**Transportation Policy**

To comply with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities involving Animals) Regulations 2018, we have policies and procedures in place to ensure safe transportation of dogs, to ensure that they are protected from any pain, suffering, injury or disease.

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| **Action** | **Procedure** |
| Transport by vehicle –vehicle used | Service Provider’s Vehicle. |
| Emergency transport by vehicle –vehicle used | Emergency Contacts’ vehicles. |
| Housing of dogs during transport –harness / guard / crate | Guard at rear of vehicle for two dogs; harnesses attached to seatbelts for accommodation of four dogs. |
| Housing of dogs during transport –temperature and ventilation | Air conditioning and open windows in warm weather and heaters and blankets in cold weather. |
| Cleaning and disinfection of transport | Vehicle disinfected weekly internally and cleaned externally monthly. |
| Minding of dogs while in a vehicle | Dogs will only be left in vehicle for a few minutes while Service Provider picks up or drops off other dogs; in these circumstances in warm weather, vehicle will be parked in shade where possible and all windows left open. |
| Hydration of dogs while in transport | A water container and bowls will be stored in vehicle. |
| Toilet breaks for dogs in transport | Dogs will not be transported for long distances, but will in any case receive toilet breaks before and after any necessary transport. Should it be necessary to transport a dog for a long distance, regular hourly toilet breaks will be provided. |