

Pet Travel Safety Tips



Airline Rules & Regulations

With vacation time around the corner, many of us like to travel with our pets. Most airlines allow pets to travel but each has its own rules and fees and they vary across the airlines. All airlines require documentation that your pet is current on all vaccines (from your veterinarian) and be carried in an airline approved carrier. Here is a handy guide for most of the North American airlines

Air Canada:

- Pets Allowed: Both cats and dogs
- Price: Ranges from \$50-100 each way in cabin; \$105 one way in checked baggage
- Guidelines: Pet must be in a kennel; in cabin or cargo
- Size: Not exceeding 21.5" L x 15.5" W x 9" H (Hard-sided kennels) or 21.5" L x 15.5" W x 10.5" (soft-sided kennels) and under 22 lbs. (for both pet and carrier). In checked baggage - a carrier must be no more than 115" in linear dimensions (L + W + H).

American Airlines:

Pets Allowed: Seven or fewer cats and dogs over 8 weeks old

- Price: \$125 in cabin; \$175 in checked baggage (no charge for service animals)
- Guidelines: In a kennel
- Size: Under 19" L x 13" W x 9" H and 20 lbs. (both pet and carrier) with space for your pet to turn around.

Special exceptions: Brachycephalic or snub-nosed dogs and cats are not allowed as checked luggage

Delta Air Lines .

- Pets Allowed: Up to four animals: dogs, cats, household birds, guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters, and marmots, over 10 weeks old, in the main cabin (two if in an upgraded class) and reptiles, amphibians and fish as cargo
- Price: \$125 in cabin each way
- Guidelines: Under 40" L x 27" W x 30" H and 31 lbs.

Special exceptions: Two pets between 10 weeks and 6 months of age are allowed to travel in the same kennel if they are of comparable size and weigh less than 20 lbs. each, and will be charged as one pet.

Jet Blue:

- Pets Allowed: Limited number of pets (must call in advance) over 8 weeks old
- Price: \$100 in cabin each way
- Guidelines: Kennel under 17" L x 12.5" W x 8.5" x 8.5" H and 20 lbs.

Special Notes: TrueBlue members with pets earn 300 TrueBlue points for each pet fee paid



Southwest Airlines

- Pets Allowed: Five or fewer small vaccinated over 8 weeks old cats and dogs under the seat in front of you
- Price: \$95 in cabin each way
- Kennel: under 19" L x 14" W x 8.25" H

United Airlines

- Pets Allowed: four or fewer (one in upgraded classes) over 8 weeks old cats, dogs, rabbits, and birds under the seat in front of you
- Price: \$125 in cabin each way
- Kennel: under 17.5" L x 12" W x 7.5" (hard-sided) or 8" L x 11" W x 11" H (soft sided)

Note: There is a \$125 service charge for each over 4 hour stopover in the U.S.

US Airways

- Pets Allowed: one over 8 weeks old small dog, cat, or bird in-cabin and no pets in the cargo compartment
- Price: \$125 in cabin each way
- Kennel: under 17" L x 16" W x 8" H (hard-sided) or 17" L x 16" W x 10" H (soft sided)

Note: Emotional support/service animals are allowed in-cabin. To make arrangements call Reservations at (800) 433-7300 at least 48 hours before your flight.



Virgin America

- Pets Allowed: one over 8 weeks old cat or dog in-cabin and no pets in the cargo compartment
- Price: \$100 in cabin each way

- Kennel: under 18" L x 15" W x 8" H and 20 lbs, which must fit under the seat in front of you (soft recommended)

Note: Emotional support/service animals an ID card, harness, and a licensed medical professional's letter to prove their necessity. They are not required to have a carrier.

International travel (outside of the US); Go to <http://www.bringfido.com> to learn more.

Remember to always check with the specific airline before you fly and register your pet beforehand for the benefit of any other passengers with allergies.

