

PET TRAVEL CHECKLIST



IN-CABIN & THERAPY PETS

PLAN AHEAD

Make arrangements ASAP as the number of pets allowed in-cabin is limited.

CHECK DIMENSIONS

Pets must have enough room to stand up & turn around. Max size for hard-sided kennels is 17.5 x 12 x 7.5 or 18 x 11 x 11 for soft-sided kennels.

DOCTOR'S LETTER

Documentation for support & service pets is required no later than 48 hrs. before takeoff.

PETS TRAVELING IN CARGO

PACK FOOD & DRINK

Attach water & food bowls to the inside crate door for easy refill. Put extra dry food into a freezer bag, taped to crate exterior.

AVOID WHEELS

Crates with wheels are harder to control in transit and can result in accidents.

GET ACCLIMATED

Keep kennel open for your pet to explore prior to traveling with treats & familiar items inside.

PRE-TRIP PREP

LOCATE ANIMAL HOSPITALS

Research for arrival city and find one that's well-reviewed nearby to your hotel or rental.

FIND DOG HOT SPOTS

Research local dog parks & ask around for dog-friendly restaurants with outdoor spaces.

GO WITH YOUR GUT

If a gate agent or crew member asks you to do something you aren't comfortable with, ask to speak to a supervisor. If the situation isn't resolved, ask to be put on another flight.

WHAT TO PACK

- All medications clearly labeled
- Dry food, a bottle for water & small dishes
- Pet treats, toys, catnip
- A small towel to avoid pet hair on rentals
- Lint/Pet hair rollers
- Dog waste bags
- Wee-Wee pads
- Portable litter tray for cats & litter
- Leash, harness, & collar
- Grooming supplies
- Vaccination & health documentation
- Pet bed

HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS

CARRY DOCUMENTATION

Coordinate health tests ASAP and have health & vaccination records ready.

CHECK DESTINATION REQUIREMENTS

These vary by destination, so check the USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services site.

EXTRA MEDICATION

Sedatives are suggested for pets with anxiety & nervous behavior, but DAP collars are a safer alternative.

OPT FOR NON-STOP

Choose your route wisely & consider weather.

EXTRA LABELING

Tape a photo with their name & breed to crate.

PRE-FLIGHT WALK

Regardless of cabin or cargo travel, make time for a long walk prior to flight.

CHIP OR CONTACT INFO

If your pet isn't chipped, include your contact info in their collar.