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Introduction to Receiving Pets for Air Travel

According to the United States department of transportation, over 2 million pets travel by air each year. Most often pets that travel by air arrive safely at their final destination and are happily reunited with their owners. Unfortunately the trip does not always go smoothly for some pets as they become injured or even die during the course of air travel. This lesson is designed for airport personnel who have the responsibility of accepting or rejecting dogs and their kennels for air travel. After reviewing this lesson you will understand many factors that can improve the safety of dogs during air travel and increase the likelihood that the dogs will arrive healthy at their final destination. These factors include the suitability of the dog's kennel, and the health and readiness of the dog for air travel.

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A Lesson For Airport
Personnel

Inspecting the Kennel

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Kennel Size

To begin, make sure that the kennel is the appropriate size for the dog.

The kennel must be large enough so that the animal can easily stand up, turn around, sit erect, and lie down in a natural position.



Kennel Construction and Quality

The kennel should be hard-sided with secure fasteners that are strong enough to withstand the normal rigors of air transport while containing the animal securely and comfortably. The kennel should be designed so that the door can be securely closed and easily opened without requiring special or sharp tools. The exterior handle(s) or handholds should be sturdy enough to enable the kennel to be lifted without tilting and ensure that anyone handling the kennel can avoid unnecessary contact with the animal. The kennel must have adequate ventilation with openings on three sides and the door. The kennel must be free of toxic or harmful materials, treatments, paint or preservatives.



Kennel Cleanliness and Safety

The kennel must be clean and sanitized. The kennel floor must be leak proof and covered with an unused litter pad or collection tray. The kennel's interior must be free of sharp points or edges that could injure the animal. The design of the kennel must allow the animal to be quickly and easily removed in an emergency. The kennel must be designed to prevent any part of the animal from protruding outside the enclosure in a way that could result in injury to the animal or to any nearby person or animal.



Watering and Feeding Containers

The food and water dishes must be attached to the inside of the kennel door so that they can be easily reached without opening the door. Water bottles should not be attached to the outside of the kennel.



Kennel Labeling

The kennel must display labels with the words "Live Animal" in 1-inch letters on the top and at least one side of the kennel. The kennel must display upright arrow labels showing the kennel's upright position.



More than One Dog in the Same Kennel

USDA regulations require that dogs be at least 8 weeks old and fully weaned before traveling. Usually only one dog is allowed in each kennel. However two live puppies 8 weeks to 6 months of age, that are of comparable size, and weighing 20 pounds (9 Kg) or less, may be transported in the same kennel. More than one dog may be transported in the same kennel if they are traveling to research facilities and adhere to the following restrictions: they are weaned puppies less than 8 weeks of age and of comparable size or; they are unweaned littermates accompanied by the mother.



Inspecting the Kennel

Self Quiz

Kennel Size

The kennel should be large enough for the dog ___.

- A.** and a bag of dog food
- B.** to jump easily for exercise
- C.** to stand up

Check Answer

Kennel Construction and Quality

Which is NOT a critical requirement for kennel construction?

- A.** The kennel must have wheels for easy transport.
- B.** The kennel must have adequate ventilation.
- C.** The kennel must have a secure door latch.

Check Answer

Inspecting the Kennel

Self Quiz

Watering and Feeding Containers

The dishes for food and water must be attached__.

- A. outside the kennel door
- B. inside the kennel door
- C. to the top of the kennel

Check Answer

Kennel Labeling

There must be a label on the outside of the kennel indicating ____.

- A. that a live animal is inside
- B. the dog's breed or heritage
- C. the dog's country, home state or province

Check Answer

Inspecting the Kennel

Self Quiz

Kennel Cleanliness and Safety

A safe kennel MUST have ____.

- A.** a leak proof floor with an unused litter pad
- B.** a swivel handle must be located on top
- C.** wheel locks

Check Answer

More than one Dog in the same Kennel

More than one dog may travel in a kennel if ____.

- A.** they are weaned puppies less than 8 weeks traveling to a research facility
- B.** both dogs are from the same parent and location
- C.** The same person owns both dogs

Check Answer

Dog Health and Readiness for Travel

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- 🕒 *Dog Breed*
- 🕒 *Dog Temperament.*
- 🕒 *Section Quiz*



Dog's Age

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Dog Breed

Extra care is required with many short-nosed dogs during air travel. Short-nosed or “brachycephalic” dogs are susceptible to increased risk of heat stroke and breathing problems when exposed to stress or extreme heat. Examples of short-nosed breeds include: Boston Terrier, Boxer, Brussels Griffon, Bull Terrier, Dutch Pug, English Bulldog, English Toy Spaniel, French Bulldog, Japanese Chin, Lhasa Apso. These problems also occur in crossbred versions of these dogs.



Short-nosed or
brachycephalic

Dog Temperament

Dogs traveling on airlines should be well behaved and non-aggressive.



Dog Health and Readiness for Travel

Self Quiz

The Dog's Age

Dogs must be at least ____ of age for air travel.

- A.** 8 weeks
- B.** One year
- C.** 15 weeks

Check Answer

The Dog Breed

The breeds of dog that are more likely to have health problems during air travel have ____.

- A.** short noses
- B.** long hair year round
- C.** long tails

Check Answer

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Travel Documentation

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- 🎧 *Rabies Vaccination Certificate*
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- 🎧 *Airline Routing Information*
- 🎧 *Feeding and Watering Information*
- 🎧 *Document Pouch*
- 🎧 *Travel Documents Self-Quiz*



Acclimation Statement: The animal(s) in this shipment are acclimated to temperatures below 45 degrees down to 10 degrees and up to 95 degrees.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above animal(s) and find them to be free of symptoms of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases.

Signature: *Buddy Saxon* *Must be signed within 10 days of pet's travel.*

Date: 9/7/2013

Animal Owner Information

FROM	Name of Consigner (Shipper): Jack Doe
	Address: 123 Wash. Ave, Centersville, Ohio 77777
	Contact Number: 555-111-1111

Health and Acclimation Certificate

The Health and Acclimation certificate should indicate the animal's readiness for travel and any constraints (including the acceptable range of travel temperature). The Health and Acclimation certificate must be signed by a licensed veterinarian within 10 days of the animal's travel date.

State Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Industry
Small Animal Health Certificate

Certificate No: 6073-199789
 Date of Issue: 9/7/2013
 Exam Date: 9/5/2013
 Permit #: Z14T56
 Invoice: 557684

Consignor: Jack Doe
 Jack Doe
 123 Washington Avenue
 Centersville, Ohio, 77777
 555-111-1111 USDA# XX-B-XXX1

Consignee: Jane Doe
 Jane Doe
 1421 Duck Street
 Portland, Oregon 99999
 555-555-2222

Breed Color & Markings	D.O.B	Sex	USDA No.	Vaccinations / Wormings	Species
Yorkie black & tan, 0007281471	7/9/2000	F	13396-04	Metronidazole & Pura 10 x 4 Days 05/31, Marquis 05/31, Ivermectin 05/31, Neopar 05/31, Ivermectin 05/04 05/25	Canine

Last fed and watered:
 Date: 9/12/13
 Time: 8:00 AM

Does Shipment of Animals originate from an area that is under quarantine for rabies?

Yes No

Acclimation Statement: The animals in this shipment should be acclimated to the acceptable range of temperatures.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above animal (s) and find them to be free of symptoms of infectious, contagious and / or communicable diseases.

Signature: *Buddy Saver*

Clinic: Buddy's Pet Clinic
 Vet: Buddy Saver
 Sign: *Buddy Saver*
 Address: 789 Main Street
 Centersville Ohio 77777
 555-555-5555

Rabies Vaccination Certificate

Some states and foreign countries require a Rabies Vaccination Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Rabies Vaccination Certificate				Rabies Tag Number	
Owner's name & address				NASPHV Form #50	
Print-Last		First	M.I.	Telephone	
Doe		Jack	M.	555-111-1111	
No.	Street	City	State	Zip	
	123 Washington Ave,	Centersville,	Ohio	77777	
Animal's Name	Species:	Sex	Age	Breed:	Colors:
Bella	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 month or older	Golden Retriever	Light Golden
Producer			Vaccination Serial Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Lic./Vacc <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Lic./Vacc <input type="checkbox"/> Other			987-654-321		
First Three Letter M E D					
For Licensing Agency Use		Date Vaccinated		Veterinarian No.	
License No.		06/01/2013		123987	
Year		Month Day Year		Signature	
		Vaccination Expires:		<i>Buddy Saver</i>	
		07/05/2014		Address	
		Month Day Year		789 Main Street Centersville, Ohio 77777	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add Control #					

Dog Owner Information

The owner information should include name, address, phone number(s) and other contact information for the owner (consignor) and the receiving party (consignee).

Animal Owner Information			
Animal's Name: Bella		FROM	Consigner's Name: Jack Doe
			Address: 123 Wash. Ave, Centersville, Ohio 77777
			Contact Number: 555-111-1111
			Consignee's Name: Jane Doe
		TO	Address: 1421 Duck Street Portland, Or. 99999
			Contact Number: 555-555-2222
Breed: Golden Retriever	Sex: Male	Color and Marking: Light Golden	
Date of Birth: 1/23/2012	Note:		

Airline Routing Information

The correct routing information should be placed in a pouch that is securely attached to the outside of the kennel. The pouch should be readily accessible to assist those who will be routing the dog to the correct destination.



Feeding and Watering Information

The owner or owner's agent must certify that each animal was offered food and water within 4 hours of delivering the dog to the airport. A document indicating the time and date that food and water were last offered as well as feeding and watering instructions for next 24-hour period should be included in the pouch on the kennel.

Animal Feeding and Watering Instruction

Name: Buddy		Animal was last offered food and water at:	
		11:15 am	09/12/13
		Time	Date
Food Instructions:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 weeks old: Feed once every 12 hours			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 16 weeks old: Feed once every 24 hours			
Water Instructions:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide water every 12 hours			
Special Instructions:			
Owner's Declaration			
I, certify that the animal (s) being shipped has been offered food and water within four hours prior to tender to Airline.			
Jack Doe		09/12/13	
shipper's name	signature	date	
Jane Doe		09/12/13	
Accept Agent		date	

Travel Document Pouch

Check to see that all documents are enclosed in a plastic pouch and securely attached to the kennel. Shipping documents should include but are not limited to: food and water instructions, health and acclimation certificate, owner information and routing information.



Travel Documentation

Self Quiz

Health and Acclimation Certificate

Health and Acclimation certificate for air travel should include ____.

- A. the weight of the dog
- B. the range of temperature within which the dog can travel
- C. medical operations the dog has had within the last year

Check Answer

Rabies Certificate

Rabies Vaccination Certificate are required ____.

- A. if the dog has been ill within the past year
- B. by some but not all states
- C. under all conditions

Check Answer

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