

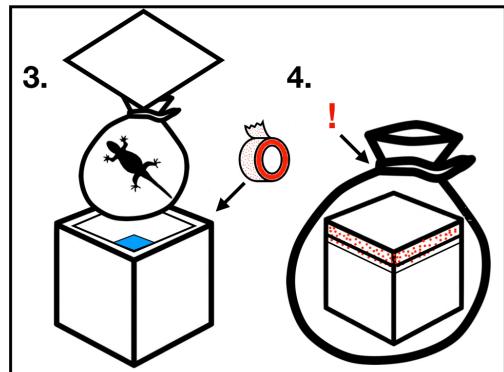
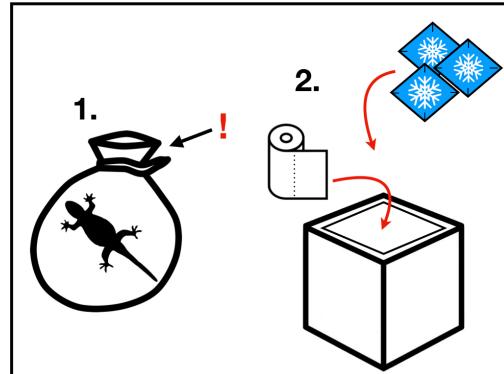
PACKAGING AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING AN ANIMAL TO THE ARTICULATE REPTILE

Please follow these instructions for packaging and shipping your animal to The Articulate Reptile. Failure to do so can result in refusal of shipping services or damage or loss of the specimen during shipment. These instructions are in compliance with USPS, UPS, and FedEx rules and regulations for shipments of this nature within the United States.

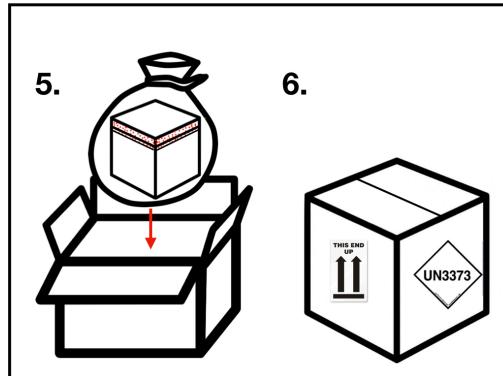
IMPORTANT!!- Your animals must be **frozen** before shipping! When the animal is solid and inflexible, meaning that it is hard to the touch and its joints and main body cannot be bent easily, then it is ready to be shipped. See the page on “freezing animals with dry ice” if you do not have access to a freezer.

PACKAGING

1. Place the **frozen** animal(s) inside a plastic bag (kitchen garbage bags are best); make sure the air is removed from the bag and it is tied or secured with some type of tight binding.
2. Inside a styrofoam cooler lay down a few layers of absorbent material such as paper towels; place dry ice (see guide below for recommend amounts)
3. Place the **bagged** specimen on top of the ice packs, another layer of dry ice pieces, and fill the empty space with chunks of styrofoam, shredded or crumpled paper. and close the cooler. ~~Seal the lid of the cooler with clear packing tape.~~
4. Place the entire cooler inside another plastic bag and seal the top as you did the first bag.

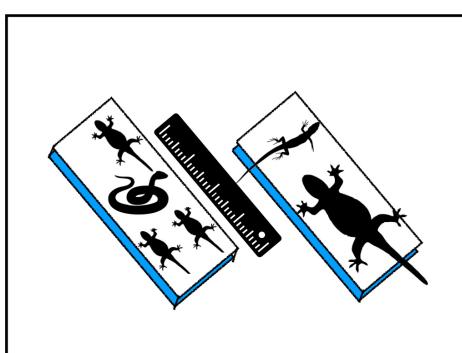
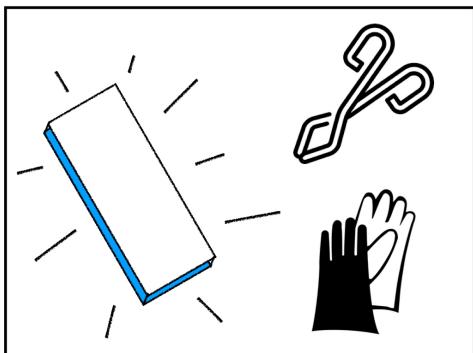


- Put everything inside a snugly fitting box, dead space can be filled with crumpled newspaper.
- Seal the box with clear tape and ship using either an overnight or priority serve ice.



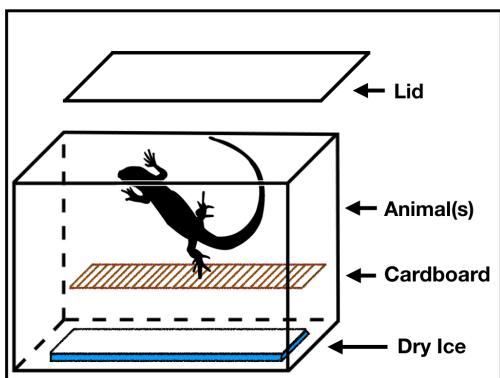
FREEZING ANIMALS WITH DRY ICE

If you do not have access to an appropriate freezer, you can freeze the animal by placing it in a cooler with some dry ice. Do not use wet ice or ice packs: these will not freeze the animal adequately. Your local grocery stores typically sells dry ice by the pound.

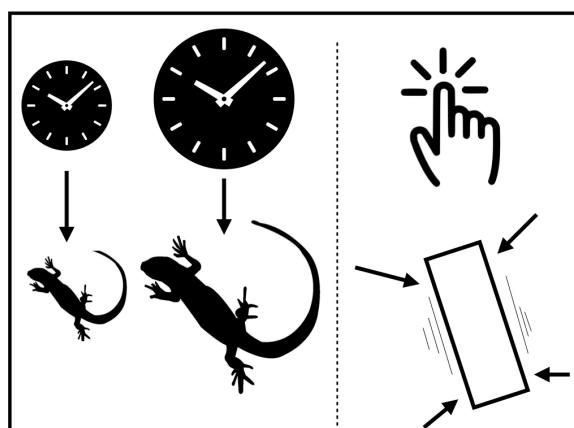


- Always use gloves or tongs when handling dry ice; do not touch dry ice with your bare skin!

- There should be enough dry ice for the animal to fit on (coiled is fine).



- Make sure there is a layer of thick plastic or cardboard between the animal and dry ice to avoid sticking. Place the lid on gently, DO NOT SEAL THE CONTAINER IN ANY WAY!



- Larger animals take longer to freeze, stiff and inflexible for snakes and lizards, large bodied lizards and turtles need at least 24 hours.

