

## Pets Traveling by Air:

### **Medical and Other Paperwork:**

Airlines will require a Current Health and Current Rabies Certificates issued within 10 days of your departure. Always verify requirements with your airline.

If you are traveling to a restricted state, i.e. Hawaii, have all the necessary paperwork prepared since your pet will most likely be in quarantine for approximately 120 days.

If you are traveling to an international destination, insure that the required paperwork is completed prior to travel. The airlines will not assume any responsibility if the paperwork is not completed.

- ❑ Know the Country/State restrictions. Traveling to England for example, you will *need 6 months or more just to complete the required paperwork.*
- ❑ Travel to the European Union will require a Pet Passport.
- ❑ Many Countries restrict certain species - know the regulations before you travel.

### **Medication:**

Always check with your Veterinarian regarding any medications, in particular, the use of tranquilizers - most do not recommend using them for air travel.

### **Weather Embargo:**

Many airlines do not allow pets to travel as either checked baggage or cargo during extreme weather conditions. When the temperature is 45°F or under or exceeds 85°F, the airlines will issue an embargo on the acceptance of live animals.

Note: Many airlines restrict acceptance of pug nose dogs at 75°F.

This Embargo is issued to protect your pet. During the hot summer months some carriers will make an exception for flights that leave before 7am and after 8pm, always check with your airline.

Note: Many airlines will not allow certain breeds to travel, especially some breeds with pug noses that will suffer when traveling in the summer months. Airlines may also prohibit aggressive breeds from air travel. Always check with your airline.

## Pet Travel Checklist

### Live Animal Checklist for pets traveling in Air Cargo:

#### Kennel or Container:

Does it comply with the specific container requirement as detailed in the IATA Live Animals Regulations manual?

Is the size suitable for the particular type of animal?

Note: Animal must be able to stand, turn, sit and lie down without restriction.

Does it provide sufficient ventilation?

Is the construction adequate?

Does it contain adequate handholds/lifting devices to facilitate handling and to prevent the handler from coming into close proximity of the animal(s)?

Is it leak and escape proof?

Is the container clean?

Does it contain sufficient absorbent material?

Note: It cannot be straw, as some countries prohibit the importation of straw.

Does the kennel have two dishes affixed to it?

#### Labeling and Marking:

Is the consignee's name, address, 24-hour telephone contact shown on the kennel?

Is the correct number of "Live Animals" and "Arrows Up" labels attached?

When the animals has been tranquilized have details been affixed to the kennel, i.e. time given, type of sedation and estimated duration?

#### Feeding and Watering:

If it is required that the animal(s) must be fed/watered en route, have arrangements been made by the shipper/carrier with the other carrier/personnel downline?

Are feeding instructions affixed to the kennel and are supplies (if required) attached to the outer topside of the kennel?

Food and bedding (if provided) for the animal(s) is in accordance with the regulations of the country of transit or importation?

**Note:** Whenever possible, secure the air waybill and Shipper's Certification from your airline in advance. Have the paperwork completed prior to arrival to the Cargo Facility.

Insure that all required stickers are affixed prior to arrival at Cargo.

Shipper's Certificate cannot be affixed to the kennel prior to arrival since the cargo agent must inspect it for accuracy and some air carriers require the cargo agent to also sign it with the shipper/owner.

Always have duplicate copies of important paperwork i.e. Health and Rabies Certificates, Pet Passport for Europe, Visa and any other government paperwork required for the transportation of your pet.

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- Airline contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cargo Representative: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Reservation or Booking reference number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
(This is your personal record number assigned by the airline)
  - Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Date Non-stop  Direct
  - Airline reservations for pet is reconfirmed 48 hours in advance of travel  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent: \_\_\_\_\_
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### General Acceptance:

- Have advance arrangements/bookings been made with all carriers participating in the carriage of your pet
- Has advance arrangements been made at the airport of destination, i.e. for quarantine and delivery, if applicable?
- Where applicable, have carrier/government exceptions been complied with?

### Air Waybill:

- Are all flight numbers for which bookings are held for the entire routing shown?
- Is the quantity of animals in the consignment, as well as their common names, shown in the "Nature and quantity of goods" box?
- Are all relevant permits, including CITES where necessary, licenses and certificates required for export, transshipment and import, securely attached to the air waybill and copies of those required affixed to the kennel?

### Shipper's Certificate:

- Is the Certificate completed in full and in duplicate?
- Does the description and quantity of animals agree with the information on the air waybill?
- Is it signed by the shipper or his authorized agent?  
Note: Cannot be an IATA cargo agent, consolidator, forwarder or indirect carrier)