

## Safe Transporting

Safely transporting cats to and from SFAS means more than just driving carefully, here are some “rules of the road” for keeping your cats as calm and safe as possible during transport.

Do not transport the trapped cats in the trunk of your car, in an open bed truck or in an open Jeep Wrangler. None are safe situations for your cats. In the trunk of a car, cats will not get enough ventilation. Transporting cats in an open bed truck or Jeep is both unsafe and extremely terrifying to cats. If you don’t have an appropriate vehicle for transportation, make arrangements with a friend, neighbor or family member.

Protect the interior of your car from cats spraying, urinating or defecating. Line with an old blanket and then use newspaper on top of it. Puppy pee pads make great protectors as they have a light plastic on one side and absorbent material on the other like a diaper. You can buy these at most pet stores. Be Careful when using plastic and make sure that plastic isn’t wrapped around the trap in any way. Plastic can cause suffocation and/or heat stroke for cats when wrapped around the trap.

Do **Not** stack the traps on top of each other. Urine and/or feces from top traps will go right through to the bottom ones.

Do **Not** hold cats in your vehicle overnight in preparation for transporting in the morning. This is very unsafe. Cars do not provide enough ventilation for the cats, and in warmer weather, a hot car can quickly become a hot oven.



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