



# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB<sup>SM</sup>

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 **{Note to Web master: Please link to the following [http://www.akc.org/public\\_education/travel.cfm](http://www.akc.org/public_education/travel.cfm)}** or by contacting AKC's Order Desk ([orderdesk@akc.org](mailto: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* (Restrictions apply)	\$100 each way	Yes. Cost varies depending on size of kennel and distance.
America West Airlines	Yes--\$80 each way	No	NA	No
Continental Airlines** Embargo on various breeds	Yes--\$80 each way	No	NA	Yes. Costs vary depending on size of kennel and distance.
Delta Airlines	Yes--\$50 each way	Yes*** Embargo May 15-Sept 15	\$100 each way	Yes. Cost varies depending on size of kennel and distance.
JetBlue Airways	Yes--\$50 each way	No	NA	No
Midwest Airlines****	Yes--\$100 each way	Yes	\$75 each way	Yes. Restrictions apply
Northwest Airlines	Yes--\$80 each way	Yes***** Embargo June 1-Sept. 15	Varies	Yes. Cost varies depending on size of kennel and distance.
Southwest Airlines	No	No	NA	No
United Airlines	Yes--\$80 each way	Yes***** Embargo June 1-Sept. 30	\$100 for small/medium kennels; \$200 for large each way	Yes. Cost varies depending on distance and size of kennel.
USAirways	Yes--\$80 each way	No (Effective Oct. 1, 2005)	NA	No (Effective Oct. 1, 2005)

\*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. Pets are not accepted on flights over 12 hours and will not be accepted for travel to the United Kingdom.

\*\* 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. Continental Airlines has also embargoed the transport of French Bulldogs, English Bulldogs and Bulldogs from May 15 – Sept. 15, 2005 due to the breeds' susceptibility to high heat, high humidity and stress.

\*\*\*Pets cannot be checked as baggage on Delta flights between May 15 and September 15. Delta will not accept Pug or snub-nosed dogs as checked baggage or as air cargo at any time if the temperature on any part of their trip exceeds 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

\*\*\*\*Midwest Airlines requests all pets that are traveling in the cabin and below the cabin as checked baggage, must have a current veterinarian's health certificate. The health certificate must be issued within 10 days of departure, and is good for 30 days of travel indicating the animal is in good health for air travel and has received all required vaccinations including an up-to-date rabies vaccination. Pets can travel below-cabin in a secure temperature controlled and pressurized compartment separate from baggage and other cargo. Midwest reserves the right to place temporary embargoes on live animals as checked baggage in extreme temperature conditions. The temperature restrictions for air cargo shipments will be the guidelines used for enforcing a temporary embargo, temperatures must not be above 85 degrees Fahrenheit or below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. If below 45 degrees Fahrenheit, the animal must be accompanied by a certificate/form/statement signed by the veterinarian stating the animal is acclimated to such temperatures. If below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, the animal will not be accepted even with a statement of temperature acclimation signed by the veterinarian. Snub-nosed/Brachycephalic dogs will not be transported when temperatures at any point on the planned itinerary exceed 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

\*\*\*\*\*Northwest Airlines does not accept pets as checked baggage between June 1 and September 15 to/from the following locations: Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, and Texas. Federal regulations apply to other destinations.

\*\*\*\*\*United Airlines does not accept the following short-nosed dog breeds as either checked baggage or cargo from June 1 - September 30: Boston Terrier, Boxer, English/French Bulldog, King Charles Spaniel, Lhasa Apso, Pug, Shar-Pei and Shih Tzu.

All policies current as of April 2006.