

Breeder Tips from United All Breed Registry



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Shipping Puppies by Air

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, here are some reminders to help you air-ship with ease.



Preparation

- Select your airline and get their info/restrictions. Each airline is different. Some will not accept a reservation less than 72 hours in advance. All require special forms to be completed.
- Puppy must have a vet exam and health certificate issued no more than 10 days before the flight
- If over 12 weeks old, rabies and possibly other vaccinations will also be required.
- If it's winter, you may also need a Certificate of Acclimation, signed by your vet.
- Prepare the right size crate, in compliance with the restrictions of your airline. Some pet-only airlines provide crates. Label sides in 1" letters "Live Animal." Tape a photo of the passenger on top, along with your name, address, phone and contact info for the person picking him up. Get your animal used to the crate before the big day. Order soaker pad if you will be using one.
- Some airlines require heavy-duty reinforced crates for adults of certain stronger, more aggressive breeds.

Travel Day

- If necessary, check weather.com for the forecast temps at the departure, plane change and destination airports *at the time your pet will be there*. If any will be below 20°, most airlines will not ship your animal. If it is below 45°, the airline may require a vet-signed Certificate of Acclimation, stating that this animal can handle lower temps.
- Freeze water in the water dish so that it won't spill during take off. Attach a bag of dry kibble to the top of the container so the flight attendant can feed if the plane is delayed.
- Line carrier with newspaper or towels or purchased soaker pads. No loose bedding materials are allowed.
- Arrive at least 2 hours before boarding time, and not more than 4 hours prior. Don't forget to bring the original health certificate plus a copy, and contact info for the person meeting him at his destination.
- Bring a leash to the airport so that you can walk the animal prior to travel.
- Track your animal's flight online or by phone to make sure he arrives on time. Contact the person picking him up to confirm that he arrived safely.

- Sedation is not recommended, but if used, the name of the medication and the amount administered (and time) must be posted on the crate.

Restrictions Affecting Snub-nosed Breeds

Due to a number of deaths during hot weather, many airlines will no longer ship snub-nosed breeds from May 15 thru September 30, or when the ambient air temperature is over 85°. This includes:

Affenpinscher, Boston Terrier, Boxer (all), Brussels Griffon, Bulldog (all), Cane Corso, Dogue De Bordeaux, English Toy Spaniel, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniel (Cavalier), Lhasa Apso, Mastiff (all), Pekingese, Pit Bull, Presa Canario, Pug (all), Shar Pei, Shih Tzu and Tibetan Spaniel, and mixed breed animals with this trait. Some cats as well, including Burmese, Exotic Shorthair, Himalayan and Persian. Some airlines will not accept adult English Bulldogs over 20 lbs. as cargo at ANY time of year.

When these brachycephalic breeds *do* fly, it is recommended that they have a crate one size larger than normally required, with ventilation on all four sides (you can modify the crate by drilling ¾" holes), that you acclimate them to the crate for several days before departure and that you do not provide food, only water.

International Air Shipping

You can find details on each country's restrictions and tariffs for animals shipped by air on the internet, or thru your airline. Shipping to Canada is as simple as shipping within the US except that you need an international (or Canada) health certification form, and an international waybill. In addition, the person picking up the animal will pay a 10% import tax on their end. If you ship out of the US frequently, you may want to check out <http://www.ipata.org/>, an association of international pet shippers that will bid on your job and help you with all the steps required for your destination.