

Transport Drivers:

Emergency Contact numbers:

Amber: 920.691.6872

Mandy: 920.691.6970

ALWAYS dial 911 FIRST if you are in an accident or need assistance, then call us. Each driver is insured.

Our Wisconsin team always leaves before Houston so they can arrive first and prep. When you arrive in Arkansas, and if you have time, **you will want to rest if at all possible.**

For each transport, \$60 cash is provided to you as well as our debit card. Here are the things you need to remember:

- \$60 cash is for food/snacks. You are welcome to use this if you chose. Some people chose to donate the cost of snacks and food and pay themselves. That's entirely up to you.
- The debit card has blocks on it for security measures and **ONLY** the PIN can be used at gas stations.
 - The PIN number is located in the money bag.
- All drivers are insured for each trip and proof of insurance and proof our license to rescue dogs is also located in the money bag.
- The van is equipped with supplies and a first aid kit is located under the driver's side seat.
- If at any point during the transport you have questions or concerns, you should reach out to your transport coordinator, Amber.

On the way to Pocahontas, we recommend NOT stopping IN or around St. Louis or East St. Louis.

The little gas station (address below) is very easy off/on and found shortly after you pass through St. Louis. In addition, any gas station **BEFORE** St. Louis is appropriate. Just **DO NOT** stop **IN** St. Louis or East St. Louis. If you need gas, get it before or after.

- ZX Gas Station
11845 State Rd CC Festus, MO

On the way home, you will be able to make it back through St. Louis and East St. Louis before having to stop for gas if you fill up in Pocahontas. This works out well. Then you will only have a few more hours to drive after you get gas and potty dogs. Here is a list of a few trucks stops **AFTER** St. Louis:

- Pilot Travel Center
699 IL-203
- Pilot Travel Center
820 Edwardsville Rd.
(There is also a TA station there. Use your best judgement as to which is right for you)
- Loves Travel Stop
9191 IL-140

****If you need gas before one of these stops or you find a different safe truck stop, please take note of the address so we can add more possible stops for future drivers!**

Do not leave the van un-manned while the dogs are inside.

Loading and Unloading Dogs:

- If it is hot out, have the van running (including all fans) and the A/C blasted prior to and while loading dogs.
 - Fans should be on anytime it's hot out and remain on while dogs are in the vehicle.
- Keep the vehicle door closed, except when loading dogs to maintain the cool air and keep bugs out.
- If a dog is scared or showing signs of fear reactivity, use the leash as a muzzle and once the dog is in the crate, **do not** remove the dog until you arrive in Wisconsin. (see images below)
 - Worst case, you can cut the crate out of one van and add it to the other, but this is significantly time consuming and should only be used in extreme emergencies.



- There is almost always a free rider, this is a dog who is too big for a crate or has a medical issue. These dogs will be tethered to the van, they should remain tethered throughout the trip. There will be a bed on the van floor for them to be comfortable

When you arrive in Pocahontas:

- Gas the van and purchase a bag of ice at the gas station in front of the Pocahontas Wal-Mart
- The meeting location is the parking lot to the left of the Wal-Mart next to the auto center.



- Make sure that ice is in the dishes, and be ready to start pottying dogs (this part is non-negotiable! We are a team, and we will help each other with EVERYTHING, like team members do!)
- If you brought food or supplies down with you, the Wisconsin team will have it unloaded and stacked neatly before the Houston team arrives. Once the dogs are loaded, you will leave and the Houston team will be responsible for loading their van. Do not leave the dogs in the vehicle waiting any longer than necessary.
- Once all dogs and their personal belongings are in the Wisconsin van, you can be on your way back.
- **Before you leave Pocahontas:** You **must** get a blue Ikea bag from the Houston Drivers. The bag will already be checked over, and each dog's individual belongings and medications will be in separate bags inside, along with the dog's records. You do NOT need to review any of the items. This is all done by our Houston team. However, **DO NOT FORGET THIS BAG!**

Returning Home:

- Drive until you need gas.
- Be sure to stop at a well-lit gas station with a grassy area so you can potty the dogs.
 - You must potty the dogs at least one time! This is a **requirement**. Remember, these are OLD dogs, who sometimes can't hold it as long.
 - They are meeting adopters right away, and we don't want them smelling like pee or poop!
 - **The only dogs who should not be pottied are scared dogs, who you struggle to get out of their kennels.** If they are scared, leave them be so you don't end up getting bitten or have a dog escape.
- When pottying the dogs, always use **two points of contact!** That means a slip lead and a regular leash. This is also **required**.



- If a dog is struggling with ice chips or needs water, purchase bottles of water at any gas station. Extra treats, supplies, and dishes are located in the plastic bag in the back of the van.
- When you arrive at Mandy's under NO circumstances should a dog be free riding unless they are tethered! If a dog is not riding well in a crate and they need to be held, do so as long as it is ok'd with Mandy, Jody, or myself. But DO NOT pull into Mandy's driveway with that dog in your arms.
 - Video is often being recorded at the arrival so we don't want ourselves appearing irresponsible in this regard. Safety first!

Please contact Amber or ask in the driver group message with any questions or concerns. Our ADL team is always willing to help, so please ask for clarification on anything you are unsure of.

As always, thank you for volunteering – have fun and be safe!