



KENNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- It's important that you purchase the correct kennel for your pet. The kennel must be large enough to allow your pet to stand (without touching the top of the cage), sit, turn around, and lie down in a natural position.
- Patriot Express will not allow soft sided or collapsible kennels.
- Cover the bottom with absorbent material—"Puppy Pads" work great! Do not use straw, hay, grass, sawdust, sand, or soil.
- A water container must be present inside the kennel with outside access for refilling.
- Clearly label the kennel with your name, destination address and phone number, a "Live Animal" designation sticker, and arrows indicating the crate's upright position.
- Take time to acclimate your pet to the crate! Use the kennel as a bed or feed your pet in the kennel for several days prior to travel.
- You may be asked to remove your pet from the kennel so that the carrier can be placed through an x-ray scanner. Remember to place a halter/collar and leash on your pet to minimize the chances of a loose pet.
- Contact your airline regarding airline specific kennel and travel requirements.

USA TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Ultimately it is the owner's responsibility to ensure compliance with all pet travel requirements. Always check the most recent requirements as they can change without notice. Delays or failure of compliance might result in denial of entry or quarantine for your pet.

USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/bring-pet-into-the-united-states

US Center for Disease control & Prevention
www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/index.html

- YOUR DOG MUST BE 6 MONTHS OLD TO ENTER THE USA**
- ISO MICROCHIP IMPLANT**
If your pet is not yet microchipped, schedule for a microchip implant and a rabies vaccination
- RABIES VACCINATION**
Your pet should be vaccinated against rabies (**after** microchip implantation) and must be at least 12 weeks old at the time of vaccination. The vaccination must be given **not less than 30 days** prior to departure. Your pet must have been in a low risk or rabies free country for 6months prior to entry. Check with your airlines for their specific requirements regarding rabies vaccination.
- CDC DOG IMPORT FORM**
Log on to the CDC website ideally 2-10 days prior to arrival. You must enter demographics (breed, sex etc) as written on your other paperwork. A receipt will be generated (printed or digital copy) required for the port authority at your arrival point.
- HEALTH CERTIFICATE**
Health certificates are required for entry into some states and by most airlines. Check with officials in the state of final destination and with the airline before your travel date. The certificate must be completed within 10 days of departure.



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Planning and preparation are the most important aspects when traveling with pets.

AIRLINE TRAVEL TIPS

- Many airlines impose travel embargos during the summer and winter months. During summer months, choose early morning or evening flights. In winter months, choose midday flights.
- Certain brachycephalic (short-nosed) dogs and cats may have difficulties flying, especially during warmer months. Discuss recommendations with your veterinarian.
- When possible, book a nonstop flight and avoid the holiday travel season.
- Confirm your flight arrangements before you leave to ensure that there have been no unexpected flight changes.
- Arrive at the airport early and exercise your pet.
- When boarding the plane, notify the flight attendant that you have a pet in the cargo area.
- If your pet is traveling in the cabin, arrange to check-in as late as possible to reduce the amount of time your pet will have to spend in the airport terminal.
- Carry proof of rabies vaccination, health certificate, and copies of your pet's medical record with you and keep a current photograph of your pet to assist in identification if your pet is lost.



SPACE AVAILABLE PET PROGRAM

- There are 10 pet spaces available on every Patriot Express (PE) flight with approximately four missions per week.
- If you are unable to secure a PE flight for your pet, you are responsible for arranging proper transportation. Pets can fly out of Frankfurt International via a commercial carrier.
- Fees are charged on a weight basis, combining the weight of the pet and the kennel. Please contact the AMC terminal to discuss fees.
- Pet travel is not a reimbursable expense IAW the JFTR, Para. U5810.

SEDATIVES

- The use of sedatives are strongly discouraged during flight due to the risk of adverse reactions. Airlines may require a signed statement that your pet has not received a tranquilizer prior to flying

FEEDING GUIDELINES

- Air travel on an empty stomach is typically best, however this varies based on age, breed, medical history and flight schedule. Discuss feeding recommendations with your veterinarian.
- Access to water is a must during travel.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR TIPS ON TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ANIMAL IMPORTATION

www.cdc.gov/importation/index.html

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ANIMAL CARE PET TRAVEL

www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND PET TRAVEL

www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Pet-Travel-Page/

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION TRAVELER'S PET CORNER

www.iata.org/en/programs/cargo/live-animals/pets

AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TRAVELING WITH YOUR DOG OR CAT

www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/cvi/traveling-your-dog-or-cat

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<https://www.pettravel.com/>