

## 2.6 Handling and Transport

Animal handling within an animal collection facilitates a huge proportion of good husbandry practises, and is thus an essential element of zookeeper competency. Many training, medical, enrichment and movement procedures require good practical animal handling skills. In order to assist breeding programs and best care, animal transporting is often necessary and zookeepers are integral in these activities. Zookeepers need to handle animals in a way that minimises risk to both themselves and their animals, and the modern zookeeper should possess a full range of skills, attitudes and knowledge to ensure handling and transport procedures are appropriate, effective and in line with relevant legislation.

This unit links with 2.7 Animal Training, 2.9 Animal Health, and 4.6 Legislation.

- Methods of Approach and Loading: zookeepers can describe the important considerations for animal preparation, approach and loading for transportation.
- Equipment Used in Handling: zookeepers can identify appropriate equipment for restraint and safely demonstrate its use.
- Transportation Systems and Procedures: zookeepers can prepare animals for transport in accordance with Best Practice.
- Relevant Legislation for Handling and Transport: zookeepers can demonstrate compliance with current transport legislation.

	Zookeepers working at Competent level can:	Zookeepers working at Proficient level can:	Zookeepers working at Expert level can:
<b>2.6.1 Methods of Approach and Loading</b>	Appropriately and safely <b>approach</b> and <b>handle</b> a range of taxa under supervision (including the use of appropriate animal training)	<b>Differentiate</b> which methods of approach and loading are best <b>Plan</b> for and make informed choices to facilitate this	<b>Coordinate</b> the team in planning and implementing handling and loading in the transportation process
<b>2.6.2 Equipment Used in Handling a Range of Taxa</b>	<b>Demonstrate</b> correct and safe use of a range of handling equipment as directed for a range of taxa in their care	Accurately <b>select</b> appropriate equipment for handling a range of taxa in their care	<b>Coordinate</b> safe and correct use of equipment for a range of procedures <b>Adapt</b> and <b>update</b> equipment inventory regularly or as required

<p><b>2.6.3 Transportation Systems and Procedures</b></p>	<p><b>Assist</b> in preparing animals for transportation in line with best practise guidance from their team and informs supervisors of unexpected situations</p>	<p><b>Differentiate</b> the best systems for correct transport procedures, taking animal welfare considerations into account</p>	<p><b>Coordinate</b> the appropriate preparation of preparing animals appropriately for transportation and <b>adapt</b> systems in place as necessary</p>
<p><b>2.6.4 Relevant Legislation for Handling and Transport</b></p>	<p><b>Demonstrate</b> compliance with relevant legislative requirements for the movement of animals under supervision</p>	<p><b>Review</b> legislative compliance via checks and adaptations during planning and transportation activities</p>	<p><b>Coordinate</b> and <b>establish</b> best practise within a team for legislative compliance – maintaining current training and information-sharing</p>

By the end of your 6-month probation you must be able to.

Senior keepers must constantly hit (All yellow, and green).