

Helpful Hints

- Travel on the same flight as your pet when possible. Ask the airline if you can watch your pet being loaded and unloaded into the cargo hold.
 - When you board the plane, and are flying with your pet, notify the captain and at least one flight attendant that your pet is traveling in the cargo hold. If the captain knows that pets are on board, they may take special precautions.
 - If traveling during the summer or winter, choose flights that will accommodate the temperature extremes. Early morning or late evening flights are better in the summer. Afternoon flights are better in the winter.
 - Fit your pet with a collar that cannot be caught in carrier doors. Affix two pieces of identification on the collar - a permanent ID with your name, home address, telephone number, and a temporary travel ID with the address and telephone number where you or another contact person can be reached.
 - Affix a travel label to the carrier on which you have written your name, permanent address and telephone number, final destination, and where you or a contact person can be reached when the flight arrives.
 - Make sure that your pet's nails have been clipped to protect against them being hooked in the carrier's door, holes and other crevices.
 - Give your pet at least a month before your flight to become familiar with the travel carrier. This will minimize stress during travel.
- Do not give your pet tranquilizers unless they are prescribed by your veterinarian.
 - Do not feed your pet four to six hours before the trip. However, you can give them small amounts of water. If possible, put ice cubes in the water tray attached to the inside of your pet's crate. A full water bowl may spill and cause discomfort.
 - Carry a current photograph of your pet. If your pet is lost during the trip, a photograph will make it much easier for airline employees to search effectively.
 - When you arrive at your destination, open the carrier as soon as you are in a safe place and examine your pet. If anything seems wrong, take your pet to a veterinarian.

The Humane Society of the United States

The HSUS recommends that you weigh all risks when deciding to transport your pet by airplane. Air travel can be particularly dangerous for animals with "pushed in" faces (the medical term is "brachycephalic"), such as bulldogs, pugs and Persian cats. Their short nasal passages leave them especially vulnerable to oxygen deprivation and heat stroke.

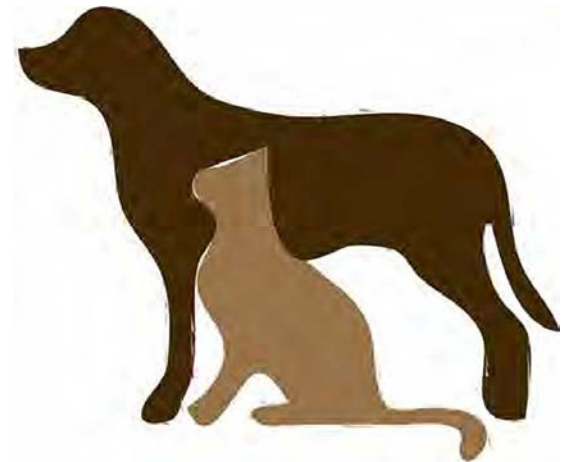
Transporting pets during the summer (May – Sept) can be challenging due to the possibility of high temperatures and resulting airline embargoes. Please contact your airline for details on restrictions.

MCIPAC DMO Okinawa reminds travelers:

Each airline establishes its own company policy for the proper handling of the animals they transport. There are two ways you can transport your pet via the airlines:

1. Dependent on size, breed and time of year, your pet may be able to travel with you in-cabin or as excess baggage. This option varies amongst airlines. Please contact airline for details and requirements for your pet.
2. You can have your pet shipped through a licensed commercial shipper. You will be charged the cargo rate, plus the shipper's fee, which is more expensive than excess baggage.

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Airline Information

American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300

Pets are accepted in the cabin as checked baggage or transported with American Airlines Cargo. Cats and dogs are the only types of pets accepted on American Airlines. Pet cabins, where pet owners may easily secure a carrier, are available in first class only. Pets will not be accepted for flights over 12 hours or on flights traveling to the United Kingdom. American Airlines requires a health certificate for the acceptance of pets for travel as checked baggage. Valid health certificates must be issued by a veterinarian. Checked pets will only be able to connect through a hub city. American Airlines does recognize breed restrictions. **Checked baggage service is not offered on flights to Japan.

Delta Airlines: 1-800-352-2746

With the exception of US Military on active transfer orders, Delta Airlines will no longer permit pets to travel as checked baggage. All pets that are too large to travel in the cabin will be allowed to travel as air cargo, and all international transport must be booked through an IPATA agent. Additionally, Delta will no longer accept pets traveling as cargo on flights over 12 hours. Delta Airlines does recognize breed restrictions.

United Airlines: 1-800-864-8331

Pets must be at least 8 weeks old, over 1 pound, and their carrier must fit comfortably under the seat in front of you. Your pet airline carrier will count as a piece of carry-on luggage. One pet is allowed per carrier and one carrier per passenger.

Through the Return Home Exception (RHE), United will make a "one-trip-only" exception for Military customers who want to return pets previously flown on United, but who are no longer eligible to fly with United under their new policies to anywhere globally that United services. Other species of pets previously flown may also be transported via the RHE. Military members should contact United PetSafe to inquire about specific species. If you wish to take advantage of the RHE, contact the PetSafe Customer Service team and request to begin the process. PetSafe agents will be able to send you the RHE form. When you return the form, the PetSafe team will verify your previous pet travel. If the qualify for the RHE, the PetSafe team will assist you with your reservation and preparation for your pet's transport. The United RHE program is currently set to expire 31 July 2019.

Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522

If your pet is too large to fit under the seat, is an animal other than a dog or cat, or if it is a very long flight, Alaska Airlines will transport your pet in the cargo section of the aircraft. The cargo section has the same temperature and pressure as the passenger cabin. Pets are not permitted in the cargo area on Alaska Airlines flights 2000-2999 or flights 3450-3499 from November 25 through December 3 and December 13 through January 3. Alaska Airlines recognizes the risk to pets when transporting them during periods of heat or cold. If temperatures are above 85° or below 40°, your pet's flight may have to be rescheduled. Alaska Airlines does recognize breed restrictions.

Southwest Airlines: 1-800-435-9792

Currently, Southwest does not offer air cargo or checked baggage service for live animals. Pets are not permitted to travel on international flights including those to Puerto Rico. Southwest will transport puppies and kittens over 8 weeks of age (domestic in-cabin flights). Southwest does not ban dog or cat breeds from traveling in the cabin of their aircraft.

JetBlue Airlines: 1-800-538-2583

If your dog or cat meets the requirements listed in JetBlue Airways pet policy to travel in cabin, you will need an approved airline pet carrier. JetBlue Airlines does recognize breed restrictions.

Hawaiian Airlines: 1-800-367-5320

Hawaiian Airlines may transport your pet in the cargo section of the aircraft, according to its regulations, if your pet is too large to fit under the seat, if your pet is an animal other than a dog or cat, or if it is a very long flight. Hawaiian Airlines does recognize breed restrictions.

Silver Airways: 1-801-401-9100

Small animals will only be accepted for transportation in the passenger compartment. Advance arrangements must be made. Silver Airways does not identify breed restrictions.

All Nippon Airways: 1-800-235-9262

Pets are not accepted in the cabin, but will be carried in the cargo section. Short-nosed dogs are not accepted from June 1 through September 30 every year. Passengers with dogs and cats must submit advance notification to the Animal Quarantine Service of Japan. For dogs or cats imported from rabies-free countries or regions, the quarantine period will be completed within 12 hours, if you have an export certificate that the animal is fitted with a microchip of ISO standards. All Nippon does recognize breed restrictions.

Korean Airlines: 1-800-438-5000

In Cabin Travel: If your dog, cat or household bird meets the requirements of Korean Air, you will need a compliant airline pet carrier. You must notify Korean Air that you are traveling with a pet. Reservations cannot be made on-line. Korean Air does recognize breed restrictions.