Requirements and Restrictions
Pet In-Household – U.S. Domestic Shipments

Type of Domestic Pet Shipment	Regulatory and Delta Cargo Requirements
Cats & Dogs (including commercial shipments of puppies and kittens)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Small mammals	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Birds	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Reptiles	2 3 4 5 6 7

List of U.S. Domestic Requirements for Pets

1. **Minimum Age**: Cats and dogs must be at least 12 weeks of age. Other warm-blooded pets must be weaned[1], fledged[2] and self-feeding for a period of at least 5 consecutive days.
2. **Temperature Policy**: Forecasted temperatures must be between 20-80°F when the pet is in Delta's care while on the ground, including all times at origin, transfer, and destination. Acclimation Statement is required when the lowest forecasted temperature on the ground is between 20-45°F.
3. **Domestic Health Certificate** must be signed by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian within 10 days of travel. The USDA Pet Travel Website provides the regulatory requirements for pets traveling domestically (interstate). Please review additional travel requirements for pets entering to: Hawaii, Guam and Puerto Rico.
4. **Container Requirements**: All animals must be shipped in containers that comply with the current version of IATA LAR for the animal species. For cats and dogs follow IATA LAR CR #1. For assistance with other animals, please contact liveanimals@delta.com. For more information about how to prepare pets for air travel and comply with IATA regulations please visit Traveler's Pet Corner.
5. **Shippers Certification and Journey Declaration Form** must be completed in full by the Shipper and presented to the Cargo agent at acceptance.
6. **Feeding and Watering Instructions Label** (provided by the Cargo agent) must be completed in full by the Shipper. One label must be placed on top of each container to be transported.
7. **Sedation Policy**: Sedated or tranquilized animals are **NOT** allowed.
8. **Restricted Breeds** and their mixes are **NOT** allowed to be shipped via cargo due to their inherent anatomical features that serve as a health risk during air travel.

Additional Restrictions

- Pet travel is limited to one (1) connecting city.
- Interline shipments (transfer to another air carrier) are prohibited.
- Pet and commercial shipments of puppies and kittens MUST use product code PET.

On the Day of Departure

- Recommended tender time is 4-6 hrs. prior departure, as ample time is needed to process the pet for transport.
- Pets can NOT be tendered the night before and remain at the station overnight for an early flight next day.

Delta will NOT accept pets when:

- Any of the requirements/restrictions listed on this document are NOT met.
- The pet is obviously ill, injured, or in physical distress. Requires medication to be administered during flight. Displays obvious signs of aggression. Or makes determined efforts to escape their crate.
- The animal is deceased, and its remains are untreated.

Medical Recommendations

- Ensure the pet is medical fit for air travel.
- Pets with underlying medical conditions (i.e. heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, seizure disorders), in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy, with anxiety disorder, or that have had surgery recently can be negatively impacted by air travel.

1) "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.
2) "Fledged" refers to a bird that has developed enough feathers to fly.

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