

# Safe Paws Transport Details

Safe Paws Transport provides charter, rescue, and specialty routes for cats and dogs.

- Shelters and rescues must be licensed in their respective states and provide a copy of their license to Safe Paws.
- All animals require a health certificate (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or CVI) and appropriate vaccinations for the state of the receiving shelter or rescue within 10 days prior to transport. No health certificate is needed for in-state (Iowa) transports.

To find the requirements for your state, visit

<https://www.interstatelivestock.com/>

- When requesting transportation, please remember that we do not guarantee immediate, emergency transport and do require a short notice to ensure there are no other transports happening and staff is available to make the trip. Any requests needed within 72 hours of the request date may be subject to an “express fee”.
- We have a mandatory “no paws on the ground” policy for all puppies 6 months or under, regardless of vaccination status, and will be handled with gloves at all times to limit the spread and/or contraction of deadly illnesses, such as parvovirus.
- View upcoming transports at <https://safepawstransport.org/upcoming-transports/>
- Request transport at <https://safepawstransport.org/schedule-a-transport/>
- Any questions, comments, concerns, and/or feedback can be sent to [transport@safepawsia.org](mailto:transport@safepawsia.org)

# Rates

- **Flat \$1.5/mile**
  - This is a flat rate for shelters, rescues, organizations, or individuals that need transport for any reason. There are no additional fees, such as crate fees, when paying the flat per mile rate.
- **\$20 crate fee** (capped at \$60, each crate after the first 3 are free)
  - This fee is when we (Safe Paws) transport a cat or dog on a route we are already driving.

For example, we have a transport pickup in Wichita for animals we've tagged and you also have animals in Wichita that need transported in the direction we were going. We can add your animal(s) to our transport as a tag along for \$20 per crate.

- **IOWA ONLY.** One time payment of \$700 per calendar year
  - Annual fee is prorated as follows
    - Jan 1 – March 31 = \$700
    - Apr 1 – June 30 = \$525
    - July 1 – Sept 30 = \$350
    - Oct 1 – Dec 31 = \$175
  - If paying annually, Safe Paws will provide tag along transportation and in-state transportation for animals going to rescues at no additional cost. Bethany, MO is counted as "in-state" due to being the primary transfer spot for Iowa freedom rides from out of state shelters and rescues.

For example, you had an out of state freedom ride transport with 6 cats/dogs on and they can make it to Bethany, MO but you only had volunteers able to get to Des Moines. We would transport the Bethany to Des Moines leg at no cost.