

Welfare of Animals at Market Order 1990 Poultry/small animals

All animals must be fit for sale. An animal is unfit for sale if it is: - infirm, diseased, ill, injured and fatigued, likely to/recently given birth.

DO

1. Ensure that all cages/boxes are suitable, and are free of sharp edges and have sufficient ventilation. Cages should be of sufficient size to allow animals to stand in their natural position.
2. Ensure that all cages/boxes are clean and free of contaminants (urine/faeces/old bedding).
3. Ensure that animals of different species are kept apart.
4. Provide water where necessary.
5. Handle animals in a careful and considerate manner.

DON'T

1. Place animals in pens, cages or hutches which are overcrowded.
2. Tie poultry by the neck, leg or wing (except where it is necessary to tie them by the leg for weighing).
3. Transport animals in sacks or plastic bags.
4. Handle animals unnecessarily.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE AND
COULD LEAD, ON CONVICTION, TO HEAVY
FINES/IMPRISONMENT.**

If you have any concerns, please contact the Market Animal Welfare Officer and/or Staffordshire County Council's Animal Health Team – 01785 277875 (24hrs)

