

US Airlines (American/Delta/United)

Dog Import Policies 24 Jul 2024

NOTE: Subject to Change

American Airlines

Traveling To The U.S. With Dogs/Cats

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a temporary suspension of dogs (carry-on or checked), including fully trained service dogs, traveling to the United States (U.S.) from a country considered high-risk for dog rabies.



Only service dogs traveling to the U.S. from high-risk countries with an approved CDC Dog Import Permit, or that meet CDC U.S. vaccination and microchip requirements, may fly on American. Contact Special Assistance to request travel with a cat or dog in cabin from a high-risk country.

CDC Notice Of Temporary Suspension

Dogs traveling to the U.S. from countries affected by 'screwworm' must meet specific requirements from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (USDA APHIS VS), including fully trained service dogs.

Delta Airlines

The CDC has an [ongoing, temporary suspension](#) that the entry of dogs, including trained service animals, into the United States from countries that are at high-risk for rabies. During the suspension, options for bringing dogs that have been prohibited in a [high-risk country for rabies](#) within the past 6 months will depend on where the dogs' rabies vaccinations were administered, and the number of dogs being imported. Dogs from high-risk countries must appear healthy, be microchipped and at least 6 months of age. For dogs with a travel history in high-risk countries, please review the [CDC's guidance on importation](#).



United

United requires rabies and health certificates for dogs and cats traveling internationally on United. The rabies vaccinations must be completed at least 28 days before arrival in the U.S. for both dogs and cats. Any additional rules for traveling to the U.S. depend on whether or not you're traveling from a country the CDC considers to be high risk for rabies. United closely follows [CDC guidelines](#) on these specific country requirements and recommends checking them to make sure you meet them at least two months before your trip.



If you're traveling within the U.S. with your pet, it is encouraged that you obtain a certificate of health from your vet. Some destinations may request this certificate on arrival. It should include:

- Your name, phone and address
- Info about your pet, including breed, sex, age, color and markings
- List of recent vaccines, including names, dates issued and expiration