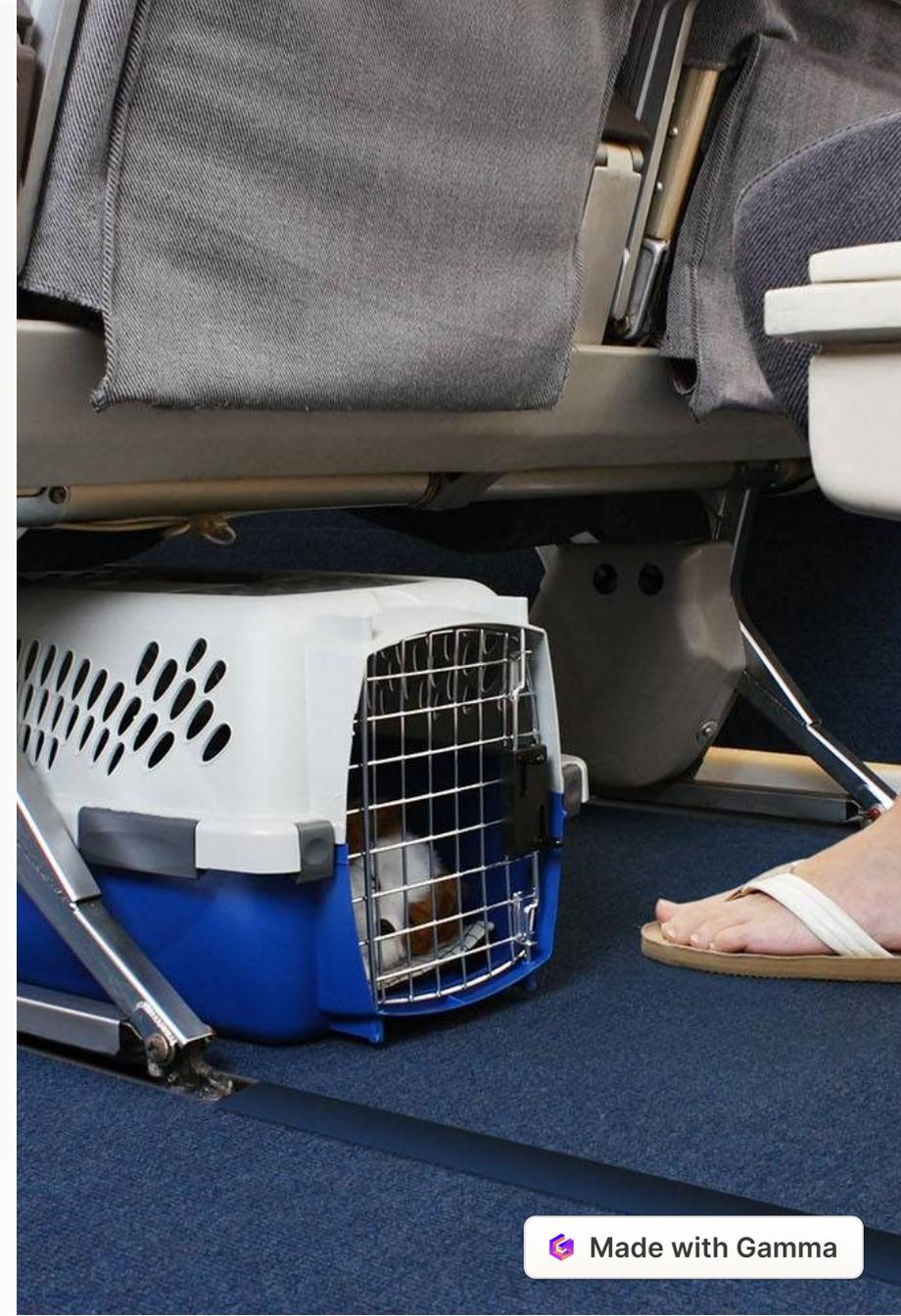


American Airlines Pet Policy

Traveling with pets or service animals on American Airlines? Learn about the [American Airlines pet policy](#), requirements, fees, and tips for a smooth journey.



Service Animals vs. Pets

1 Service Animals

Trained animals that assist individuals with disabilities. They provide specific services to mitigate their handler's disability.

2 Pets

Non-service animals traveling for companionship or emotional support. Additional fees and restrictions apply to bring them on board.

Requirements for Traveling with Service Animals

1 Documentation

American Airlines may require documentation from a licensed healthcare professional for emotional support animals.

2 Fraud Prevention

To prevent fraud, American Airlines reserves the right to verify the service animal's identification or request additional documentation.

3 In-Cabin Restraints

Service animals must be harnessed or leashed and remain on the floor at the passenger's feet during the flight.

Requirements for Traveling with Pets

1 Carrier Guidelines

Pets must travel in an approved carrier that meets American Airlines' size, weight, and ventilation requirements.

2 Health Certificate

Pets traveling domestically may require a health certificate issued within 10 days of travel, depending on the destination.

3 Temperature Restrictions

American Airlines may have restrictions on pet travel during extreme temperatures to ensure their safety and well-being.

Fees and Restrictions for Traveling with Pets

In-Cabin Pets

Fee: \$125 each way

Weight limit: 20 lbs (9 kg)

Available on most flights within the United States

Limited spots available

Pet Cargo

Fee: Varies

Available for larger pets or when in-cabin travel is not possible or practical

Additional restrictions apply

Snub-Nosed Breeds

Additional fees and restrictions may apply to snub-nosed breeds due to their vulnerability to breathing issues during travel.

Pet Travel Carriers and Guidelines



Approved Pet Carriers

Carriers must be well-ventilated, secure, and meet the size and weight requirements. Soft-sided or hard-sided carriers are acceptable.



In-Cabin Pet Guidelines

The carrier must fit under the seat in front of you. Pets must remain in the carrier throughout the flight and cannot be taken out during the journey.



Pet Cargo Guidelines

Pet cargo guidelines ensure the comfort and safety of pets during transport. American Airlines provides detailed instructions for pet cargo travel.

Tips for Traveling with Pets on American Airlines

1 Plan Ahead

Check American Airlines' pet policies and guidelines in advance, and make necessary arrangements for your pet's comfort during the journey.

2 Pet Comfort

Ensure your pet is well-exercised and relieved before the flight. Bring their favorite blanket or toy to provide a sense of familiarity.

3 Arrive Early

Arrive at the airport ahead of time to complete the necessary documentation and procedures for traveling with your pet.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Pet Policy

Can I bring multiple pets on board?

Yes, you can bring up to 2 pets in the cabin, depending on space availability. Additional limitations apply for pets traveling in cargo.

Can pets travel internationally?

Yes, pets can travel internationally, but regulations may vary depending on the country. Check the specific requirements for your destination.

Can my pet fly unaccompanied?

Yes, American Airlines has a program called "PetSafe" that allows pets to travel unaccompanied as cargo. Certain restrictions and fees apply.