

AIRLINE OPTIONS

REFERENCE GUIDE OF AIRLINE CARRIERS OFFERING TRANSPORT FOR RABBITS & CAVIES

GET SET TO JET
SET WITH YOUR
RABBITS OR
CAVIES!

Use this guide as a quick reference for making plans to ship rabbits/cavies via air. Many of the included airlines will ship animals either as checked baggage or as air cargo, and some of them only ship via air cargo. Those differences are noted in the information for each airline. General restrictions, pricing, and other info for each airline are noted as well, but contact the individual airlines for more specific restrictions, details, and specific pricing, as these are subject to change and situation.

AIRLINE: Delta Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.221.1212 (PET FIRST) or 1.888.736.3738 (CARGO)

WEBSITE: www.delta.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Checked Baggage, Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: \$175 each way per kennel for checked baggage. Cargo fees are based on the total weight or dimensional weight of the kennel and contents, whichever is greater. Estimated cargo costs each way: 20-44 lbs = \$194.35, 45-74 lbs = \$228.85, 75-99 lbs = \$274.85, 100-149 lbs = \$343.85, 150-199 lbs = \$458.85.

LIMITATIONS: Checked baggage limited to 6 rabbits per kennel and 2 kennels per passenger. Weather restrictions apply from May 15 - September 15; no checked baggage reservations may be booked during this time, only cargo flights. Year-round weather restrictions require temperatures to be between 20 degrees F and 85 degrees F at all times during the flight, and apply to both checked baggage and cargo.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Shipping kennel must be approved by the USDA. Pet must be able to stand and sit erect without the head touching the top of the carrier and turn around and lie in a natural position. Must be constructed of plastic, wood, metal, or other strong material with a solid roof. Must have functional handles, and close securely but not lock completely. Must be labeled with "This Side Up" and "Live Animals" stickers, including upright arrows. Kennel must also have absorbent bedding, contain two dishes attached to the inside of the kennel door, and must include feeding instructions, if applicable. Must not be made entirely of welded mesh, wicker, cardboard, or collapsable materials. Solid tops are required.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Not required for checked baggage, required for air cargo.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Checked baggage reservations may be made along with passenger reservations - the earlier the better to ensure availability and space on the flight. Cargo reservations must be pre-booked a maximum of 7 days in advance and a minimum of 1 day before the desired flight.

AIRLINE: Northwest Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.225.2525 or 1.800.692.2746 (CARGO)

WEBSITE: www.nwa.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Checked Baggage, Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: \$175 each way for checked baggage. Cargo cost varies with combined weight of animals and kennel: approx. \$260 each way for 1-20 lbs, approx. \$280 each way for 21-50 lbs, and approx. \$340 each way for 51-70 lbs.

LIMITATIONS: Weather restrictions apply from June 1 - September 15; no checked baggage reservations may be booked during this time to any airports in NV, AL, AK, AZ, FL, LA, MI or TX, only cargo flights. Year-round weather restrictions require temperatures to be between 10 degrees F and 85 degrees F at all times during the flight, and apply to both checked baggage and cargo.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Shipping kennel must be approved by the USDA and IATA. Pet must be able to stand and sit erect without the head touching the top of the carrier and turn around and lie in a natural position. Must be constructed of plastic, wood, metal, or other strong material with a solid roof. Must have functional handles, and close securely but not lock completely. Must be labeled with "This Side Up" and "Live Animals" stickers, including upright arrows. Kennel must also have absorbent bedding, contain two dishes attached to the inside of the kennel door, and must include feeding instructions, if applicable. Must not be made entirely of welded mesh, wicker, cardboard, or collapsable materials. Solid tops are required. Must have a spacer rim protruding at least 3/4 on all sides with ventilation openings.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Not required for checked baggage, required for air cargo.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Checked baggage reservations may be made along with passenger reservations - the earlier the better to ensure availability and space on the flight. Cargo reservations must be pre-booked a maximum of 10 days in advance and a minimum of 24 hours before the desired flight.

OTHER INFORMATION: At the airport, owner must sign to certify that the animals have been offered food and water in the last 4 hours. Kennel must have a copy of the "Live Animal Info" label attached to the top of it with owner's name/address/phone, pet's name(s), and destination and origin cities. Pet fees may be paid in advance over the phone to save time at the airport. Customer must specify the exact size of the kennel when booking the reservation - kennels larger than pre-arranged arriving at the airport will be assessed a \$20 administrative fee.

AIRLINE: United Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.864.8331

WEBSITE: www.united.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Checked Baggage

APPROXIMATE COSTS: \$250 each way for a small kennel of 17 x 12 x 8 in.

LIMITATIONS: Limited to 2 rabbits/cavies per kennel.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Kennel must be labeled "Live Animals." Animal must be able to stand, turn, and lie down freely. Feed/water dishes must be accessible from the outside, and there must be absorbent material in the bottom of the kennel. There should be a one inch spacer around the kennel, and it must be assembled with nuts and bolts - no twists or snap locks. Doors must be lockable and secure. Three sides of the kennel must allow ventilation.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Required.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Must have a reservation - may be booked along with passenger reservations.

OTHER INFORMATION: Must certify with signature that animals have had feed and water within 4 hours of check-in.

AIRLINE: Continental Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.575.3335

WEBSITE: www.continental.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: Based on the weight of the kennel plus the contents. 10-50 pounds = approx. \$199.00 one way plus tax. 51-70 pounds = approx. \$249.00 one way plus tax. Final fees are determined at the time of check-in weighing.

LIMITATIONS: Weather restrictions are in place only for flights in and out of Arizona due to high temperatures.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Animal carriers that must be modified so the animal can stand, turn, and lie down. Floors must be non-slip with absorbent bedding, must have dividers between compartments and mesh-covered doors with smooth edges. The doors must be secured from the top and bottom, and there must be access to the feed and water dishes from the outside.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Required.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: 24 hour reservation service is offered, but recommend reserving as early as possible.

AIRLINE: Frontier Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.432.1359 or 1.800.394.2158 (CARGO)

WEBSITE: www.frontierairlines.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Checked Baggage, Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: \$200 each way for checked baggage; air cargo estimated at \$450 each way based on a large dog crate.

LIMITATIONS: Checked baggage is limited to 2 rabbits/cavies per kennel. Temperature range must be from 45 degrees F - 85 degrees F during the animals' flight. In June, July, August, and September pets cannot be transported in or out of the following airports: Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Houston, Atlanta, Phoenix, Tucson, Las Vegas, and San Antonio.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Kennel must be leak-proof, ventiated on at least 2 sides, constructed of metal, wood, polyethylene plastic, or a composite of similar strength and must have absorbent material in the bottom. No folding or soft-sided kennels are allowed. Food and water dishes must be attached to the inside of the kennel and accessible from the outside. Kennel must be large enough for the animals to stand up, turn around, and lay down. There must be a secure latch on the container, and strong enough handles to support its weight. Labeling for "Live Animals," orientation arrows, and the passenger/shipper's name, address, and phone number must be affixed.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Required.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Reservations for cargo must be made with at least 24 hours advanced notice. Checked baggage reservations may be made with passenger reservations.

OTHER INFORMATION: Some smaller airports do not ship animals out of them.

AIRLINE: Midwest Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.452.2022 or 1.800.892.6580 (CARGO)

WEBSITE: www.midwestairlines.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Checked Baggage, Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: \$150 each way for checked baggage. Cargo rates vary with the size of the kennel, total weight, and origin and destination cities - call for a specific quote.

LIMITATIONS: Number of kennels and number per kennel varies with the flight and size of the kennel. Temperature at the time of flight must be between 45 degrees F and 85 degrees F.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Airline-approved "500 Series" kennel. Wood and metal kennels are not accepted. Maximum kennel dimension allowed is 40" l x 27" w x 30" h. Food and water containers must

be in the carrier, and clean bedding must line the bottom. Kennel must be labeled with the pet's name, phone number, and final destination.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Required for both checked baggage and air cargo.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Reservations for cargo must be made 10 days prior to the departure date. Reservations for checked baggage should be made along with the passenger reservations.

AIRLINE: Air Canada

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.866.615.1155

WEBSITE: www.aircanada.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: Must call for quote - they vary greatly based on weight, size, and airports flying in/out of and whether they are domestic or international flights.

LIMITATIONS: Animals cannot fly if temperatures are under 32 degrees F or over 84.2 degrees F. No animals are accepted from June 20 - Sept. 28 due to heavier cargo loads. Animals are not accepted for extreme heat conditions at the following airports: Atlanta, Houston, Las Vegas, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, Phoenix.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Most airline-approved kennels are accepted, but large or extra large kennels are not accepted on certain smaller aircraft. Must be hard-sided and big enough for the animal to stand up, turn around, and lay down. Absorbent material should line the bottom of the container.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Required.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance in North America and at least 5 days in advance for international travel.

AIRLINE: American Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.433.7300 or 1.800.634.7000 (CARGO)

WEBSITE: www.americanairlines.com, www.aacargo.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: Guaranteed arrival price (cargo is expedited) is estimated at \$445 each way, non-guaranteed arrival price (cargo may be bumped flights) is estimated at \$382.66 each way (sample pricing is based on a 65 lb wood crate). Prices will vary with airports flying in/out of and weight and size of the kennel and animals.

LIMITATIONS: Temperature requirements are between 45 degrees F and 85 degrees F.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: A commercial shipping crate made of plywood or other wood with air holes. They do not accept plastic dog crates unless pre-approval is obtained from the individual airport locations.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Not required.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Reservations for cargo must be made at least 3 days before the date of travel.

AIRLINE: Alaska Airlines

PHONE NUMBER(S): 1.800.252.7522 or 1.800.225.2752 (CARGO)

WEBSITE: www.alaskaair.com

TRANSPORT TYPE(S): Checked Baggage, Air Cargo

APPROXIMATE COSTS: \$100 each way for checked baggage. Cargo rates vary with origin/destination cities and weights of animals and kennel. Estimates of costs each way are in the following ranges: 50 lbs = \$135.50 - \$423.50, 100 lbs = \$202.00 - \$655.00.

LIMITATIONS: Pets are not allowed on flights to Hawaii and Reno/Tahoe. The airline may decline acceptance of pets in cases of extreme temperatures. Horizon Air partner flights do not accept animals as checked baggage from November 23-29 and December 21 - January 3. The combined pet and kennel weight for checked baggage must not exceed 150 lbs.

KENNEL REQUIREMENTS: Must be airline-approved and non-collapsible. Feed and water dishes must be affixed to the inside of the metal door, and there must be clean and absorbent bedding inside the kennel. The animal must have space to turn about freely, stand up, and lay down. The container must be clean, leak-proof, and properly labeled for air transport.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Required for both checked baggage and air cargo.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS: Must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

OTHER INFORMATION: Shipper must provide instructions for feed, water, and handling.

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