "Competency" of animal handlers. This was an AATA initiative to address ambiguity within the IATA LAR.

COMPETENCY

- The exact text that was unanimously approved and will be printed in the next issue of the LAR (October 2004) was published in the 3rd Quarter AATA Newsletter:
- 1.2.8 Attendants
- The shipper or carrier must provide a competent attendant(s) when a shipment of animals is accompanied as required by the laws of the countries involved, or as required by the air carrier providing transportation, or for any other reason.

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COMPETENCY

- 1.2.9 Competency
- All personnel who accompany animals transported by air must, if requested, demonstrate competency in the care and handling of the species being transported. This competency may be demonstrated by means of a document from a government regulatory body, or successful completion of a program recognized or sanctioned by a government regulatory body.

COMPETENCY

- Knowledge of the handling and caring of animals during loading, flight, unloading and during takeoff and landing (when permitted).
- Ability to recognize an animal which is ill or becomes unfit for air transport.
- Ability to recognize signs of stress and their causes, and how to reduce these.

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COMPETENCY

- Skill in the treatment of injuries, when and how to administer veterinary drugs (when and where permitted) and when and how to immobilize and euthanize an animal if necessary.
- Working knowledge of aircraft and airport operations and procedures.
- A current and valid passport, with visas (where required).

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COMPETENCY

- An individual meeting standards as established by the air carrier providing the transportation may also determine competency.
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- An individual deemed competent to accompany a shipment of animals should possess the following, as appropriate to the species:
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COMPETENCY

- Working knowledge of the IATA Live Animals Regulations; in particular the Container Requirements.
- Knowledge of the animal health and welfare regulations and document requirements applicable to the countries of origin, transit (if any) and destination.

COOPERATION!

- We at the AATA are pleased to have been part of a cooperative effort by AATA & the LAPB in fostering the interests of animal transportation welfare and safety. We are also pleased that the AATA has established an internationally recognized Certificate of Competence with a government regulatory body, namely the National Proficiency Tests Council (NPTC) in the U.K. The full schedule of competencies may be accessed on their website at www.nptc.org.uk [click on Schedules; then click on the last listed item 'Animal Attendants Transporting Animal by Air'].
- The AATA commends Air Canada as the first Airline to adopt the policy of requiring AATA Registered Attendants through the foresight of Ms.Nancy Guest.

A Changing World~

- Due to an ever changing world scene, and threats of disease outbreak, terror threats, there has never been a more appropriate time for various Welfare Organizations to pool their talents and resources and information from all available sources than now.

The Formation of a New Alliance!

- As President of the AATA I propose the formation of **"The Animal Welfare Alliance"**
- I see a committee comprised of one member , designated by each association, to be part of a standing Committee named The Animal Welfare Alliance who will meet by conference call twice a year to apprise the other groups of issues that are taking place within their group that possibly overlap to other groups. In this way we will formulate a united front on key issues affecting all our members. As a unified entity we will develop strategies to deal effectively with issues affecting the industry of animal transportation.

Members to Include:

OIE *World Organization for Animal Health*

CITES *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wildlife Fauna & Flora*

AATA *Animal Transport Association*

IATA (LAPB) *Live Animal & Perishable Board of IATA*

ILPH *International League for the Protection of Horses*

WAZA *World Association of Zoos and Aquariums*

Members to Include:

IPATA *The Independent Pet and Animal Transportation Association International, Inc.*

The EU Commission,

The USDA,

MAFF

CANADIAN AG INSPECTION

and other select Ministries of Agriculture

Networking Opportunities!

- Shared information through the AATA Globalfiles & AATA Newsletters:
- Attend and support each others conferences
- Provide speakers for each others conferences

Potential Result of Alliance! Global Strategy

- **Plan strategy to deal with emerging crisis such as:**
- **a/ health emergency**
- **b/ security crisis**
- **c/ trade embargoes**
- **d/ animal rights activists**