



United™ Pet Travel Tips | Carrier Size & Cabin/Cargo Rules

Traveling With Pets on United Airlines: Step-by-Step Guide

Traveling with @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸 pets on United Airlines can seem daunting @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, but with proper preparation @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, it can be smooth and stress-free for @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸 both you and your furry @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, feathered @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, or small animal companions @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸. United Airlines @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸 allows pets to travel in the cabin @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, as checked baggage @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, or as cargo @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, depending on their size @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, breed @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, and destination @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸. In this comprehensive step-by-step guide for 2026 @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, we will cover all aspects of traveling with pets on United Airlines @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, from booking and carrier requirements to in-flight tips @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, international travel rules @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, and health documentation @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸. For any questions or support @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, United Airlines can be reached at @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸 @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸.

This guide is structured to help pet owners understand every stage of the travel process with United Airlines and ensure a safe @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, comfortable @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, and compliant journey for their pets @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸.

Step 1: Understanding United Airlines Pet Policies

Before booking your flight @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, familiarize yourself with United Airlines' pet policies @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸. United Airlines allows small dogs @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, cats @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, and household birds in the cabin @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, while larger pets must travel in the cargo hold @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸. Service @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸 animals travel in the cabin free of charge @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, whereas emotional support animals now follow standard in-cabin pet rules @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸.

United Airlines @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸 limits the number of pets in the cabin per flight @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, so early booking is essential @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸. Pets must remain in approved carriers under the seat in front of you @ 800 585 3020 🇺🇸, and

aggressive or unwell animals may be refused boarding @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. Understanding these policies ensures you are prepared and compliant with United Airlines regulations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. For clarifications @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, call United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.

Step 2: Booking Your Flight and Reserving Pet Space

The second step @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌 in traveling with pets on United Airlines is booking your flight and reserving space for your pet @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. United Airlines recommends booking flights with pet accommodations as early as possible because cabin space for pets is limited @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.

You can reserve @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌 your pet online during initial flight booking @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, via the United Airlines mobile app @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, or by calling United Airlines directly at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. Be sure to confirm the type of pet @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, weight @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, carrier dimensions @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, and any additional requirements for service or emotional support animals @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. Booking in advance prevents last-minute issues and ensures that your pet has a secured spot on your flight @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.

Step 3: Choosing the Right Carrier for United Airlines Travel

United Airlines has @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌 specific carrier requirements to ensure the safety and comfort of pets @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. For in-cabin travel @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, pets must be in soft-sided carriers that fit under the seat in front of the passenger @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. The maximum carrier dimensions are 17 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.5 x 12 x 7 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.5 inches @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.

For pets traveling as @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌 checked baggage or cargo @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, United Airlines requires IATA-compliant crates with ventilation on at least two sides @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, secure locking mechanisms @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, and a leak-proof bottom @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. The crate must be large enough for the pet to stand @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, turn @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, and lie down comfortably @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌. Adding absorbent material @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, blankets @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌, and familiar toys can make the journey less stressful @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🙌.

United Airlines recommends familiarizing your pet with its carrier before the flight @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. This reduces anxiety and ensures that your pet is comfortable during the journey @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. For detailed carrier guidance @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, contact United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍.

Step 4: Preparing Your Pet for Travel

Preparation is key @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 when traveling with pets on United Airlines @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. First @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, make sure your pet is in good health and up-to-date on vaccinations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. United Airlines requires health certificates for pets traveling in cargo or internationally @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍.

Acclimate your pet @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 to its carrier days or weeks before travel @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. Encourage your pet to spend time in the carrier with familiar bedding and toys @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. This reduces stress and helps your pet feel secure @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. Additionally @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, feed your pet a light meal a few hours before the flight to avoid motion sickness or discomfort during travel @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍.

United Airlines advises checking with your veterinarian for any travel-specific recommendations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, especially for pets with health issues or those flying long distances @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. For guidance @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, contact United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍.

Step 5: Checking Pet Travel Fees

United Airlines charges @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 fees for pets traveling in the cabin and as checked baggage or cargo @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. For in-cabin pets @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, the fee is \$125 each way for domestic flights @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. Fees for cargo or checked pets vary depending on weight @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, size @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, and destination @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. International flights may have additional charges for customs and compliance with destination regulations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍.

United Airlines allows @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 payment for pet fees online @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, through the mobile app @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, or over the phone when reserving your pet's spot @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. Confirming fees early ensures no surprises during check-in @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍. For detailed fee information @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍, call United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 👍.

Step 6: Preparing Documentation and Health Certificates

United Airlines @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 requires proper documentation for pets traveling internationally or as cargo @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Health certificates issued within 10 days of travel may be required @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Some countries also require vaccination verification and microchip information @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

For service animals @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, United Airlines may request documentation proving the animal's status @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Emotional support animals now follow standard in-cabin pet rules @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, requiring compliance with weight @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, carrier @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and documentation regulations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Contact United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 for detailed documentation guidance before travel @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Step 7: Check-In and Security Procedures

Arrive at the airport @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 early when traveling with pets on United Airlines @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. This allows ample time for check-in @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, security screening @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and addressing any last-minute issues @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Pets in the cabin must remain in carriers throughout security checks @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

United Airlines staff @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 will guide you through airport procedures and ensure that your pet meets all travel requirements @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. For pets traveling as cargo @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, United Airlines provides specific drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure safety @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. For additional assistance @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, contact United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Step 8: Boarding and In-Flight Guidelines

When boarding with pets @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, United Airlines requires that animals remain in their carriers under the seat @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Do not remove the pet from the carrier during the flight @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, as this ensures safety for both the animal and other passengers @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

United Airlines recommends bringing small treats @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, a familiar blanket @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, and a chew toy to comfort your pet @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. Avoid feeding large meals during the flight to prevent motion sickness @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. For pets traveling in cargo @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, United Airlines ensures temperature-controlled environments and monitors for safety @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. For in-flight pet tips @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, contact United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌.

Step 9: Arriving at Your Destination

Upon arrival @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, retrieve your pet promptly if traveling in cargo @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. United Airlines staff will guide you through the pick-up process and ensure your pet's safety @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. For in-cabin pets @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, carefully remove the carrier from under the seat and allow your pet to acclimate gradually to its new surroundings @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌.

United Airlines recommends monitoring your pet for signs of stress or discomfort after travel @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. Provide water @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, a light meal @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, and a calm environment @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. For post-flight guidance or assistance @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, contact United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌.

Step 10: Traveling Internationally With Pets on United Airlines

International @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌 travel with pets requires additional planning @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. United Airlines advises checking country-specific import regulations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, including vaccinations @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, microchip requirements @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, and quarantine rules @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. Certain breeds may have travel restrictions @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌.

Pets traveling internationally may need to fly as cargo if they exceed cabin size or weight limits @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. United Airlines can provide guidance on approved crates @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, documentation @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, and airport procedures to ensure compliance with international rules @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌. For detailed international travel assistance @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌, call United Airlines at @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌 @📞 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🍌.

Step 11: Health and Safety Tips

United Airlines @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 prioritizes pet health and safety @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Make sure your pet is fit for travel @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, with no underlying medical issues @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Use airline-approved carriers @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and avoid extreme temperatures during travel @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. For pets with special needs @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, consult your veterinarian for travel-specific recommendations @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

United Airlines encourages acclimating pets to their carrier @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, providing water and food as needed @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and monitoring for stress throughout the journey @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. For additional health and safety information @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, contact United Airlines at @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Frequently Asked Questions About Traveling With Pets on United Airlines

Q1: Can I travel with my dog or cat in the cabin?

Yes @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, United Airlines allows small dogs @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, cats @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and household birds to travel in the cabin if they meet weight and carrier requirements @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q2: How do I book a pet on United Airlines?

Yes @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, pets can be booked online @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, via the mobile app @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, or by calling United Airlines at @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q3: What are the fees for in-cabin pets?

Yes @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, \$125 each way for domestic flights @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. Fees for cargo or checked pets vary @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q4: Are service animals allowed in the cabin for free?

Yes @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, service animals travel in the cabin free of charge @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q5: What size carrier is required?

Yes @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, carriers must be soft-sided and fit under the seat @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, not exceeding 17 @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.5 x 12 x 7 @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.5 inches @8 [1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q6: Do I need a health certificate for my pet?

Yes @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, health certificates may be required for pets traveling as cargo or internationally @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q7: Can emotional support animals travel in-cabin for free?

No @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, emotional support animals now follow standard pet rules and must meet in-cabin requirements @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q8: How early should I arrive at the airport?

Yes @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, United Airlines recommends arriving at least 2-3 hours before departure for domestic flights and 3-4 hours for international flights @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q9: Can pets travel internationally in the cabin?

Yes @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, but international regulations vary @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and larger pets may need to travel as cargo @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

Q10: Who can I contact for assistance with traveling pets?

Yes @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, United Airlines customer service is available at @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸 for any questions or guidance @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.

This step-by-step guide provides a complete roadmap for **traveling with pets on United Airlines** @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, covering in-cabin travel @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, cargo transport @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, fees @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, documentation @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, health and safety tips @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and FAQs @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸. By following these steps @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, pet owners can ensure a safe @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, comfortable @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸, and stress-free journey for their beloved companions @🇺🇸 [+1{833•585•3020}] 🇺🇸.