

Careful planning is essential to ensuring a safe and comfortable journey for all live animals. Use this checklist to help prepare your shipment.

**Please note:** International pet shipments can only be booked through professional pet shippers who are members of the International Pet and Animal Transportation Association (IPATA). A list of IPATA members may be found at [www.ipata.org](http://www.ipata.org).

## ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- Call (1.800.352.2746) or visit [deltacargo.com](http://deltacargo.com) to book your live animal shipment.
- Obtain a health certificate issued by an USDA accredited and licensed veterinarian within ten days of departure for international travel.
- Fill out the [Shipper's Certification and Journey Declaration form](#).
- Purchase a compliant container and familiarize the animal with its container prior to travel. Learn more on Page 2. For further guidance, contact [liveanimals@delta.com](mailto:liveanimals@delta.com).
- Check that the temperature at any time the shipment will be on the ground at origin, transfer, and destination complies with Delta's [Temperature Policy](#) and obtain a Certificate of Acclimation if necessary.  
For all live animal shipments (with the exception of some cold-blooded animals, lab mice and rats) the temperature must be between 20°F (-7°C) and 80°F (27°C). If the temperature at origin, transfer or destination station is forecast between 20°F (-7°F) and 45°F (7°C), a Certificate of Acclimation is required for all animals moved as pets as well as all warm-blooded animals, lab mice and rats.
- Visit [deltacargo.com](http://deltacargo.com) to learn if you need further documentation, such as:
  - Vaccination certificate
  - Import, transit or export permits
  - CITES Permits

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### Restrictions

- Dogs & Cats: Brachycephalic (snub-nosed) dogs and cats and their mixes are not permitted on Delta or Delta Connection flights. See [deltacargo.com](http://deltacargo.com) for a full list of [restricted dog and cat breeds](#).
- Other Animals: Delta Cargo may have restrictions or embargoes on other animal species. Please refer to [deltacargo.com](http://deltacargo.com) for a full list of [restrictions and embargoes](#) on live animals.

### Liability

- As per IATA Live Animals Regulations, carrier will not be liable for any loss, damage or expense arising from death due to natural causes or death or injury of any animal caused by the conduct or acts of the animal itself or of other animals such as biting, kicking, goring or smothering, nor for that caused or contributed to by the condition, nature or propensities of the animal, or by defecting packing of the animal, or by the inability of the animal to withstand unavoidable changes in its physical environment. *IATA LAR 1.3.8 Carriers liability.*

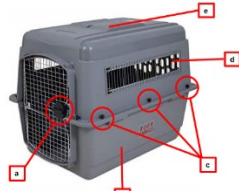


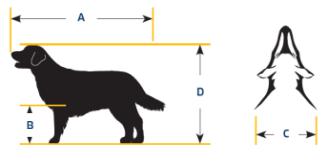
## DAY OF DEPARTURE

- Check the weather at [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) for domestic segments and [weather.com](http://weather.com) for international segments to ensure the forecast is between 20°F (-7°C) and 80°F (27°C) at each city in the animal's booking route.
- Offer your animal a light meal and a small amount of water a few hours before check-in. Traveling on a full stomach can be uncomfortable for most animals.
- We recommend you arrive prior to flight departure time at least three hours for US domestic and five hours for international to allow sufficient time to complete all inspections and acceptance procedures. Check-in time closes two hours and four hours prior to scheduled flight departure time for domestic and international respectively.
- Bring original copies of required documents.
- For dogs and cats: you may bring a leash to exercise your pet before check-in.
- Upon check-in, you will complete a live animal information label to attach to the top of the crate.
- Sedation is NOT permitted for dogs and cats.

## SUITABLE CONTAINERS

Specifications for crates for cats and dogs can be found [here](#). For further guidance, contact [liveanimals@delta.com](mailto:liveanimals@delta.com).

### Dogs & Cats:

IATA Compliance Requirements		
 <p>Crates with plastic latches, additional openings, ventilation on bottom portion or wing barrel door latches do NOT comply with IATA regulations and will not be accepted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Door must be made of metal with hinges and a door lock.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must have a solid bottom with no ventilation openings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Metal nut and bolt must be secured in each hole to connect the top and bottom</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must have ventilation openings on upper portion on at least 3 sides.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must have a solid top, with no additional door/openings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must be constructed of rigid plastic, wood, or solid metal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must be large enough for the animal to stand with their head erect, turn around and lie in a natural position. Their head or ears, whichever is higher, must not touch the top of the crate.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must contain a food and water receptacles accessible without opening the crate door.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must contain absorbent bedding.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must have a space bar or rim protruding at least 3/4 in on all sides with ventilation openings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must have releasable zip ties applied to reinforce the doors</li> </ul>	
 <p>This crate is the <b>CORRECT</b> size.</p>	 <p>This crate is the <b>WRONG</b> size.</p>	 <p>Length = A + B Width = C + 1" (3 cm) x 2 Height = D + 3" (7 cm)</p> <p>A = Length of animal from nose to root of tail                  B = Height from ground to elbow joint                  C = Width across shoulders                  D = Height of animal in standing position from top of head or ear tip, whichever is higher.</p>

**Other Animals:** Please refer to the LAP for all container requirements.

- 1) Reference Chapter 6 to look up the scientific or common name of the animal(s) and find the shipping container requirement number.
- 2) Reference Chapter 8 to look up the container requirement number.