

Triage Guidance Sheet - Health checklist

LOOK OUT FOR:	NOT URGENT (good health)	URGENT (the animal is hurt, experiencing suffering)	CRITICAL (the animal is experiencing high levels of pain)
Is the animal alive	Breathing quietly and regularly, (pink gums)	Breathing quicker than usual, (pink gums)	Can't breathe properly, keeps its mouth open / there's foam, (gum are blue or red)
Is the animal conscious / responsive	Conscious, moving its head, active	Seems tired, head falls, slow/no reaction, no strength	Doesn't move or react, laying on the side
Is the animal free to move	Moves, can get up	Moves a little, can't get up	Doesn't move
Does the animal have appetite	Drinks and eats	Refuses to drink or eat	Refuses to drink or eat
Signs of illness	Eyes alert and active, lively	Eyes are dull and tired, diarrhea, vomiting, discharges	Eyes are glassy / sunken eyes, diarrhea, vomiting, discharges
Injuries / bleeding	No injury	A few injuries visible, open wounds, blood, cries of pain	A lot of blood / limb missing, open wounds, signs of infection, cries of pain, gasps loudly
Dehydration	It has a skin fold that easily snaps back into place (good skin elasticity)	It has a skin fold that slowly snaps back into place (loosing skin elasticity) panting	It has a skin fold that doesn't snaps back into place (no skin elasticity), dry nose and mouth, panting, lethargy
Hypoglycemic shock	No signs of hypoglycemic shock, normal behavior	Abnormal behavior, loss of appetite, slow response	Abnormal behavior, loss of appetite, slow response, seizures / involuntary twitching, unconscious
Hypothermia	No signs of hypothermia (cold)	Shivering, drowsy	Shivering, drowsy, loss of consciousness
Hyperthermia	No signs of hyperthermia (warm)	Heavy panting, warm, racing heart rate,	Heaving panting, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive drooling

If the animal is a baby in weak condition, it needs to be taken care of immediately.



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Record all findings and procedures you have performed on the record sheet. Take photos of wounds, broken bones and all other abnormalities.

Date/time of call: Name/position of caller:

Name/position of Wildlife Authority providing advice:

TYPE OF ANIMAL:

Mammal (e.g., monkey, felid, bat, pangolin)

Turtle or tortoise

Snake or lizard

Frog, toad, salamander (amphibian)

Small bird (e.g., songbird, small raptor)

Larger bird (e.g., parrot, falcon)

Very large bird (eagle, vulture)

HISTORY - whatever is known

Origin country..... Origin from wild or captivity?

How long in transit? Have any people been scratched or bitten?

Other animals with whom this one has been in contact at original holding area and in

Triage findings. Circle letter and write your findings. Refer to code sheet. Emphasize **RED** findings.

Red (R)	Critical
Yellow (Y)	Urgent
Blue (B)	Not urgent

1. Is animal
 - a. Red
 - b.
 - c. Yellow



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- 2. Is animal
 - a. Red
 - b.
 - c. Yellow

- 3. Is animal restrained or free to
 - a. Red
 - b.
 - c. Yellow

- 4. Is animal sedated or poorly
 - a. Red
 - b.
 - c. Yellow

- 5. In what condition are the
 - a. Red
 - b.
 - c. Yellow

- 6. Are wounds
 - a. Red
 - b.
 - c. Yellow

- 7. Is animal an infant or
 - a. Infant
 - b. Young but not
 - c. infant Adult

Any other findings or information:

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Instructions from specialist organisation, if contacted - write down what you are told to do.

Has or will veterinary services been called?

YES

NO

If yes, what is the estimated time of arrival?

Procedures undertaken by Customs Officers

When will animal be transferred? Date/time

Date/time transfer took place

Name of person who took animal

Where was animal taken?

Record is to be sent with animal when transferred.

