



NSDA Airline Guidelines for In-Cabin Flight For Search and Rescue K-9's

Flying with your K-9 partner in-cabin is a privilege and not a right.

When flying, you and your K-9 partner will be the only face of K-9 Search and Rescue many people might encounter. Well-mannered K-9's and unassuming handlers are the rule rather than the exception. Remember you are a GUEST of the airline and an Ambassador of K-9 SAR. You can be asked to deplane if another passenger is not comfortable having a K-9 on their flight. In this event, you must be willing to graciously take another flight to your destination.

When making reservations, always check with the airline for what documentation is needed: a letter from the requesting agency for deployment; handler identification; copies of certifications; harness or vest identifying the canine; and health certificate. Copies of vaccinations are not required but it is suggested you carry them.

When traveling out of state with your K-9, it is suggested that you obtain a health certificate for your K-9 from your veterinarian. Your veterinarian can assist you in determining the state and federal laws with which you will need to comply during your travels. When traveling in the cabin, the health certificate should be issued no more than thirty (30) days before departure and no more than ten (10) days before departure if traveling via cargo.

For international travel, the canine must be microchipped/tattooed and you must present a health certificate.

AIR TRAN AIRWAYS 1-800-AIRTRAN 770-994-8258 (ATLANTA)

Requires letter of mission and copy of certification

Trained Assist Animals, Specialty Dogs

AirTran accepts for transportation, without charge, animals trained in special assistance to the disabled, dogs trained in search and rescue functions, and dogs trained to detect explosives. The trained animals, when properly harnessed, will be permitted to accompany such passengers (handlers) in the cabin, but may not occupy a seat or block access to the aisle.

AIR CANADA - CANADIAN AIRLINES 1-888-247-2262

Requires harness or vest, handler identification and registered training certificate.
K-9s must be pre-registered through the Medical Assistance Desk at Air Canada Reservations.

Pets in the cabin

The "pets in the cabin" service is no longer available on Air Canada.

Only certified, professionally-trained service animals assisting customers with disabilities will continue to be carried, free of charge, in the passenger cabin at the customer's feet—provided they have a registered training certificate and have been pre-registered through the Medical Assistance Desk at [Air Canada Reservations](#).

For exceptions on travel to international destinations, please consult specific government regulations of any countries you are traveling to.

ALASKAN AIRLINES/ HORIZON AIR 1-800-252-7522

Requires harness and letter of mission. Notify when making reservations

Rule 55AS - Service Animals / to Detect Explosives / For Search and Rescue

Service Animals trained to provide a service for a person with a disability will be accepted for transportation without charge. Airline reserves the right to ask the customer what type of tasks or functions the service animal provides. Service Animals are permitted in the cabin, but may not occupy a seat. Airline will accept for transportation without charge a properly harnessed Service Animal trained in explosive detection, drug detection, or search and rescue when it is accompanied by its handler. Only one Service Animal is allowed per cabin and the Service Animal is not permitted to occupy a seat. The Service Animal and its handler must be on official duty status which Airline may require documentation.



AMERICAN AIRLINES - AMERICAN EAGLE 1-800-433-7300

Requires copy of certification.

***Service And Working Animal Information***

Service animals accompanying a disabled passenger travel free of charge. All other animals are charged at the applicable charge.

*American does not require a health certificate for the acceptance of pets for travel in the cabin or as checked baggage within the 50 United States. However, we encourage you to contact your family veterinarian or state authorities directly for individual state requirements to avoid any possible inconvenience at your final destination. **All states require proof of current rabies vaccination** for dogs over 12 weeks old and some require proof of rabies vaccination for cats.*

AMERICAN WEST AIRLINES / US AIRWAYS 1-800-2FLYA ext 9292 (pet)

Requires copy of certifications, harness/vest with markings.

3.5 SERVICE ANIMALS

US Airways will permit dogs and other service animals to accompany a person with a disability in the cabin. A service animal is defined as a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. US Airways may request identification or other evidence that an animal is a service animal. The service animal may accompany the customer in the same seat as the customer unless the animal obstructs an aisle or another customer's emergency exit pathway. There is no charge for the transportation of a service animal accompanying a customer with a disability. US Airways will also transport, at no charge, dogs trained in explosive detection or search and rescue when accompanied by a law enforcement official or rescue team member. The dog may accompany the handler in the cabin but is not permitted to occupy a seat. Additional restrictions may apply to international travel.

COMAIR - DELTA AIRLINES – NORTHWEST 1-800-354-9822

Requires letter of mission, canine and handler certification

DOGS TRAINED TO LEAD THE BLIND/TO DETECT EXPLOSIVES/TO ASSIST THE DEAF/FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

A) Delta accepts for transportation, without charge, a properly harnessed dog trained to lead the blind, when it accompanies a passenger with impaired vision dependent upon such dog, or the trainer of such dog en-route to the domicile of the owner for completion of training. The dog will be permitted to accompany such passenger into the cabin but will not be permitted to occupy a seat.
B) Delta accepts for transportation, without charge, a properly-harnessed dog trained in explosive detection or search and rescue, when it is accompanied by its handler. The dog will be permitted to accompany its handler into the cabin but will not be permitted to occupy a seat. The dog and its handler must be on official duty status and such status must be documented in writing to the satisfaction of Delta.

C) Delta accepts for transportation, without charge, a properly-harnessed dog trained to assist the deaf, when it accompanies a passenger with impaired hearing dependent upon such dog, or the trainer of such dog en-route to the domicile of the owner for completion of training. The dog will be permitted to accompany such passenger into the cabin but will not be permitted to occupy a seat

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES 1-800-525-0280

Requires copies of certification and letter of mission.

RULE 16 SERVICE ANIMALS (revised October 13, 2006)

A) Continental accepts for transportation, without charge, trained Service Animals for travel with a Qualified Individual with a Disability who requires the animal to assist them in the performance of necessary activities. The animals will be permitted to accompany the Passenger into the cabin, if they meet the conditions of acceptance noted below.

B) Conditions of Acceptance:

1) Continental shall accept as evidence that an animal is a Service Animal such items as identification cards, other written documentation, the type of harness or markings on the harness, tags, or other credible assurances of the Qualified Individual with a Disability using the animal.

2) Service Animals must be properly harnessed and remain under the direct control of the Passenger. A Service Animal will be denied boarding or removed from the flight by Continental if the animal cannot be contained by the passenger or otherwise exhibits behavior that poses a threat to the health or safety of other passengers or a significant threat of disruption.

3) Certain Service Animals, such as various breeds of monkeys, must be small enough and confined to sit in the passenger's lap or in the space under the seat without invading another Passenger's seat area during the entire flight. If no other seat accommodation can be made and the animal is too big to fit safely in the cabin, the Service Animal must be checked as baggage.

4) Passengers with Service Animals will not be seated in emergency exit rows. They may not obstruct an aisle or other area that must remain unobstructed in order to facilitate an emergency evacuation.

5) A Qualified Individual with a Disability requesting travel with a Service Animal used solely for the purpose of providing comfort or emotional support to the passenger, will be required to provide to Continental current documentation (i.e., not more than one year old) on letterhead from a qualified mental health professional stating (1) that the passenger has a mental health-related disability; (2) that having the animal accompany the passenger is necessary to the passenger's mental health or treatment or to assist the passenger with his or her disability; and (3) that the individual providing the assessment of the passenger is a licensed mental health professional and the passenger is under his or her professional care. Continental reserves the right to authenticate any documentation presented.

C) Continental accepts for transportation, without charge, a properly harnessed dog trained in explosive detection, drug search, and rescue, or other specific functions, when accompanied by its handler on official emergency business as authorized by an appropriate federal, state, or local government agency. The dog will be permitted to accompany its handler into the cabin, but not to occupy a seat.

D) Local regulations at the Passenger's final or intermediate destination(s) may apply and impose further requirements or restrictions, including but not limited to, carriage in the passenger cabin, limitations on the designation of Service Animals to dogs only, or the non-recognition of emotional support animals as trained and qualified Service Animals.



E) The Passenger assumes full responsibility for the safety, well-being, and conduct of its Service Animal, including the interaction of the Service Animal with other Passengers who may come in contact with the animal while on board the aircraft, and for compliance with all governmental requirements, regulations, or restrictions, including entry permits and required health certificates of the country, state, or territory from and/or to which the animal is being transported.

FRONTIER AIRLINES 1-800-265-5505

Requires identification, documentation of training and harness/vest.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Frontier accepts for onboard transportation, without charge, service animals:

- A. General - All types of service animals are allowed in cabin except: rodents (e.g., mouse, rat, squirrel, or beaver), ferrets, reptiles, amphibians, snakes, spiders, and insects. A health certificate is not required. Frontier reserves the right to refuse to accommodate a service animal in the cabin if the passenger does not produce credible proof the animal is a service animal.*
- B. Service Animals Trained to Assist Passengers with Disabilities - Credible proof, appropriate documentation or physical indicators may be required.*
- C. Service Animals Trained in Explosive Detection or Search and Rescue - Credible proof, appropriate documentation or physical indicators may be required.*
- D. Service Animals Trained for Emotional Support/Therapeutic - Passengers must complete a Frontier Medical Authorization Form (30905) (available on www.frontierairlines.com) or obtain a written statement on letterhead from a mental health care professional (physician, psychologist, etc.) authorizing the emotional support/therapeutic animal accompanying a passenger is needed for assistance and/or treatment.*
- E. International - Restrictions for travel with an animal to international destinations vary by country. Frontier recommends contacting the appropriate embassy or consulate at least four weeks before travel day.*

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES

Requires identification and harness/leash

Contract of Carriage : Rule 56

SERVICE ANIMALS

Hawaiian Airlines accepts service animals trained to assist Qualified Individuals with a Disability who require the animal to assist them in the performance of necessary activities. The animals will be permitted to accompany the passenger into the cabin, if they meet the conditions of acceptance noted below.

Conditions of Acceptance

Hawaiian Airlines will accept as evidence that an animal is a Service Animal such items as identification cards, other written documentation, the type of harness or markings on the harness, tags, or other credible assurances of the Qualified Individual with a Disability.

Hawaiian Airlines reserves the right to ask the passenger what type of tasks and/or functions the Service Animal provides.

Service Animals must be properly harnessed or leashed and remain under the direct control of the Qualified Individual with a Disability.

Service Animals must be small enough and confined to sit in the lap of the qualified Individual with a Disability or in the space under the seat without invading another customer's seat area during the entire flight. If no other accommodation can be made and the animal is too big to fit safely in the cabin, the Service Animal must be checked as baggage. See Exception below.

Service Animals used for emotional support, psychiatric service or comfort require current documentation (not more than one year old) on letterhead from the treating mental health professional. HA reserves the right to refuse transport in the cabin as a Service Animal if required documentation is not provided.

The service animal will not occupy a seat.

The service animal will not be seated in emergency exit rows. They may not obstruct an aisle or other area that must remain unobstructed in order to facilitate emergency evacuation.

JET BLUE 1-800-538-2583

Requires proof of mission.

**SHUTTLE AMERICA - CHAUTAUQUA**

Operated in conjunction with Delta. See Delta requirements.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES 1-800-248-4377

Conflicting answers were received from SW personnel. Suggest calling and speaking to upper management when making a reservation.

47. *Animals* (Issued Mar. 13, 2000; Effective Mar. 13, 2000)

Other than service animals as specified in Article 48 below, Carrier will not transport live animals either in the passenger cabin or aircraft cargo compartments.



UNITED AIRLINES 1-800-538-2929

Requires harness and muzzle. Charge of \$30.00

Flight Exception: One dog trained in explosive detection, search and rescue per cabin will be accepted when properly harnessed and muzzled, and accompanied by a handler, for a charge of USD 30.00 each. The dog will be permitted to accompany its handler into the cabin but may not occupy a seat. The dog and its handler must be on official emergency duty status and such official duty status must be documented in writing to the satisfaction of United Airlines. Service dogs and other approved service animals trained to assist disabled passengers will be carried without charge.

WEST JET 1-888-WESTJET

Requires copy of certifications, proof of mission and handler identification.

Service animals will be carried in the cabin of the aircraft, free of charge, when on duty. The animal will be required to travel at the guest's feet. Guest's traveling with service animals should carry service animal support documentation for presentation to any enquiring authority at any point of their trip. Guests traveling to Hawaii are encouraged to contact <http://hawaii.gov/hdoa> for entrance and quarantine requirements.

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