

PET SHIPPING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question 1: Who do I contact for information concerning shipment of my pet?

Answer: Pet shipment information is available at your local military transportation office, booking/reservation agency, and local veterinarian office.

Question 2: When are pets allowed to be transported on AMC missions?

Answer: Pet shipment is limited to passengers traveling in PCS status only at traveler's expense IAW DoD 4500.9R, Part I, Chapter 103, Section J, Paragraph 1.a.9.a

Question 3: What type of AMC missions can be utilized to move my pet?

Answer: Pets can only be moved on AMC Commercial Contracted missions in conjunction with a PCS. PCS travel is not authorized on organic (military) aircraft, therefore pets may not be shipped on organic aircraft IAW DoD 4500.9R, Part I, Chapter 103, Section A, Paragraph 2

Question 4: What types of animals are authorized for shipment?

Answer: Dogs and cats only IAW DoD 4500.9R, Part I, Chapter 103, Section J, Paragraph 1.a.9.b

Question 5: How many pets can I ship?

Answer: Limited to two (2) pets per family, each pet along with kennel cannot exceed 150 pounds IAW DoD 4500.9R, Part I, Chapter 103, Section J, Paragraph 1.a.9.e and 1.a.9.c

Question 6: Is it necessary to reserve a pet space to travel with the passenger on AMC aircraft?

Answer: Yes, passengers should request a pet space when making their initial travel reservation on AMC Patriot Express (PE) missions. Pet space and total weight is limited by commercial contracted PE air carriers and are strictly enforced

Question 7: Is a pet waiver available to allow a passenger to travel with more than two pets?

Answer: Pet waivers are no longer granted. However, 15 days prior to AMC flight departure, pet spaces open in GATES are available to travelers that already have two (2) pet spaces booked. Transportation offices should contact the 618 TACC/XOGC Passenger Reservation section to arrange additional pet space(s). This program is entitled "Space Available Pet Program"

Question 8: Can two pets travel in one kennel?

Answer: Two small animals of the same species older than 8 weeks and younger than 6 months, of comparable size, and up to 9.1kg (20 pounds) each that are used to cohabitation may be shipped in the same container as long as they can each stand up, turn around, and lie down with normal posture. Only one excess baggage fee shall apply in this circumstance if the combined weight plus kennel does not exceed 70 pounds

Question 9: How are pet charges assessed?

Answer: Pet shipment is at traveler's expense. Travelers pay an excess baggage fee when shipping pets. Excess baggage fees are levied based on pet plus kennel weight, if the pet plus kennel weighs under 70 pounds, one excess baggage charge will be levied, if the pet plus kennel weighs 71 pounds up to 140 pounds, two excess baggage charges will be levied, and if the pet plus kennel weighs between 141 up to the authorized 150 pounds, three excess baggage charges will be levied.

Example: If a pet owner ships a pet and the excess baggage fee for that particular flight is \$103.00 per bag. A pet plus kennel weighing up to 70 pounds is charged at \$103.00, if the pet plus kennel weighs 71 to 140 pounds the charge is \$206.00 (2 x \$103.00) and if the pet plus kennel weighs 141 to 150 pounds the charge is \$309.00 (3x\$103.00). Each pet weight limit is 150 pounds (pet plus kennel weight). Weight limit cannot be waived (IAW DoD 4500.9R, Part I, Chapter 103, Section J, Paragraph 1.a.9.c).

Question 10: Are pets authorized to travel in the aircraft cabin?

Answer: Yes with restrictions. Maximum number of pets allowed in the cabin is three. Your pet must be able to fit comfortably in a kennel (hard-sided or soft-sided) no larger than 20" Long x 16" Wide x 8" High in order to fit under the seat in front of you. Pet must be able to stand up, lie down, and turn around with normal posture and body movements. Note: AMC Pet Brochure contains additional pet shipment information and is available on our web site at https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/AFP40/d/1074111948/Files/a4t/a4tp/petmessages/pet_brochure.pdf

Question 11: Are pets permitted to travel alone on AMC aircraft?

Answer: No, pet(s) must be accompanied by their owner when traveling on AMC aircraft.

Question 12: If a passenger is traveling alone, can he/she reserve two in-cabin pet spaces?

Answer: No, in-cabin pets must be able to fit under the seat (kennel no larger than 20"L x 16"W x 8"H) in front of the passenger, therefore a passenger traveling alone can only take one pet in the cabin.

Question 12: Excess baggage is approved and stated on a passenger's funded travel orders; if a passenger does not take excess baggage can he/she take his pet instead?

Answer: No, shipping a pet and authorized excess baggage is not interchangeable. Pet shipment is not an entitlement and is at the traveler's expense. Due to limited number of pet spaces and weight assigned to each aircraft, pet spaces must be reserved in advance of passenger travel.