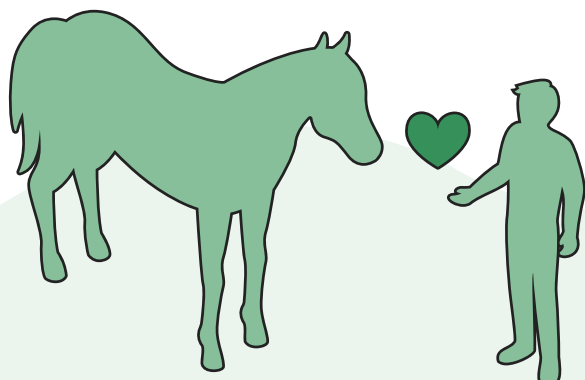


Horses on Airplans: 9 Ways to Upgrade Their Safety and Comfort

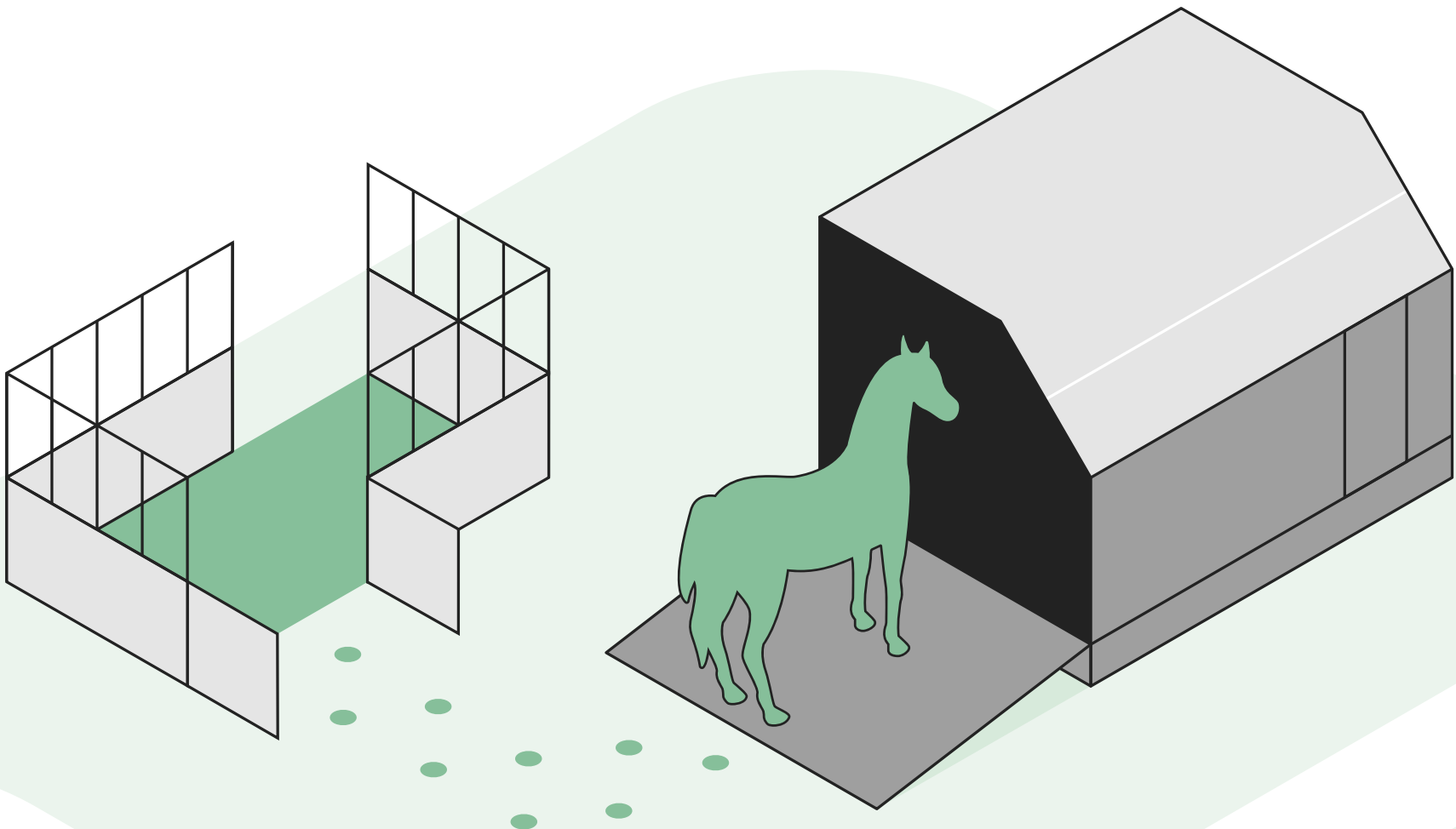
1. Use expert handlers

Loading a horse into an air stall is a particular stress point, so make sure handlers know how to do this safely.



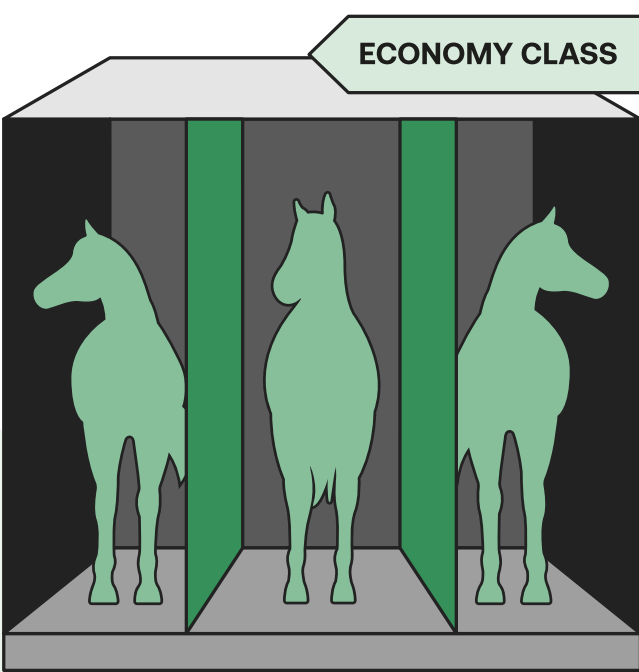
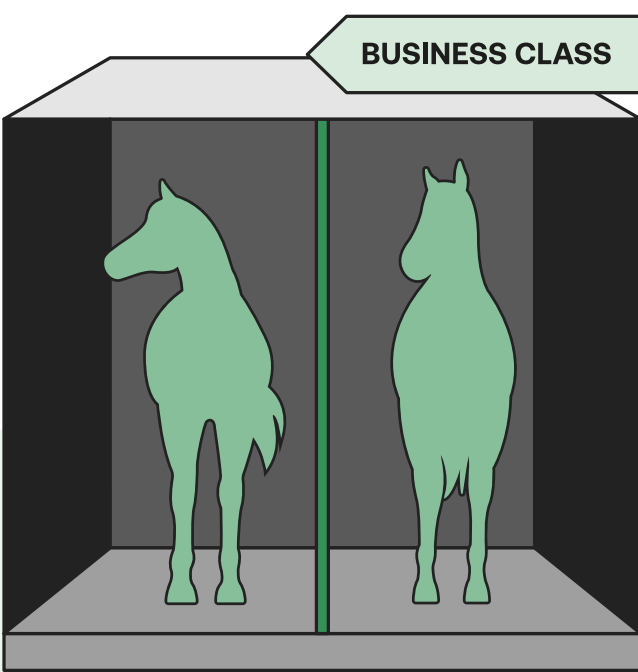
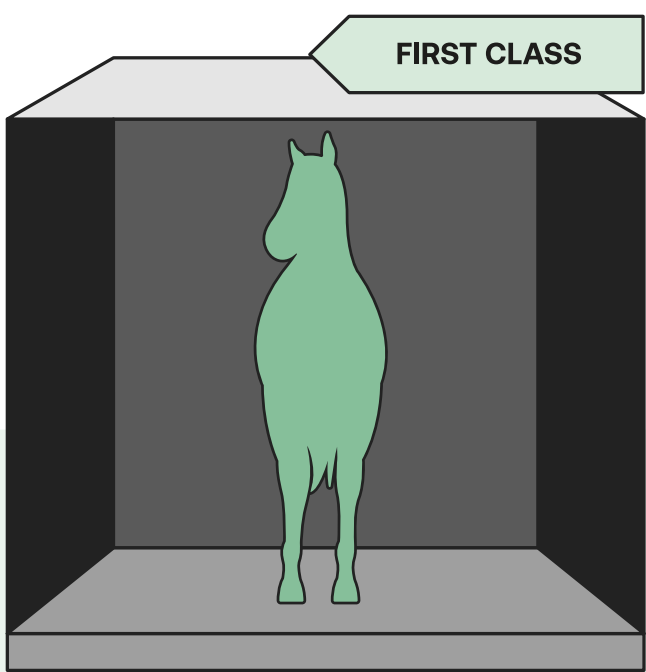
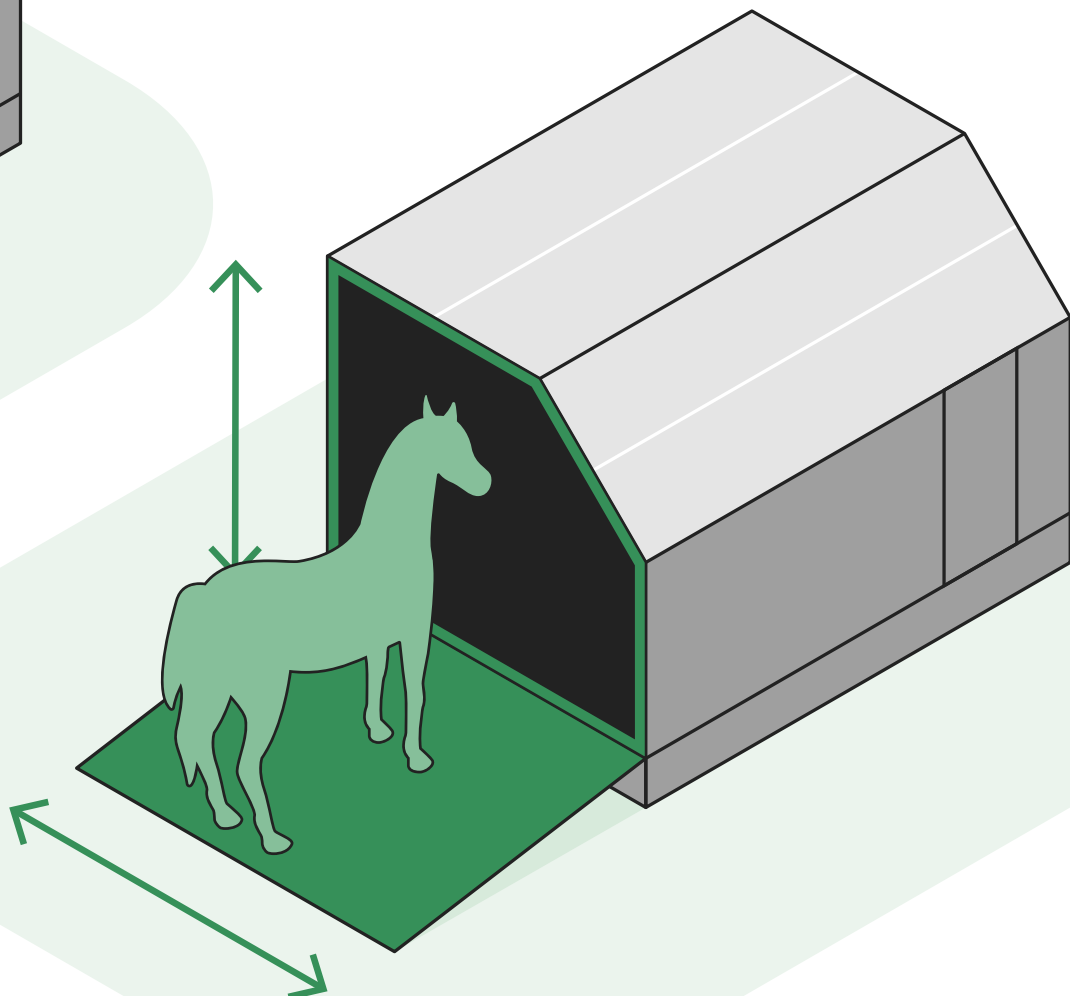
2. Establish an organised and timely boarding process

Use airports with dedicated facilities for safe loading of horses. Or position the trailer thoughtfully, close to the stall, and lay anti-slip rubber matting in between the two units to prevent the horse from slipping.



3. Make it easier to load horses into the air stall

Sufficient height, coupled with a ramp that is as wide as the stall itself encourages horses of all sizes to walk inside.

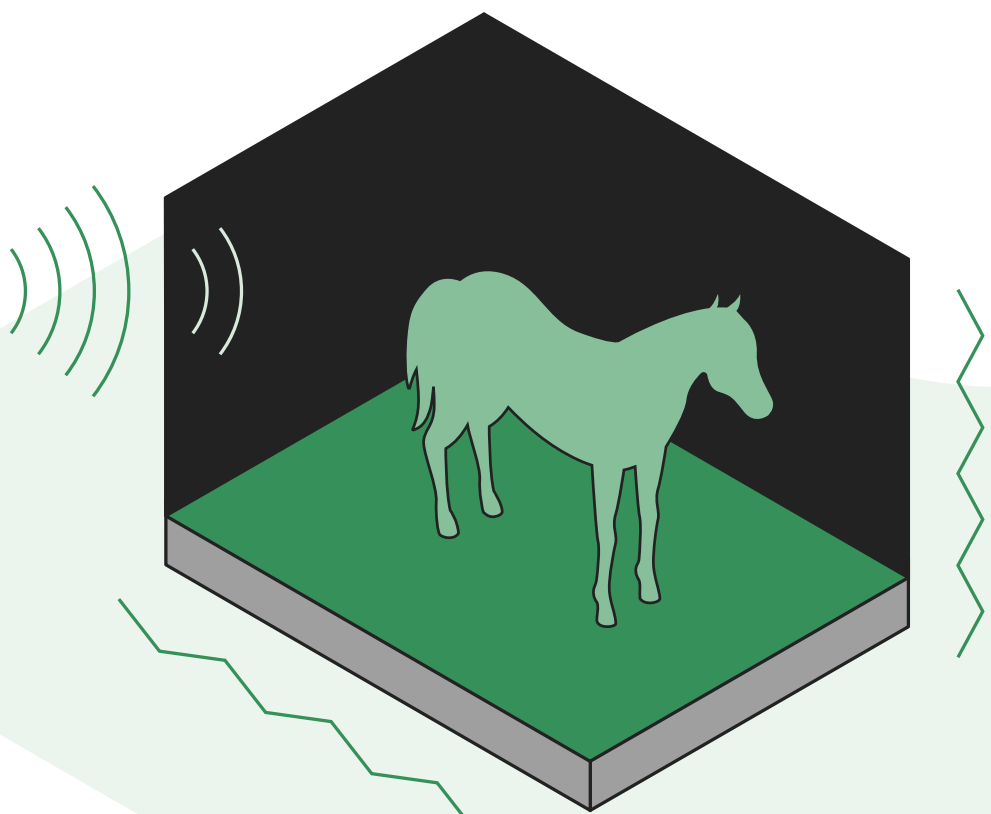


4. Give horses plenty of leg (and head) room

(Re)movable stall partitions are a handy feature to make sure horses have sufficient room.

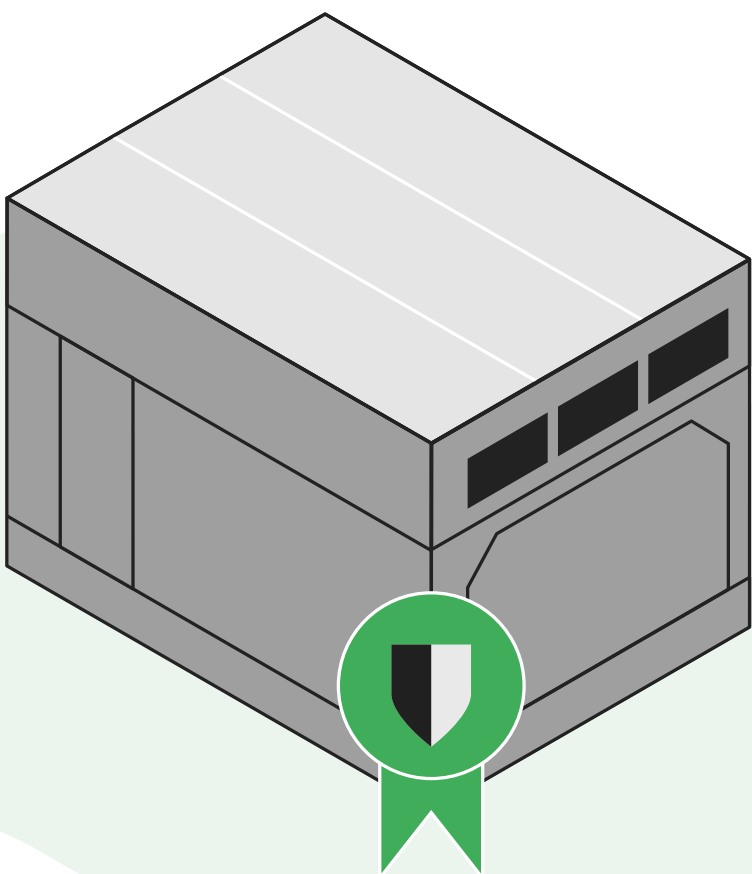
5. Reduce noise and vibration while being loaded

Noise-absorbing and vibration-dampening flooring prevent horses from becoming unsettled while the stall is being positioned into the plane's hold.



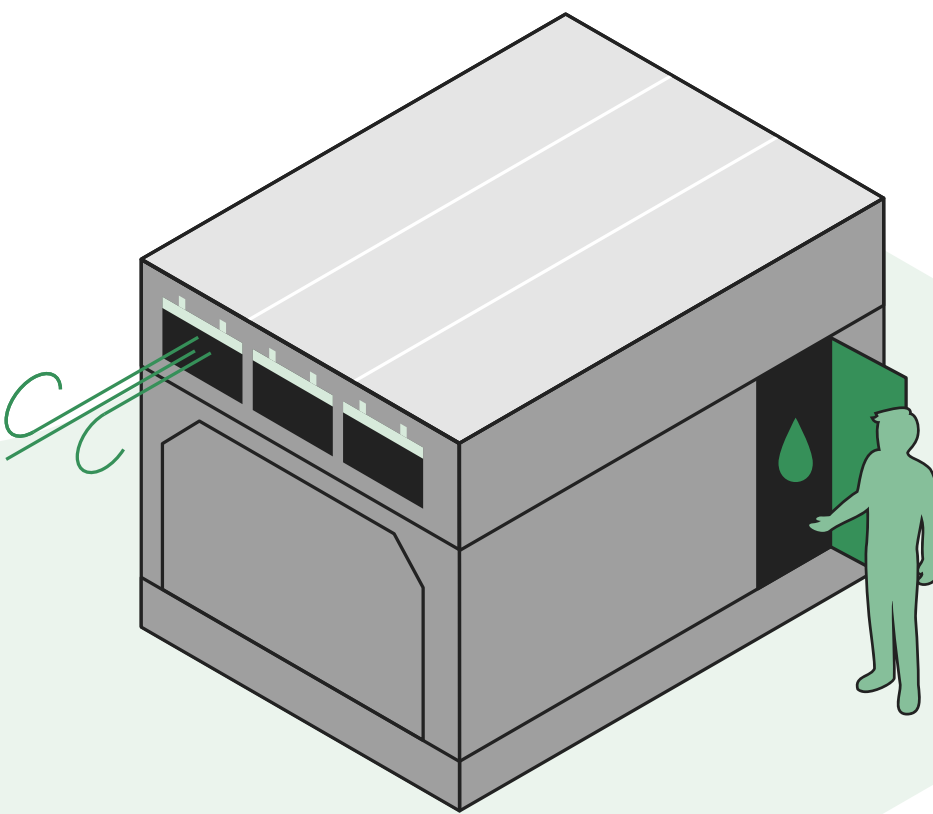
6. Provide a secure and stable environment

Certified stalls are always closed, which makes a horse more comfortable. They are also stronger, so they're much safer for the horse and the groom. Basically, they are designed to prevent injury and to keep a horse much more comfortable during the flight.



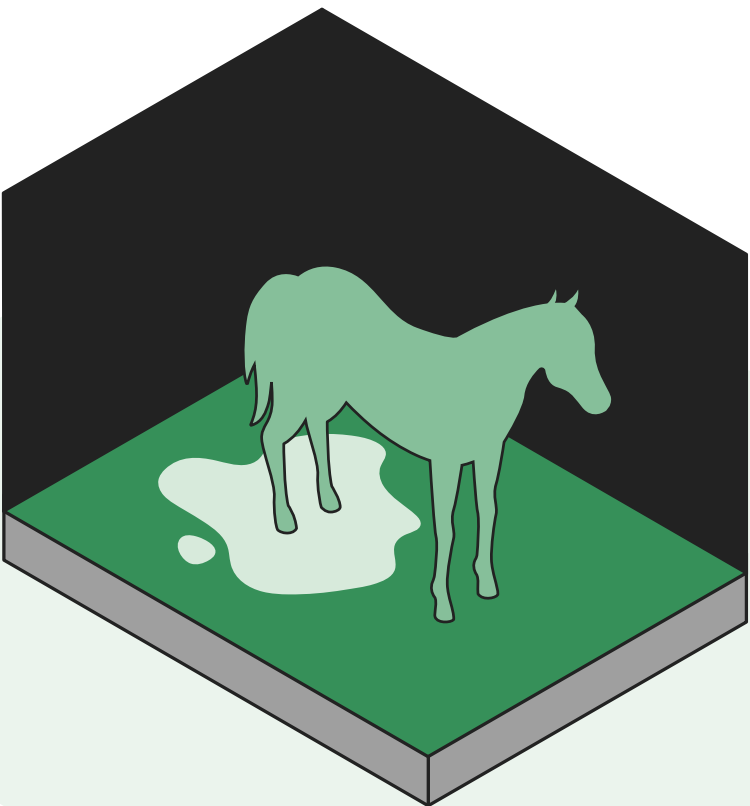
7. Keep horses cool and hydrated

The risk of overheating and dehydration can be eliminated by providing the horses with enough water and ensuring the stall has adequate air flow.



8. Enjoy a clean, dry floor for the whole journey

Horses don't like having to stand in their own droppings. Using sufficient absorption material makes them more comfortable. You can also protect the plane from dirt and corrosion by using a container with a watertight, slip-proof floor and splash-proof door.



9. Arrange suitable stall neighbours

Unruliness and conflict can occur if neighbouring horses don't get on with each other. Which is why careful thought must be given to their 'seating arrangements' prior to flying. As an extra precaution, use sniffer boards to prevent horses from nuzzling and biting their neighbours.

