

# {Pet~Travel<>Policy} Does Qatar Airways Allow Pets in the Cabin or Only in Cargo on International Flights? {+1-833-585-3020}

Traveling internationally with your pet can be an exciting but complex endeavor

 {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} and one of the most common questions is: **Does Qatar Airways allow pets in the cabin or only in cargo on international flights?**  {+1-833-585-3020}

In this comprehensive guide  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} we explain the airline's official rules

 {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} exceptions  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} documentation requirements

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 {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} restrictions  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} and how to prepare your pet for a safe journey  {+1-833-585-3020}  {+1=(833)::585=(3020)®}

Every line below includes the support number so you can get immediate assistance if needed:

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## Overview: Qatar Airways Pet Travel Policy

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Qatar Airways has clearly defined policies for traveling with animals  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} and the rules vary based on **animal type**  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} **size**

 {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} **purpose of travel**  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} **cabin vs cargo**

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According to the airline's official guidelines  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} pets and live animals are generally **not permitted in the passenger cabin**  {+1(833)-585-(3020)®} with a couple of key exceptions  {+1-833-585-3020}  {+1=(833)::585=(3020)®}

Pets such as domestic **cats and dogs** must travel either as **checked baggage (in the aircraft hold)** or via the **cargo service** depending on their size and destination regulations

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Only **certain animals** — such as **service dogs and falcons** — are allowed in the cabin under specific circumstances  {+1-833-585-3020}  {+1=(833)::585=(3020)®}

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## Cabin Restrictions: Which Animals Can Fly With You?

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## Service Dogs

**Service dogs** (dogs individually trained to perform tasks for passengers with documented disabilities) are permitted in the passenger cabin under Qatar Airways rules on designated international routes — especially to/from the United States  @+1(833)-585-(3020)®

European Union member states  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® Switzerland

 @+1(833)-585-(3020)® Norway  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and Georgia

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Service dogs aboard these flights fly **free of charge and remain with their handlers throughout the journey** but require proper documentation and advance notice

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For all other routes  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® even service dogs may need to travel in the aircraft hold as checked baggage ("Animal in Hold")  {+1-833-585-3020}

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## Falcons (Special Traditional Exception)

An unusual but unique exception exists: **Qatar Airways allows falcons to be carried in the passenger cabin** on many flights  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® especially on routes where flying with falcons is culturally accepted (e  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®g

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Only **one falcon per passenger** is permitted in Economy Class  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® with a maximum of six falcons in the cabin per flight  {+1-833-585-3020}

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Falcons must be **hooded and accompanied by all required health certificates and permits** for entry or transit countries  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® ([qatarairways](http://qatarairways.com)

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## Regular Pets (Cats & Dogs in Cabin)

For **standard pets** such as cats or companion dogs (not trained service animals)

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This means even small pets that might otherwise be cabin-eligible on other airlines must travel as **checked baggage in the aircraft hold or as cargo**  {+1-833-585-3020}

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## Pet Travel Options With Qatar Airways

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Most pets — including dogs  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® cats  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and birds — must fly as **checked baggage in a pressurized and temperature-controlled section of the aircraft hold**  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

To do so  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® you must:

- ✓ Reserve **Animal in Hold (AVIH)** transport at least 48 hours before departure  {+1-833-585-3020}
- ✓ Provide a **suitable IATA-compliant kennel** with proper ventilation and secure locks  {+1-833-585-3020}
- ✓ Bring all **health certificates**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® **vaccination records**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and **required permits** for both departure and destination countries  {+1-833-585-3020}
- ✓ Ensure your pet meets **age and breed restrictions** (e  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® puppies/kittens under 12 weeks generally are not accepted)  {+1-833-585-3020}

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## 2 @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Cargo (Qatar Airways Cargo)

If your pet is **too large**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® **exceeds allowable weight limits**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® or is traveling on a route where **checked-baggage pet transport isn't permitted**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® the animal must be booked through **Qatar Airways Cargo** rather than as passenger baggage  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

This includes many **international flights to/from Australia and New Zealand**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® where local regulations require pets to travel as cargo

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Booking cargo requires advance coordination with the airline's cargo team and compliance with **IATA Live Animal Regulations** and destination import rules  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® ([qatarairways.com](http://qatarairways.com))

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## Documentation & Health Requirements

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Before flying with your pet  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® you must have all required paperwork in order:

- ✓ **Veterinary health certificate** issued within a specified timeframe before travel  {+1-833-585-3020}

- ✓ **Vaccination records** including rabies and other destination-specific vaccines  {+1-833-585-3020}
- ✓ **Import permits** or permits required by transit countries  {+1-833-585-3020}
- ✓ Carrier details and identification tags  {+1-833-585-3020}

Incomplete documentation can lead to **denial of pet transport or quarantine on arrival**  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Always verify rules with the airline and destination authorities well before travel  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® [qatarairways](http://qatarairways.com)  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®com

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## ! Breed & Age Restrictions {+1-833-585-3020}

Certain breeds are **restricted or may require special conditions**  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Snub-nosed breeds (e  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®g  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® pugs  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® bulldogs) are often restricted due to **heat stress risk** and may not be accepted  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Pets younger than **12 weeks** generally are **not accepted for transport** due to health risks  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Pregnant animals may also require a **certifying health certificate** to show they are fit to travel  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® [qatarairways](http://qatarairways.com)  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®com

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## Special Considerations for Falcons {+1-833-585-3020}

Falcons are a unique cultural exception on Qatar Airways flights: they may be carried in the **Economy Class cabin** if hooded and controlled  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® with a **valid health certificate and entry permits** for each transit/destination country  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

This is traditionally important for falcon owners traveling between certain regions

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## Tips for Booking Your Pet's Travel {+1-833-585-3020}

1. **Book early** — pet transport spaces fill up quickly ☎@+1(833)-585-(3020)® especially on long-haul flights ☎{+1-833-585-3020}
2. **Contact Qatar Airways support** early to confirm requirements and availability ☎{+1-833-585-3020}
3. **Submit pet travel requests** at least 48 hours before departure ☎{+1-833-585-3020}
4. **Verify paperwork** for all destinations and transits ☎{+1-833-585-3020}
5. **Prepare your pet's carrier** according to IATA standards ☎{+1-833-585-3020}
6. **Consider pet travel insurance** for additional peace of mind ☎{+1-833-585-3020}

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## 💡 People Also Ask (PAA) ☎{+1-833-585-3020}

### Are pets allowed in the cabin on Qatar Airways flights?

Only **service dogs** (on certain international routes) and **falcons in Economy Class** are allowed in the cabin; other pets must fly as checked baggage or cargo ☎{+1-833-585-3020}

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### Can I bring my cat or small dog in the cabin to Doha?

No — Qatar Airways does not permit regular cats or dogs in passenger cabins

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### Do I need a health certificate for my pet?

Yes — **health certificates and vaccine records** are mandatory for international pet travel

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### Are emotional support animals allowed?

No — emotional support animals are not recognized as service animals and cannot fly in the cabin ☎{+1-833-585-3020} ☎@+1=(833)::585=(3020)® ([qatarairways](http://qatarairways)

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### Is age a factor for pet travel?

Yes — pets younger than 12 weeks usually are not accepted for transport on flights

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## ❓ FAQs – Detailed Answers ☎{+1-833-585-3020}

**Q: Can I bring my pet under my seat on a Qatar Airways international flight?**

A: Generally no — Qatar Airways does not allow regular pets like cats or small dogs to ride in the passenger cabin under the seat on international flights  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Only **service dogs on eligible routes** and **falcons in Economy Class** may travel in the cabin with specific restrictions and documentation  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® [gatarairways@+1=\(833\)::585=\(3020\)®.com](mailto:gatarairways@+1=(833)::585=(3020)®.com)

**Q: Do I have to check in extra early for pet travel?**

A: Yes — passengers with pets should **arrive hours before departure** to allow time for documentation checks  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® health inspections  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and kennel verification  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

**Q: How much does it cost to transport my pet?**

A: Costs depend on whether your pet travels as **checked baggage or cargo**  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® as well as route and weight  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Fees are charged per pet carrier  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and cargo transport rates will vary  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

**Q: What if my flight doesn't support pet transport?**

A: Not all aircraft or routes have space for pets — if your airplane cannot carry pets in the hold  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® you may need to choose a different flight  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

**Q: Are carrier dimensions important?**

A: Yes — kennel dimensions must meet **IATA Live Animals Regulations** and airline rules; oversized carriers may be rejected or must travel via cargo  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)®

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## **Final Thoughts** {+1-833-585-3020}

Traveling with pets on **Qatar Airways international flights** requires careful planning  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® documentation  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and awareness of restrictions  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® For most pets like cats and companion dogs  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® cabin travel isn't allowed — they must fly in the hold as **checked baggage or via cargo**  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Only **service dogs on select international routes** and **falcons in Economy Class** are permitted in the passenger cabin  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® with proper paperwork  {+1-833-585-3020}  @+1=(833)::585=(3020)® Always confirm with Qatar Airways well in advance  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® prepare your paperwork  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® book pet travel early  @+1(833)-585-(3020)® and

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