

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY PET TRAVEL INFORMATION

Many of us at the Seattle-Tacoma International Gateway have military experience and have first-hand experience with the stressors of moving. With the addition of pets only adds to the strain. While we wish there was a One-Stop shop for all pet movement, unfortunately there is not. Not only do we have to follow [Air Mobility Command](#) guidance, but also guidance from [International Air Transport Association](#) (IATA), specific countries, and commercial contracted airlines to name a few. Please keep in mind, we will always go with the most restrictive as some of the guidance does differ.

Our intent is to provide you with a group of quick links to help better assist you in hopes to reduce your stress and ensure you do not have any issues come check-in day at our counters.

First and foremost, contact your local transportation office to reserve your pet space since spots go very quickly. Unfortunately, we cannot book pets outside a 72-hour window of departure and typically spots are taken by that time.

For some of our frequently asked questions we receive on a daily basis, you can always start your search with our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Air Mobility Command's [Pet Travel Page](#) also has a ton of information in regards to pet travel along with a [pet travel brochure](#) which can be used for a quick reference.

One of the biggest issues our passengers run into at the check-in counters is not having the proper health documentation for their pet to travel. The US Department of Agriculture has an [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) website where you can search by country for specific requirements. Speaking from experience, we recommend you start this process as soon as you receive notice for your new assignment.

Lastly, the most contested compliance requirement is kennels. For in-cabin kennels, they must be leak proof/water repellant with ventilation on at least two sides (soft kennels are authorized). Kennels must not exceed 20" L x 16" W x 8 ½" H and pets in kennels must be able to (with normal body posture and movement) stand up and turn around. If you arrive with a reserved in-cabin spot for your pet and your kennel is outside of those dimensions, your pet may be denied travel on the Patriot Express. For cargo hold pets, kennels must be hard sided with ventilation on at least 3 sides. 2-piece kennels must be bolted together with metal nuts and bolts (kennels held together by plastic latches/ties will be denied travel). There are no size restrictions for kennels in cargo hold except for weight. Max weight for kennel and pet cannot exceed 150 pounds. Pets in kennels must be able to (with normal body posture and movement), stand up and turn around. Per [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#), the roof must be solid but ventilation holes are allowed over the whole surface provided that they do not reduce the integrity of the strength of the roof itself.

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QUICK LINKS

- [Seattle Gateway's Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [AMC's Pet Travel Page](#)
- [AMC's Pet Travel Brochure](#)
- [USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#)
- [International Air Transport Association](#)

