AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Canine Legislation Position Statement

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR DOGS

To ensure the safest possible air and rail travel, the American Kennel Club® strongly supports thorough training of transportation staff in the careful and appropriate handling of dogs, adequate environment controls in cargo spaces, and careful attention to record keeping. The ability to ship dogs by air as excess baggage, cargo, or in the cabin is vital to dog owners, breeders, handlers, and exhibitors who want to travel on the same flights as their dogs. We encourage airlines to serve their customers by continuing to offer these necessary services**.**

We also encourage national train services to offer similar transportation options to their customers.

During the times of natural disasters, evacuations and other emergency situations, we encourage public transportation services (such as local buses and public commuter trains) to allow passengers to travel with their pets under specific guidelines and circumstances.

Passengers are expected to comply with all applicable laws and carrier policies regarding travel with animals.