



# HERNIA

## FIT FOR TRANSPORT?

### FINISHERS, 100 KG



## What to do before loading the pig

### 1. Focus on the pig as a whole



#### CHECK

- a) if the pig's overall well-being appears to be affected
- b) if the pig's body condition is normal
- c) if the pig is walking without difficulty
- d) if the pig's movement is affected by the hernial sac

### 2. Look at the hernial sac



#### CHECK

- a) the size of the hernial sac
- b) the shape of the hernial sac
- c) if the hernial sac touches the ground
- d) if there are wounds on the hernial sac

### 3. Palpate the hernial sac



#### CHECK

- a) Can you feel any wounds on the hernia?
- b) Does the hernia feel warm?
- c) Is the hernia sore when you touch it?

## Finishers are fit for transport when the following conditions are met:

- The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, movement is not impeded and body condition is normal
- The pig's movement is not affected by the hernial sac
- The hernial sac is **smaller** than 15 cm
- The hernial sac does not touch the ground
- No signs of inflammation (the hernia does not feel warm or sore)
- There are no wounds on the hernial sac. Small scratches on the hernial sac are, however, acceptable

### WHY?

Pigs that meet these conditions are sufficiently fit to be transported with other pigs. Small scratches are often caused by brief and random contact with pen mates or pen equipment and will not reopen during transport.

### EXAMPLES OF FINISHERS FIT FOR TRANSPORT



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The hernia is smaller than 15 cm. There are no wounds on the hernial sac.
3. No wounds is felt on the hernial sac.



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The hernia is smaller than 15 cm. Scratches are visible on the hernial sac.
3. Small superficial scratches can be felt on the hernial sac.

## Finishers are fit for transport under certain conditions when the following conditions are met:

- The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, movement is not impeded and body condition is normal
- The pig's movement is not affected by the hernial sac
- The hernial sac is **larger** than 15 cm
- The hernial sac does not touch the ground
- No signs of inflammation (the hernia does not feel warm or sore)
- There are no wounds on the hernial sac. Small scratches on the hernial sac are, however, acceptable

### WHY?

During transport the pigs must be given extra space to allow for distance to other pigs. They must be given extra bedding to make the floor non-slippery and comfortable to lie on during transport.

### EXAMPLES OF FINISHERS FIT FOR TRANSPORT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The hernia is larger than 15 cm. Scratches are visible on the hernial sac.
3. Scratches can be felt on the hernial sac. The hernial sac does not feel warm or sore.



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The hernia is larger than 15 cm. A scar is visible on the hernial sac.
3. The hernial sac does not feel warm or sore.



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The inguinal hernia is larger than 15 cm. No wounds are visible on the hernial sac.
3. No wounds can be felt on the hernial sac. The hernial sac does not feel warm or sore.

## Finishers are UNFIT for transport if you see one of the following characteristics:

- The pig's overall well-being is affected, the pig is thin or movement is impeded
- Signs of inflammation (hernia is warm and/or sore)
- Wounds on the hernial sac
- The pig has a large hernia that touches the ground

### WHY?

A large hernia will impede the pig's movement and cause repeated contact between the hernia and the pig's legs/the ground leading to compression wounds on the hernial sac that are often observed on the under side. These compression wounds do not heal – and there is a risk of the wounds reopening during transport.

### EXAMPLES OF FINISHERS UNFIT FOR TRANSPORT



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The hernia is larger than 15 cm. A compression wound is visible on the hernial sac.
3. A compression wound can be felt on the under side of the hernial sac.



1. The pig's overall well-being is unaffected, body condition and movement are normal.
2. The hernia is larger than 15 cm. A wound is visible on the hernial sac.
3. The hernial sac does not feel warm or sore.



1. The pig is thin and has difficulty walking.
2. The hernia is larger than 15 cm. Scratches are visible on the hernial sac.
3. The hernial sac feels warm and sore indicating inflammation.