

# Lameness - fit for transport?

## Fit for transport

- Animals that walk normally and support evenly on all four legs

Note that there is a risk that pigs with tender legs are "carried" by other pigs when moving and during loading. Therefore, assess the pig when it moves freely without any kind of support and without it being forced to move.

## Fit for contingent transport

Slightly lame animals and animals with deformed hooves are often fit for transport, but when in doubt they must be assessed by the herd vet (veterinary statement) and must be placed separately from the other animals in the pick-up facility for the driver to assess them. Animals that are fit for contingent transport must never be transported via assembly centres.

## Not fit for transport

- Animals that are unable to move by themselves without pain or are unable to walk without support
- Animals with a freshly torn hoof or dewclaw
- Animals that refuse to support on one leg

### Where is the limit?



Buckled forelegs (knuckling)  
Assessment: Fit for transport



Deformed hooves  
Assessment: Fit for contingent transport



Hock inflammation  
Assessment: Fit for contingent transport



Hoof anthrax  
Assessment: Not fit for transport



Dislocation  
Assessment: Not fit for transport



Lame support on foreleg  
Assessment: Not fit for transport