

Kennel Recommendations

- It is important that you purchase the correct kennel for your pet. The kennel must be large enough to allow your pet to stand (without touching the top of the cage), sit, turn around, and lie down in a natural position.
- Only small dogs and cats are allowed to fly in cabin.
- PE will not allow soft-sided or collapsible kennels.
- Cover the bottom with absorbent material—"Puppy Pads" work great! Do not use straw, hay, grass, sawdust, sand, or soil.
- A water container must be present inside the kennel with outside access for refilling.
- Clearly label the kennel with your name, destination address and phone number, a "Live Animal" designation sticker, and arrows indicating the crate's upright position.
- Take time to acclimate your pet to the crate! Use the kennel as a bed or feed your pet in the kennel for several days prior to travel.
- You may be asked to remove your pet from the kennel so that the carrier can be placed through an x-ray scanner. This is a great opportunity for your pet to escape! Remember to place a halter/collar and leash on your pet to minimize the chances of a loose pet.
- Discuss specific kennel requirements with your specific airline.



For more information and helpful tips on traveling with your pet

Public Health Command Europe Pet PCS Checklist

www.chppmeur.healthcare.hqusaureur.army.mil/sites/vet/PCSing.aspx

Air Mobility Command Pet Travel

<http://www.amc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-110415-049.pdf>

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Animal Care Pet Travel

www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/pet_travel/pet_travel.shtml

International Air Transport Association Live Animals

Transportation by Air (includes guidelines on selecting an appropriately sized animal carrier)

www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/live_animals/index.html

Centers for Disease control and Prevention

Frequently Asked Questions about Animal Importation

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/animal/faq.htm

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

Import and Export and Interstate Travel

www.avma.org/services/vprc/travel.asp



Pet Travel to Germany from USA



Travel Checklist

- ◇ ISO or Compatible Microchip Implant— If your pet is not yet microchipped, please contact veterinarian to schedule a microchip implant followed by a rabies vaccination (previous rabies vaccinations are not recognized if there was no microchip implant at the time of the rabies vaccination)
- ◇ Rabies Vaccination— Up to date rabies vaccination. If rabies vaccination is due around the timeframe of travel, the vaccine needs to be in the pets system for a minimum of 21 days prior to departure. Also if your pet has a 3 year rabies vaccination call the airline to see if they honor the 3 year vaccination.
- ◇ EU Health Certificate (Trilingual) - Set up appointment with a USDA veterinarian for a EU Health Certificate. The health certificate must be complete within 10 days of departure. If there is not a local USDA veterinarian the health certificate must go FEDEX to USDA for approval. (see back of brochure for more information)
- ◇ Import Fee—Upon arrival an examination fee of 55 euro will be charged for all pets imported into Germany from outside the EU. Please note that Frankfurt International Airport will charge 35 euro per accompanied pet or 55 euro for an unaccompanied pet and will increase by 50 percent for pets that arrive on a weekend or holiday.

TIPS:

When scheduling lodging, ensure the facility is pet friendly.

This brochure is designed to help you and your pet travel successfully. Planning and preparation are the most important aspects when traveling with pets. It is important to follow all entry guidelines to prevent long quarantine periods or entry refusal. We also recommend that you contact your airline regarding airline specific kennel and travel requirements. It should also be noted that many airlines impose travel embargos during the summer and winter months. Please inform the VTF staff of your travel plans as soon as possible; this will help us ensure that all travel requirements are completed.

Air Travel

- Certain brachycephalic (short-nosed) dogs and cats may have difficulty, especially during warmer months. Discuss recommendations with your veterinarian.
- Federal regulations require that pets be at least 8 weeks old.
- Whenever possible, book a nonstop flight and avoid the holiday travel season.
- During summer months, choose early morning or evening flights. In winter months, choose midday flights.
- Confirm your flight arrangements before you leave to ensure that there have been no unexpected flight changes.
- Arrive at the airport early and exercise your pet.
- When boarding the plane, notify the flight attendant that you have a pet in the cargo area.
- If your pet is traveling in the cabin, arrange to check-in as late as possible to reduce the amount of time your pet will have to spend in the airport terminal.
- Make sure that your pet is wearing up-to-date ID tags.

- Update your pet's address information with the appropriate microchip company.
- Carry proof of rabies vaccination, health certificate, and copies of your pet's medical record with you.
- Keep a current photograph of your pet to assist in identification if your pet is lost.
- **Consult with your veterinarian to ensure that all required vaccinations are up-to-date and to receive a Health Certificate within 10 days prior to travel.**

Space Available Pet Program

- There are 10 pet spaces available on every Patriot Express (PE) flight with approximately four missions per week.
- If you are unable to secure a PE flight for your pet, you are responsible for arranging proper transportation. Pets can fly out of Frankfurt International via a commercial carrier.
- Fees are charged on a weight basis, combining the weight of the pet and the kennel. Please contact the AMC terminal to discuss fees.
- Pet travel is not a reimbursable expense IAW the JFTR, Para. U5810.

Sedatives

- The use of sedatives are strongly discouraged during flight due to the risk of adverse reactions. Airlines may require a signed statement that your pet has not received a tranquilizer prior to flying.

Feeding Guidelines

- Air travel on a empty stomach is typically best, however this varies based on age, breed, medical history and flight schedule. Discuss feeding recommendations with your veterinarian.
- Access to water is a must during travel!