



United™ Pet Carrier Guide | Weight Limits & Cabin/Cargo Rules (Updated→List) {{Read→First}} Is United Airlines Pet-Friendly? Full Policy Breakdown

Yes, United Airlines is pet-friendly, allowing small dogs, cats, and household birds to travel in the cabin, provided they meet specific weight and carrier size requirements. Larger pets or animals not permitted in the cabin can travel safely through United Airlines' PetSafe program. Passengers are required to pay an in-cabin pet fee and make reservations in advance, as there is a limited number of pets allowed per flight. For assistance or booking, contact United Airlines at 1-833-585-3020.

United Airlines Pet Policy Overview: Is United Airlines Pet-Friendly?

United Airlines @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] is considered **pet-friendly** @tel [+1{833•585•3020}]
[+] , offering @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] multiple options for travelers wishing to bring their
pets @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] . The airline has a structured policy that separates **in-cabin**
pets @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] , **cargo pets** @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] , and **service**
animals to ensure safety @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] , comfort @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] , and compliance with aviation regulations @tel [+1{833•585•3020}] .

For in-cabin pets [@833 \[+1{833•585•3020}\]](tel:+18335853020)  , United Airlines allows only **small animals** that can fit comfortably in a carrier under the seat [@833 \[+1{833•585•3020}\]](tel:+18335853020)  . This ensures the safety of your pet while traveling and maintains a pleasant environment for all passengers [@833 \[+1{833•585•3020}\]](tel:+18335853020) .

United Airlines also operates **PetSafe** @ [+1{833•585•3020}] [+1{833•585•3020}] <img alt="handshake icon" data-bbox="888 838 903 853]. This service</p>

provides temperature-controlled @ [+1{833•585•3020}] , secure cargo transportation to ensure pets reach their destination safely @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .

Types of Pets Allowed on United Airlines

United Airlines @ [+1{833•585•3020}] permits a limited range of pets on both domestic and select international flights @ [+1{833•585•3020}] . Pets allowed in the cabin include:

- **Cats** – Most domestic cats can travel in-cabin in an approved carrier @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .
- **Small Dogs** – Small dog breeds that fit within the size and weight limits are permitted @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .
- **Household Birds** – Certain birds may travel in-cabin @ [+1{833•585•3020}] , remaining in their carrier @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .

Exotic pets @ [+1{833•585•3020}] , reptiles @ [+1{833•585•3020}] , or larger animals must use United Airlines **PetSafe** @ [+1{833•585•3020}] . This division ensures in-cabin pets do not disturb other passengers and can travel safely @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .

United Airlines In-Cabin Pet Requirements

Carrier Guidelines

United Airlines requires an approved pet carrier to:

- **Fit under the seat in front** of the passenger @ [+1{833•585•3020}] . Maximum dimensions: 17 inches long x 12 inches wide x 9 inches high @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .
- Be **leak-proof** and well-ventilated @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .
- Allow pets to **stand** @ [+1{833•585•3020}] , **turn** @ [+1{833•585•3020}] , and **lie down** comfortably @ [+1{833•585•3020}] .

Soft-sided carriers are preferred @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝, as they can slightly compress to fit under the seat @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝. Hard-sided carriers may be allowed if they meet the size restrictions @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.

Weight Limits

The total weight of the pet **plus the carrier** must not exceed **20 pounds** @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝. Pets exceeding this weight are required to use the **PetSafe cargo program** @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.

Documentation

For international flights @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝, United Airlines may require:

- Health certificates from a licensed veterinarian @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.
- Proof of vaccination @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝, especially for rabies @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.
- Import permits or documentation per destination rules @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.

United Airlines encourages passengers to call @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝 to confirm all requirements before traveling internationally @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.

United Airlines Pet Fees

Traveling with @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝 pets on United Airlines requires fees depending on the travel type:

- **In-Cabin Pets:** \$125 per flight segment @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.
- **PetSafe Cargo Pets:** Fees vary depending on destination @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝, weight @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝, and size @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.

United Airlines recommends booking pets early @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝, as only a limited number of animals are permitted per flight @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝. Call @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝 to reserve your pet's spot @ ☎ [+1{833•585•3020}] 🤝.

Service Animals vs. Emotional Support Animals

United Airlines [@833-585-3020](#) [+] distinguishes between service animals and emotional support animals:

- **Service Animals:** Recognized under ADA regulations and allowed to travel free in the cabin with proper documentation [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- **Emotional Support Animals:** No longer travel free; they must use an approved carrier and pay the standard in-cabin pet fee [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

Contact United Airlines at [@833-585-3020](#) [+] to confirm the latest rules regarding emotional support animals [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

United Airlines PetSafe: Cargo Travel for Pets

For pets too large [@833-585-3020](#) [+] to travel in-cabin or exotic animals [@833-585-3020](#) [+] , United Airlines offers **PetSafe** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] , a specialized cargo program [@833-585-3020](#) [+] . Key points include:

- Pets are transported in **temperature-controlled** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] , **pressurized compartments** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Reservations must be made in advance [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Pets receive **care and monitoring** throughout the journey [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

PetSafe ensures that larger pets travel safely without stress while maintaining airline safety standards [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

Booking Your Pet on United Airlines

Booking a pet with [@833-585-3020](#) [+] United Airlines involves a few steps:

1. **During flight booking:** Add the pet online while purchasing your ticket [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

2. **By phone:** Call United Airlines at [@833-585-3020](#) [+] to add a pet to an existing reservation [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
3. **Advance notice:** Book at least 48 hours before departure to secure your pet's spot [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

Advanced booking ensures compliance with regulations and guarantees your pet's space on the flight [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

Preparing Your Pet for United Airlines Travel

Preparation is key [@833-585-3020](#) [+] to a stress-free journey:

- **Acclimate your pet to the carrier** weeks in advance [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- **Exercise your pet** before travel [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Avoid feeding immediately before the flight [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Bring **familiar toys** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] , **blankets** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] , **or scents** to comfort your pet [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Ensure your pet is **hydrated** but not overly full [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

United Airlines recommends contacting [@833-585-3020](#) [+] for guidance on preparing your pet for air travel [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

Safety and Health Requirements

United Airlines requires that all pets:

- Be **healthy** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] and **free from contagious diseases** [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Have up-to-date vaccinations [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .
- Carry microchips for identification (recommended) [@833-585-3020](#) [+] .

For international travel [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , additional health certifications may be necessary [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  . Compliance ensures both passenger safety and pet welfare [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  .

Traveling with Pets Internationally on United Airlines

International travel with pets requires careful planning: [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) 

- Check destination-specific regulations [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .
- Obtain health certificates and vaccination documentation [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .
- Confirm carrier compliance with airline rules [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

United Airlines encourages passengers to call [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  for assistance navigating international pet travel requirements [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Tips for Stress-Free Pet Travel on United Airlines

1. Choose **direct flights** to minimize travel time [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .
2. Arrive at the airport **early** [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .
3. Notify **flight attendants** about pets onboard [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .
4. Use a **soft-sided carrier** [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .
5. Pack **emergency supplies** like a water bowl [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) , waste bags [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) , and blankets [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

These steps ensure a smooth [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , safe journey for your pet and a comfortable experience for all passengers [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Frequently Asked Questions: United Airlines Pet Policy

Q1: Can my small dog travel in the cabin on United Airlines?

Yes [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , small dogs can travel in-cabin if they fit the size and weight requirements [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q2: How many pets are allowed per flight?

The number is limited [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  . Early reservation is recommended [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q3: Are emotional support animals allowed in-cabin for free?

No [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , emotional support animals must follow in-cabin pet rules and pay the standard fee [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q4: What happens if my pet is over 20 pounds?

Pets over 20 pounds must travel via the United Airlines PetSafe program [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q5: How do I reserve a pet in-cabin?

Call United Airlines at [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  or add the pet online during booking [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q6: What documents are required for international travel?

Health certificates [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , vaccination records [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , and import permits may be needed [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q7: Can multiple pets share a carrier?

Yes [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , if the combined weight is under 20 pounds and the carrier fits airline size limits [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q8: What type of carriers are approved?

Soft-sided carriers are preferred [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  . Hard-sided carriers are allowed if they meet size restrictions [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q9: Can I bring a bird on United Airlines?

Yes [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  , small household birds can travel in-cabin in an approved carrier [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .

Q10: Who do I contact for questions about traveling with pets?

United Airlines customer service at [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#)  is the best resource [\[+1{833•585•3020}\]](#) .