

SUBJECT: Pet Transportation Primer on Patriot Express (PE)

DISCUSSION:

- Pet transportation limits & requirements are defined by DTR Part I (Ch. 103) & DoDI 4515.13
 - Pet travel on the PE is a benefit, not a requirement
 - Dogs and Cats are the only defined pets; only two pets allowed per family
 - DTR can authorize commercial travel due to adverse mission impact if pet space is not available
- Transporting Pets overseas can be extremely expensive; PE pet spaces provide some cost relief
 - Pet Shipping to/from overseas can cost up to \$2K – 4K per pet
 - Pet Shipping is not a PCS reimbursable cost; member is responsible for all pet travel costs
- Pet spaces are very limited and booked on a first come, first serve basis
 - Pet travel space concern is a recurring topic, particularly during peak PCS season
 - Pet space is not guaranteed even if the pet traveled to OCONUS location on the PE
- Available PE pet transportation space is based on CMD passenger requirements (Space-R)
 - Pet travel space demand does not generate additional PE lift requirements
 - Pet movement aboard DoD organic aircraft is authorized for PCS moves only when such aircraft provide the only service to a location. (DTR Part I, Ch. 103, para. K.3)
- In-Cabin pets are limited to smaller pets that meet carry on guidance
 - 10 total pets are allowed for the comfort and safety of all passengers on board.
- Only one cargo hold is pressurized, and temperature controlled for safe pet transport. Cargo hold space is limited and varies by carrier and airframe
 - Cargo hold may fill prior to 10 pets depending on:
 - Number of pets (10 maximum per contract),
 - Total weight allowed (variable by carrier) and individual pet weight (150lbs)
 - Atlas 747, Omni 777 and 767 limited to 1000lbs, Atlas 767 limited to 500lbs, etc.
 - Actual space in the pressurized cargo area; physical cubic space available to kennels
- Exception to Policy requests for pets weighing more than 150 pounds must be submitted through the traveler's service headquarters and receive final approval from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense.

Additional Information:

- Booking procedures can be found at AMC's travel website, DTR, FCG and local directives.
 - AMC Pet Travel Page: <https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Pet-Travel-Page/>
 - AMC FAQ: <https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/Frequently-Asked-Questions/>
- HQ AMC Pet Brochure:
<https://www.amc.af.mil/Portals/12/AMC%20Tv1%20Pg/AMC%20Tv1%20Pg%20Docs/AMC%20Pet%20Brochure%20August%202021.pdf?ver=d1QnJfb0rQ9ubChVrz4kPg%3d%3d>
- Service Members must check with port entry/exit guidance and Foreign Clearance Guide prior to requesting pet reservations.