

Tips for Flying with Your Pet

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For some people, traveling without their pets simply won't do; being away from Spot the pooch or Jinxy the cat is just simply unbearable. Fortunately, modern air travel has branched out to include passengers of the four-legged variety. Most airlines offer travel for pets in the plane's cabin or in its cargo hold.

Now, before you go shopping for cute outfits and sunglasses your pet can wear to the beach or a night on the town; check out our tips for flying with your pet:

Go to the Vet Just about every airline in the world requires documentation from a veterinarian that your pet is in good health before it can board a flight. Most airlines including Maya Island Air, require that your pet's clean bill of health be no more than 10 days old.

Let the Airline Know Your Pet's Coming Along for the Ride Arrange for your pet to fly when you book your own tickets. Maya Island Air allows pets in the passenger cabin but they must be transported in a pet carrier that is small enough to be stowed under the seat in front of you or in your lap and big enough that the pet can stand up and turn around inside. Only one pet kennel per ticketed passenger is permitted.

Feed and Water Your Pet Before Departure While you spend some time waiting around the airport, be sure to prepare your pet for the flight ahead by giving them food and water at minimum 2 hours before the flight's scheduled departure.

Note: The local airlines allow small, vaccinated, domestic pets to travel in-cabin as carry-ons but they must be in a carrier or kennel bag supplied by the owner. Carrier/Kennel size determines whether the pet will require a designated shelf/seat in the cabin of the aircraft (charges apply) or be placed under the seat in front of you.

Seeing Eye Dogs Seeing Eye dogs are an exception and are allowed to travel with their owners and sit at their feet. Clients will be accommodated with a seat, excluding those available near exits. For convenience, we also offer domestic charter services upon request, for clients wishing to transport their pet(s) without the hassles of a regularly scheduled flight.

Taking all of these tips into account can make travel much easier for you and your pet.

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