



PETS CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS

CONTAINER (CRATE) REQUIREMENTS

Pet containers must comply with current IATA Crate Requirements ([CR1](#)) and Delta's requirements listed below. Refer to IATA guidelines for detailed sizing and construction specifications.

CONTAINER CONSTRUCTION

The Container Must:

- Be sized according to the pet's measurements as [IATA LAR CR1](#), not weight.
- Allow the pet to stand, sit, lie down, and turn around comfortably.
- Prevent the animal from extending any body part outside the container.
- Be constructed of fiberglass, metal, rigid plastic, solid wood, or plywood.
- Have a single hinged metal door with a secure locking mechanism.

In addition, rigid plastic containers must:

- Have a solid roof and floor.
- Have only one door opening, located on a side of the container.
- Locking pins must engage the container beyond the extrusion by at least 5/8 in (1.6 cm)
- Be assembled using metal nuts and bolts in every provided fastening hole.

Animals presented in undersized or non-compliant containers may be denied transport.

VENTILATION

The container must:

- Have ventilation openings on the upper two-thirds of all four sides. Additional ventilation may be provided on the lower third of the front and back of the container.
- Limit ventilation openings to no more than 1 in (25 mm) for dogs or 3/4 in (19 mm) for cats. For smaller dogs and cats, openings may be covered with securely attached welded wire mesh.
- Have spacer bars or rims on all sides to prevent ventilation openings from being blocked by other cargo or freight.

AIRCRAFT COMPATIBILITY

Container size limits vary by aircraft, and some aircraft do not transport live animals. Review our [Aircraft Compatibility Guidelines](#) before booking, as aircraft type and routing may affect transport eligibility.

FOOD, BEDDING, AND ALLOWED ITEMS

- Food and water receptacles are required and must be securely affixed inside the container. They must be accessible from the outside for refilling without the need to open the container.
- Water bottles with attached spouts are not permitted.
- A small bag of dry food may be attached to the top of the container for use during delays.
- Absorbent bedding is required.
- Only [approved items](#) may be placed inside the container or on the pet.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Wheels must be removed or made inoperable before transport.
- Up to two pets may share a container if they are the same species, 12 weeks to 6 months old, weigh less than 20 lb. (9 kg) each, and have adequate space.
- Acclimating pets to their container before traveling is strongly recommended.

Container requirements for birds, reptiles and amphibians, small mammals, and fish differ from those for dogs and cats.

Contact liveanimals@delta.com before booking to confirm requirements.