



Airline Policies for Shipping Dogs

To help with your travel plans, the AKC Canine Legislation department has updated its annual "Airline Policies for Shipping Dogs," which appears below. Additional tips on traveling with your pet can also be found [here](#) or by contacting AKC's Order Desk at orderdesk@akc.org and requesting part number GDTRVL. Please note that in addition to federal restrictions on shipping animals during extreme temperatures, many airlines institute "summer embargoes" on excess baggage.

CARRIER	ALLOW SMALL PETS IN CABIN (UNDER SEAT)?	ALLOW PETS AS EXCESS BAGGAGE?	FEE FOR BAGGAGE	ALLOW PETS AS CARGO?
American Airlines	Yes--\$80 each way	Yes* *Embargo May 15- Sept.15	\$80 each way	Yes. Costs vary depending on size of kennel and distance.
Continental Airlines** **Embargo on Pit Bull Terriers (see below)	Yes--\$80 each way	No	NA	Yes. Costs vary depending on size of kennel and distance.
Delta Airlines	Yes--\$75 each way	Yes* *Embargo May 15- Sept.15	\$75 each way	Yes. Costs vary depending on size of kennel and distance.
Northwest Airlines	Yes--\$80 each way	Yes	Varies	Yes. Cost varies depending on size of kennel and distance.
Southwest Airlines	No	No	NA	No
United Airlines	Yes--\$80 each way	Yes	\$100 for small/medium kennels; \$200 for larger	Yes. Cost varies depending on distance and size of kennel.
USAirways	Yes--\$100 each way	Yes	\$100 each way	Yes. Cost varies depending on distance and size of kennel.

** Continental Airlines will accept American Pit Bull Terrier puppies that are between 8 weeks and 6 months of age provided that they do not weigh more than 20 lbs. All other American Pit Bull Terriers will be refused. This embargo does not apply to American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, or Miniature Bull Terriers. Crossbreeds with American Pit Bull Terriers are also excluded from the embargo.

Note: Federal regulations prohibit shipping live animals as excess baggage or cargo if an animal will be exposed to temperatures that are not between 45-85°F for more than four hours during departure, arrival, or while making connections. Health certificates dated within 10 days of departure are required for all animals. May 2003.