

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

For detailed information on species eligibility, current service locations, requirements, restrictions, documentation, and embargoes, please visit our [Specialized Live](#) and [Pets](#) webpages.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Liability

- In accordance with IATA Live Animals Regulations, Delta Cargo shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or expense arising from an animal's illness, injury, or death due to natural causes, pre-existing conditions aggravated during transport, inability to withstand normal travel conditions, inadequate packaging, or actions by the animal or other animals (e.g., biting, kicking, goring, smothering). *IATA LAR 1.3.8 Carries Liability.*

Restrictions

- Dogs & cats: Brachycephalic (snub-nosed) dogs and cats and their mixes are not permitted on Delta or Delta Connection flights. See [deltacargo.com](#) for the list of [restricted breeds](#).
- Other animals: Restrictions or embargoes may apply. Check our [Specialized Live](#) webpage for details.

ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Booking

- Call **1-800-DL-CARGO** (1-800-352-2746) or visit [deltacargo.com](#) to book your U.S. shipment. For shipments originating in other countries, please contact our [international sales team](#).
 - Only non-stop flights or routes with one connection are permitted.
 - Avoid extreme weather: select midday flights in winter or early morning/evening in summer.

Documentation

- Obtain all the required documentation before departure if applicable, including:
 - Health certificates (signed within 10 days of travel by authorized veterinary officials)
 - Vaccination records
 - CITES and/or import/transit permits from USDA APHIS, CDC, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other relevant authorities, if applicable

Shipping Containers

- Containers must comply with current version of **IATA Live Animal Regulations (LAR)**:
 - Dogs and cats: [IATA LAR CR#1](#) (additional details on page 2).
 - Other species: Refer chapter 6 & 8 of current IATA LAR or email liveanimals@delta.com.

Temperature Policy

- For applicable shipments, confirm forecasted temperatures are between **20°F (-7°C)** and **80°F (27°C)** 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.

Minimum Age

- Cats and dogs must be at least 12 weeks old for domestic travel and at least 15 weeks old for international travel. Dogs entering the U.S. must be at least 6 months old.
- Other warm-blooded pets must be weaned, fledged (birds) and self-feeding for a period of at least 5 consecutive days. "Weaned" refers to a mammal that has been taking solid food without nursing or a bird that has been self-feeding without supplemental feeding from a parent or caretaker. "Fledged" refers to a bird that has developed enough feathers to fly.

Forms

- Complete [Shipper's Certification and Journey Declaration](#) and present at acceptance.
 - Email liveanimals@delta.com for additional assistance filling this form.

DAY OF DEPARTURE

Temperature Check

- ☐ Verify temperatures at weather.gov (domestic) and weather.com (international) must remain between 20°F (-7°C) and 80°F (27°C) for species subject to the [temperature policy](#).
 - Contact our [Customer Service Center \(800-352-2746\)](http://CustomerServiceCenter.com) to rebook if forecasted temperatures fall outside Delta Cargo's policy.

Feeding and Watering

- ☐ Clearly indicate instructions on the [Shipper's Certification and Journey Declaration](#) form.
 - At check-in, complete the feeding and watering instruction label and attach it to the top of the crate.

Documentation

- ☐ Bring original copies of all required documents.

Arrival & Processing Times

- Domestic: Suggested arrival at least **4 hours** before departure. Check-in time closes **2.5 hours** prior.
- International: Suggested arrival **6 hours** before departure. Check-in time closes **4 hours** prior.

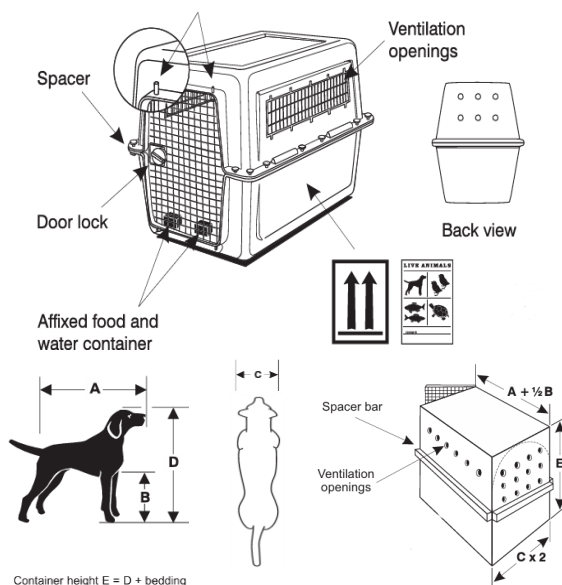
Delta will **NOT** accept animals if:

- Any listed requirements or restrictions are unmet
- The animals have horns
- The animal is visibly ill, injured, or distressed
- Requires medication during flight
- Displays aggression or attempts to escape
- Sedated dogs or cats

IATA LAR Container Requirement # 1

TYPICAL RIGID PLASTIC DOG CONTAINER

Locking pins must engage the container beyond the extrusions by at least 1.6 cm (5/8 in)



Required for all dogs & cats. Other animal species may use [CR#1](#) if modified per IATA LAR. Contact liveanimals@delta.com for details.

Size: Animal must be able to stand, sit erect, lie naturally, and turn around.

Container Construction: Solid bottom (no ventilation); solid top with no extra doors; top and bottom secured with **metal nuts and bolts** in each hole (not plastic clips, fasteners or zip ties); rim must have a space bar protruding at least $\frac{3}{4}$ in on all sides.

Ventilation Openings: At least 3 sides of upper portion; openings must prevent body parts from protruding. Max size:

- Dogs: **25 mm x 25 mm (1 in x 1 in)**
- Cats: **19 mm x 19 mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in x $\frac{3}{4}$ in)**

Door: Metal, hinged, single door with locking mechanism to prevent accidental opening.

Food/Water: Receptacles fixed to the door for refilling without opening.

Bedding: Must contain absorbent bedding.

Approved Container Modifications:

- Fine mesh over ventilation openings and door.
- For select birds: fixed foothold blocks, slip-resistant floor, or cylindrical perches (enough for all birds to perch at the same time)
- External light curtain for birds to reduce light.