

Welfare aspects of the long distance transportation of animals

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The long distance transport of animals is not only increasing significantly but is also changing in nature. Statistics show that the value of world trade in live animals soared from US\$8.7 billion in 2000 to US\$12.1 billion in 2005. This enormous figure does not include zoo animals, wildlife and illicit traffic. What has made circumstances different in the 21st century is the nature of transport (land, sea and air), the volume of traffic and a public awareness of welfare issues with demands that animals be treated humanely and in accordance with best contemporary practices. This increased volume of transport creates an unprecedented risk for disseminating infectious diseases, including those that may affect people. This issue of Veterinaria Italiana deals with livestock transportation. It is not a collation of scientific articles on the subject per se. Rather, its uniqueness derives from the fact that it provides advice and guidance on practical measures to improve approaches based on analyses of the science. Policy makers, risk analysts, regulators, quality managers, engineers and educators will gain greatly from this edition, which will serve as a key reference document on the subject. This book includes contributions from 53 of the world's top specialists in this field in a total of 27 peer-reviewed papers (see Contents opposite) presented in eight chapters (history, the views of civil society organisations, development of public policy, quality management and the various animal species, future directions for quality management, design and engineering of infrastructures, transport safety, training, education and outreach).

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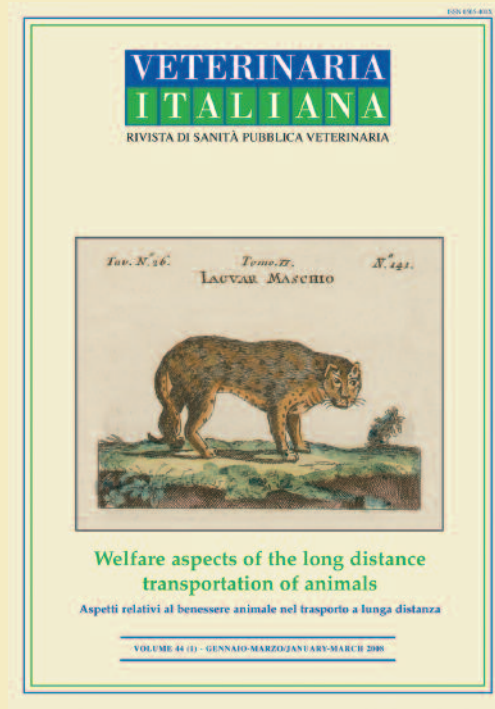
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