

Filming with Animals

In advance of any filming involving animals, please notify YTO Standards and Practices (S&P) and your insurance contact for additional direction. S&P will weigh in on any disclaimers as well as advise on information to be included in the credits. Any use of wild animals must be approved by YouTube Security (if any Google representatives are on set), and YouTube Production in advance. If filming in the U.S., the Producer needs to comply with certain federal and state regulations.

YTO strongly encourages that a representative of the [American Humane Association](#) (AHA) be present at any time during scenes that involve animals in order to include a “No Animals Were Harmed”® disclaimer in the end credits of the film or episode if the production meets or exceeds the AHA’s rigorous standards.

If filming outside the U.S., involvement of the AHA may not be mandatory. The Producer and their Production Counsel should decide whether AHA costs are warranted when filming in Canada or other foreign locations. If the Producer would like the AHA to oversee the animal usage in the film, AHA will charge the production, and all associated costs must be included within the budget cap.

Regardless of filming location, all animals must be transported and handled safely, humanely, and in accordance with law and industry best practice. In these cases, YTO S&P, Production, and Legal will weigh in to determine if a disclaimer not provided by the AHA, such as “No animals were mistreated in the filming of this content and were under the strict supervision of licensed animal handlers” should be included.