



Airline info for sending pets abroad

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The information on this page should be taken as a rough general guide and is not binding and not complete. Please only refer to official sources to make your final plans as information can change at any time.

For information about paperwork and exit procedures, [ICVS has an excellent guide](#).

If you have any information that you think should be added or know of changes that should be made to this guide, please contact me so I can make these changes! Just scan/extract the QR below to get in touch via WeChat:



ALWAYS consider this:

- Keep in mind many airlines seem to change regulations often and/or individual employees are ill informed about regulations. People who have flown pets with the same airline multiple times have often had vastly different experiences. So the info below really can't guarantee that for YOU the same things will apply. :(
- No matter in cabin or as excess baggage, your pet must always be able to stand up and turn around comfortably in its bag or crate!
- Many airlines do not allow in cabin pets for Business Class. Check with your airline to make sure!
- Check with your airline regarding breed restrictions, especially if you have a snub nosed pet or what is considered a "dangerous" dog.
- If travelling during winter or summer months, check with your airline if they have temperature restrictions. Some airlines even have complete pet travel bans during certain times.
- Always double check with the airline, if the crate or bag you have is ok!
- If your own flight ticket is not yet issued when you make the booking for your pet, make sure to call the airline after the ticket has been issued to double confirm that the pet booking is still active (even if you have received confirmation before)! There have been reports of airlines cancelling the

pet booking without notifying the customer in such cases, causing the pet to be refused on the day of travel.

Aeroflot

- In-Cabin:
 - 8kg max (pet+bag)
 - The sum of all dimensions (length/width/height) must not exceed 125 cm for rigid bags, and 135 cm for soft pet carriers.
 - Cost: 480-600RMB
 - Can take normal hand luggage in addition to pet bag
 - Has allowed two animals per bag in the past (but check with them first).
- Excess baggage:
 - max 50kg (pet+crate)
 - Cost: 480-600RMB
 - Only one animal per crate (though they have been known to make exceptions. So check with them to confirm).
- No snub-nosed dogs!
- Booking min 36h before flight
- Requires pet to be microchipped and vaccinated! (Need to chip BEFORE vaccination!)

Air Canada

- In-Cabin:
 - Max size for hard crate: 23cmH x 40cmW x 55cmL
 - Max size for soft bag: 27cmH x 40cmW x 55cmL
 - Cost: 520RMB (extra charge applies for the second leg of any connecting flights)
 - Only one cat or dog per passenger
 - Bag counts as one piece of hand luggage under your allowance
- Excess baggage:
 - 45kg max
 - Max size (length + width + height): 292 cm
 - Cost: \$270 CAD/USD (plus applicable taxes) (extra charge applies for the second leg of any connecting flights)
 - 2 pets per crate are allowed (double fee applies) (max 14kg/dog)
 - No snub-nosed breeds
 - Dogs classified as "strong dogs" must travel in special crate (please refer to Air Canada website for details)
 - Restricted travel times:
 - 1 NOV- 31 MAR: cats and dogs weighing less than 4.5kg
 - 15 DEC - 12 JAN: No pets in excess baggage
 - Air Canada flight AC26 Shanghai-Vancouver is a 787 Dreamflight with only one slot for a dog crate!! (winter flights seem to be mainly this aircraft)
- According to what a rescuer was told, payment to secure the pet booking must be done over the phone (credit card). If you pay at the airport, your pet may get de-prioritized and refused if other animals also travelling. Only credit card or cash accepted at airport.

[Air China](#)

Generally very little information available. Please [contact me](#) if you have more information.

- Excess baggage:
 - Cost: 3600RMB for under 8kg / 5200RMB for 8kg-23kg / 7800RMB for 23-32kg
- *"I just heard from a friend that on the "baggage claim" paper you get for the animal they write the section where the box is loaded. With this paper you can go to the crew and ask them to turn on the heating in this section. It seems normally they ONLY do that on request."*

[Air France](#)

- In-Cabin:
 - Max 8kg (pet+bag)
 - Max size: 46 x 28 x 24 cm
 - Cost: ?
 - Pet must be at least 10 months old (depending on the route)
 - Only one animal per bag and passenger
- Excess baggage:
 - 8kg-75kg
 - Cost: 200USD
 - Up to 3 animals per passenger
 - No snub-nosed animals
 - Min 10 weeks old
 - Print out and present [this form](#) at the airport
 - For flights with layover, the pet must be collected and re-checked-in at the layover airport. Therefore allow at least 3 hours for the layover.

[American Airlines](#)

American Airlines does not allow travel with pets to and from China

[Asiana](#)

- In-Cabin:
 - Max 7kg (pet+bag)
 - Max size (width+depth+height): 115cm (with height less than 21cm for hard crates and less than 25cm height for soft bags)
 - Cost: 200USD
 - One cage per passenger, one pet per cage only (Exceptions: two puppies under six months, two kittens under six months, a mother and a baby pet and a pair of birds)
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 45kg
 - Max size (width+depth+height): 285cm (with height less than 84cm)
 - Cost: 200USD per animal for up to 32kg (pet+crate) and 400USD for 33-45kg (pet+crate)
 - Two pets shall not be put in a single carrier.
 - (Exceptions: two puppies under six months, two kittens under six months, a pair of birds)
 - Layovers in Korea are handled by the airline
- Restricted breeds: Tosas and Tosa cross-breeds, American Pit Bull Terriers and terrier cross-breeds, American Staffordshire Terriers and terrier cross-breeds, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and

terrier cross-breeds, Rottweilers and Rottweiler cross-breeds

- No snub-nosed dogs between July 1 to September 30
- Max 2 dogs in excess baggage and 1 in cabin per person
- When booking your pet, you need to send them: photo, breed, size (in kg), and crate size

British Airways

British Airways only accepts pets as Cargo, which is very expensive.

Cathay Pacific

I have been told they do not allow pets out of Shanghai. Can anyone confirm or refute this?

- Excess baggage:
 - Max 32kg
 - Max dimensions (height+width+depth): 203 cm
 - Restricted breeds: very long list, mainly snub-nosed animals and fighting dogs. For details refer to their website.
- Make booking at least 48 hours before departure, at least 36 hours if your crate exceeds weight and/or size restriction.

China Southern

- In-Cabin:
 - No in-cabin pets allowed
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 32kg
 - No bigger than 40x60x100cm or smaller than 5x15x20cm
 - Cost: is calculated according to excess baggage cost.
 - Breed restrictions: snub-nosed animals, "aggressive" dogs (please refer to their website for details).
 - One animal per passenger and crate (exception: two birds may go into the same crate).
- Booking to be made at least 72 hours before departure.
- No animals accepted for connection flights. Direct flights only.

China Eastern

- No pets in cabin
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 32kg (pet+crate)
 - Cost: 1000-2000RMB (according to previous travellers)
 - Only one animal per crate
 - Pet must be at least 6 months old
 - If forecast is for -12°C (inclusive) or above 30°C (inclusive) animals cannot travel
 - Breeds that are not allowed: snub-nosed animals, fighting dogs, dogs that cannot handle heat (eg. Samoyed). Please check with China Eastern directly for details.
- Booking min 48h before flight, max 14 days before flight (note that China Eastern booking process for pets is notoriously difficult, so ideally you should allow for more time) by filling out [this form](#) and calling 1855-589-5530
- Note: Side vents for the crate are recommended to be metal mesh.

Delta Air Lines

- In cabin:
 - Max dimensions depend on the aircraft - confirm when booking.
 - Cost: 200USD
 - Not allowed from HK
 - Pet must be at least 16 weeks old
 - Only one pet per bag
 - Bag counts as your carry on (though fees still apply)
- No pets as excess baggage
- China customer service number for booking: 400-120-2364

Eva Airlines

- No pets in cabin allowed (except service animals - according to them, you just need to print out a form and get the doctor to write you're really scared flying and the dog keeps you calm.)
- Excess baggage:
 - No official limitation on size and weight (though restrictions for specific aircraft may apply).
 - Cost: charged as to excess baggage according to size. Roughly USD\$230/dog depending on size.
 - officially 1 animal per passenger for travel from China (though they have consistently allowed up to 5 animals per passenger)
 - Breed restrictions (see website for details):
 - Snub nosed animals cannot travel from 1 APR to 30 NOV at Northern Hemisphere points and from 1 OCT to 31 MAR at Southern Hemisphere points.
 - Snub nosed animals can never travel to and from Southeast Asian destinations.
 - "Dangerous" dogs are prohibited.
- You may or may not need a transit certificate for Taiwan. Please follow EVA Airlines' instructions.
- Call 400 820 5890 (then when prompted press 1-2-4) to make a pet booking.

Finnair

- In Cabin:
 - Max 8kg (pet+bag)
 - Max dimensions: 55x40x20 cm (for soft carrier), 35Lx30Wx20H cm (for hard crates)
 - Cost: 100USD
 - No in-cabin animals in Business Class
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 50kg (for weights over 40kg a special transportation box is required - plz ask airline for details)
 - Cost: 400USD
- Make pet booking (after completing passenger booking) by filling and submitting [this form](#). Alternatively call 400 886 3350.

Hainan Airlines

- In cabin:

- Max 5kg (pet+bag)
- For domestic flights only!
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 32kg (pet+crate)
 - Cost: Depends on size and weight of the crate (incl pet). Should be ~1300RMB for a small dog, ~2600 for a medium sized dog and ~3900RMB for a large dog. A second dog is priced automatically at 2600RMB (according to previous traveler).
 - Max 2 pets per passenger (must be in separate crates at 32kg TOTAL)
 - No snub-nosed breeds, "fighting" dogs or Samoyeds
 - Booking to be made at least 24 hours before departure and only in person at their office. (Note: they can theoretically accept a pet in excess baggage without a booking, but of course this depends on aircraft and other factors and is basically very risky as the airline makes no guarantees that they can accept the pet.)
 - Note: Side vents for the crate are recommended to be metal mesh.

KLM

- In Cabin:
 - Max 8kg (pet+bag)
 - Max. dimensions 46 (length) x 28 (width) x 24 (height) cm
 - Cost: ?
 - No pets in cabin for Business Class (for intercontinental flights)
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 75kg (pet+crate)
 - Cost: ~200USD per crate. If your pet is travelling as check-in baggage and the transfer at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport lasts 2 hours or longer, you will have to pay an additional EUR 150 (or USD/CAD 200) to cover the animal's care during the transfer.
 - 2 dogs (up to 14kg each) or 3 dogs (up to 6 months old, from the same litter and max 14kg each) may travel in the same crate
 - No snub-nosed dogs in excess baggage
 - Up to three pets per passport
 - Make reservation by phone (4008 808 222) at least 48 hours before departure. Fill out [this form](#) and bring it with you to the airport.

Korean Air

- In Cabin:
 - Max 5kg (pet+bag)
 - Cost: 200USD
- Excess baggage:
 - Officially 5kg and 32kg (pet+crate) (to some destinations weights between 33kg and 45kg may be admissible). Please note that they have a history of even allowing bigger dogs (up to 55kg), so this may be an option for those with big dogs - though check with the airline!
 - Cost: 200USD
 - Breed restrictions (please refer to website for details):
 - Snub-nosed dogs: restricted on certain aircraft from July to September
 - "Dangerous" dogs

- Breed of cat or dog must be stated in your documents (will not accept China rural dog)

Lufthansa

- In cabin:
 - Max 8kg (pet+bag)
 - Max dimensions: 55 x 40 x 23 cm
 - Cost: 70 EUR
 - Up to 2 animals per bag. One bag per passenger
 - Checklist for transporting animals in cabin [here](#) (German only - sorry)
- Excess baggage:
 - Max dimensions: 125 x 75 x 85 cm
 - Cost: 150 or 300 EUR (depending on crate size)
 - No animals for transfer flights via Munich (direct to Munich or transfer via Frankfurt are ok)
 - Checklist for transporting animals in excess baggage [here](#) (German only - sorry)
 - Additional requirements for crates for snub-nosed animals and fighting dogs.
- Maximum of 2 animals per passenger (total)
- Make booking by calling 4008 868 868 or contacting your travel agent at least 24 hours before departure.

S7 Airlines

- In cabin:
 - Max 8kg (pet+bag)
 - Max dimensions (height+width+depth): 115cm (height can not exceed 20cm)
 - Cost: depends on the weight of pet+bag
- Excess baggage:
 - 2 animals may share a crate if neither exceeds 14kg
 - Cost: depends on the weight of pet+bag
- Make booking min 48 hours before departure by calling 400-007-07-25

SAS

- In-Cabin:
 - 8kg max (pet+bag)
 - Cost: €95
 - 2 animals in one cage allowed (at 8kg max total)
 - Only cats or dogs (min 8 weeks old)
 - The pet crate will count as your carry on and you're not allowed another carry on!
- Excess baggage:
 - Max 30kg
 - Cost: €110
 - 2 pets in the same crate is allowed
 - No mesh net required for crate.
- Size of the crate allowed depends on the aircraft and SAS will tell you if your crate size is ok after you make the booking for your pet.
- They do not accept Cash for the payment at the airport. ONLY credit card!
- Booking min 24h before flight

Sichuan Airlines

I'm lacking lots of information here. Please contact me (QR on top of document), if you have information (or even just a website!).

- Dogs over 15kg need steel crates for domestic flights.

Turkish Airlines

- In cabin:
 - Max 8kg
 - Max dimensions: 23x40x55 cm
 - Only allowed on certain aircraft and if no other passenger has medical record stating allergies
 - Snub-nosed dogs allowed in-cabin (provided they don't exceed the size limit)
- Excess baggage:
 - 8kg - 32kg
 - Max dimensions: 100x80x65cm
 - Ensure that your name, surname, address, telephone number, number of animals and the name of your pet or pets are all present on a label affixed to the cage or container.
- Two animals may share crate.
- No "dangerous" dog breeds allowed.

United Airlines

I have very little information about United. If you have used them when travelling with your pet before, please contact me (QR on top of document)!

- In Cabin:
 - Max 8kg
- No excess baggage
- Certain breeds need special crates
- Blackout for snub-nosed breeds from May-September
- Payment for the pet's booking is done over the phone.

What you need to do if you are entering the UK from unlisted non-EU countries

- **Step 1:** Have your pet microchipped. Before any of the other procedures for pet travel are carried out, your pet must be fitted with a microchip so it can be properly identified.
- **Step 2:** Have your pet vaccinated. After the microchip has been fitted your pet must be vaccinated against rabies. There is no exemption to this requirement, even if your pet has a current rabies vaccination. Rabies boosters must be kept up to date.
- **Step 3:** Arrange a blood test. After your pet has been vaccinated, it must be blood tested to make sure the vaccine has given it a satisfactory level of protection against rabies. The blood sample must be taken at least 30 days after vaccination. The length of the waiting period before entry to the UK is three calendar months from the date your vet took the blood sample which led to a satisfactory test result. The three month waiting period will not apply if your pet was vaccinated and blood tested in the EU and issued with an EU pet passport before it went to an unlisted country.
- **Step 4:** Get pet travel documentation. You will need to obtain an official third country veterinary certificate.

Approved transport recommended by previous flyers:

Folkestone taxis. Theyll pick you up in Paris and drive you all the way to your door in England. Folkestone Prices are hefty, though the less expensive of 4 services quoted. Expect to pay 5000rmb. Though price can be lowered if you don't need the service at night (you must pay the drivers hotel fee - 500rmb) 10am being the earliest pick up. If you take the train Paris - Calais you can save 2000rmb.

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