

# HOW TO GET FIDO TO BELIZE

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Wrobel & Co., Attorneys - at - Law, is an international law firm based in Belize City, Belize.

Our office specializes in a wide array of legal services. All of our services - from real estate and retirement services to offshore advice - aim to link people with a better life.

Our Belize lawyers know the culture in Belize. We know the legal system. We want to know you.



# Bringing Fido Into Belize

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This dog made it!

# Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA)

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## Requirements

1. Valid Import Permit .
2. Recent Veterinary Certificate of Health .
3. Valid Rabies Certificate .
4. (Dogs and cats that do not satisfy the rabies requirements will be held in confinement.)

Note: a BAHA veterinary officer or quarantine officer reserves the right to inspect animals placed in confinement at any time.

# Belize Agricultural Health Authority

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## Requirements

5. Veterinary Inspection.
6. Stamp Duty.

## Guidelines

1. Obtain a valid import permit .
2. Animals will only be inspected at the port of entry specified on the import permit .
3. A Risk Analysis may be conducted by BAHA prior to the issuance of an import permit .

# Belize Agricultural Health Authority

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## Guidelines

4. The Director of Animal Health must be notified of the date and time of your pets' arrival .
5. Animals/Pets that do not pass the veterinary inspections will be returned to their point of origin .
6. All animals/pets allowed into Belize are subjected to quarantine .

# Belize Agricultural Health Authority

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## Procedures to Acquire an Import Permit

1. Application form to import live animals .
2. Application fee of BZ\$50 .00

# Belize Agricultural Health Authority

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## Time frame for Acquiring Permit

1. On average the application process takes seven (7) business days.
2. Should a risk analysis need to be performed, the time frame may take several weeks to months to complete .

Note : The issuance of an import permit does not guarantee entry into Belize .





# Pet Shipping Services American Airlines

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## New Rules

1. Starting February 1, 2021, only trained service animals can fly in the cabin
2. Checked pet services - SUSPENDED



# Pet Shipping Services American Airlines

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## Airline Requirements

1. An original and a copy of a health certificate .
2. Rabies Certificate .
3. Dogs and cats must be at least eight (8) weeks old to travel .



# Pet Shipping Services American Airlines

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## Kennel Limitations

1. No more than seven (7) pets are allowed on the same flight with the exception of service animals .



# Pet Shipping Services

## American Airlines

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### Cabin Pets – Pet Carrier Guidelines

1. Maximum size for pet carriers (in cabin) – 19” long x 13” wide x 9” high .
2. Weight should be no more than 20 lbs .
3. Soft sided carriers are accepted if they are water repellent and padded nylon with mesh ventilation on two or more sides.



# Pet Shipping Services American Airlines

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## Cabin Pets – Pet Carrier Guidelines

4. A pet kennel counts as a passenger's carry-on or personal item .
5. Only one (1) kennel per passenger.
6. Pets are not allowed outside of their pet carriers during the flight .



# Pet Shipping Services American Airlines

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## Check the American Airlines website

1. Dog and cat restrictions
2. Checkin - in pets guidelines



# American Airlines Cargo Cat and Dog Checklist



Air Waybill #: \_\_\_\_\_ Bag Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Date: \_\_\_\_\_ # Kennels/Total Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Lb / Kg  
 Origin Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_ Origin Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Origin Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ °F / °C  
 Connecting Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_ Connecting Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ °F / °C  
 Connecting Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Connecting Departure Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ °F / °C  
 Destination Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Dest. Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ °F / °C

**AA will ONLY accept Live Animals when the origin, connecting, and destination temperatures fall between 45°F (7°C) and 85°F (29°C) unless the Customer provides a certificate or statement of acclimation signed by an accredited veterinarian. Regardless of the temperatures stated on the certificate or statement of acclimation, AA will NOT accept Live Animals when the origin, connecting, and destination temperatures exceed 85°F (29°C) OR fall below 20°F (-7°C).**

Is there a certificate or statement of acclimation? Yes / No If so, what is the lowest acclimation temperature? \_\_\_\_\_ °F / °C

Every question **MUST** be completed and reviewed with the Customer. **Questions answered with "No" must be corrected before acceptance.**

## General Acceptance

Yes No

- Was the cat or dog accepted by the local cut-off time, but no more than 4 hours before departure time for US flights, and no more than 6 hours for international flights?
- Was the cat or dog visibly checked to ensure it is:  
  - Fit for travel?
  - Clean with no offensive odors?
  - Suitable for the kennel, allowing it to sit, stand, and rest comfortably without touching any of the sides of the kennel?

**Note: If the cat or dog exhibits any signs of illness, injury or aggressive behavior, DO NOT ACCEPT the animal.**

- Is the cat or dog old enough to travel?

**Note: The cat or dog must be at least 8 weeks old. To verify the age, check the age on the Health Certificate.**

- Has the breed of the cat or dog been verified?

**Note: To verify the breed, check the Health Certificate. DO NOT accept snub nosed cats or dogs.**

- For international destinations, has the Customer complied with all the government requirements?

**\*\*\* If not an international destination, select N/A \*\*\***

**Note: Click on "Links" in the Sabre Application; then refer to "International Requirements for Cats and Dogs."**

## Documentation

Yes No

- Is there an original, valid Health Certificate?

**Note: There must be an original Health Certificate along with a copy. It must be issued within 10 days of the origin travel.**

## Feeding and Watering

Yes No

- Has the Customer provided:  
  - FEEDING/WATERING CERTIFICATION** attached to the top of the kennel, certifying the cat or dog was given food and water within 4 hours of the scheduled departure?
  - Separate food and watering dishes that are securely attached and accessible without having to open the kennel?

**Note: If the animal should NOT be fed and/or watered, the Customer must provide information signed by a licensed Veterinarian. When applicable, select N/A.**

- Food for a 24-hour period that has been attached to the top of the kennel?

Signature of Employee / Employee Number / Time and Date

## Labeling and Marking

Yes No

- Are the:  
  - Contact names, addresses, and 24-hour telephone numbers for *both* origin and destination attached to the top of the kennel?
  - Proper neon yellow point labels attached to the top of the kennel, along with the "Scale Weight" written on the label?
  - Correct number of orientation and "LIVE ANIMAL" labels attached to each kennel?

**Note: Orientation and "LIVE ANIMAL" labels must be attached to the top of the kennel, in addition to 1 side of the kennel, and must be at least 1 inch (2.54 cm.) high.**

## Kennels

**The following types of kennels are prohibited: kennels made entirely of wicker, wadded mesh or wire mesh; snap, soft-sided, cardboard, knock-down, folding or collapsible kennels; kennels with plastic doors; kennels with wheels (unless they are retractable, removable, taped, or otherwise rendered nonoperable); and kennels with top opening doors.**

- Are the kennel(s):  
  - Compatible for every aircraft in the routing?

**Note: Each cat and dog must have its own kennel, except when there are: 2 kittens or puppies between 8 weeks and 6 months old, are similar in size, and weigh less than 20 lbs (9.1 kgs) each.**

- Rigid and secure enough so that the cat or dog cannot escape or poke through any openings in the kennel, yet can be easily removed in an emergency?

- Leak-proof with a solid floor that is covered with absorbent material?

**Note: Hay, straw, and wood-shavings are not permitted as an absorbent material.**

- Constructed with ventilation openings on at least 3 sides and have a spacer bar or rim protruding at least 3/4 inches (1.9 cm) on all sides?

**Note: Intl. shipments require ventilation openings on all 4 sides.**

- Secured with releasable cable ties on all 4 corners of the door?

## \*\*\* REQUIRED CUSTOMER INFORMATION \*\*\*

Have any of the cat(s) or dog(s) been sedated? Yes / No

If "Yes", provide the following information:

Name of Medication / Amount Administered / Time and Date

Signature of Customer / Time and Date





# Pet Shipping Services

## American Airlines

### *Breed Restrictions - DOGS*

<i>Affenpinscher</i>	<i>Dogue De Bordeaux</i>	<i>Pit Bull</i>
Boston Terrier	English Toy Spaniel	Presa Canario
<i>Boxer (All breeds)</i>	<i>Japanese Chin</i>	<i>Pug (All breeds)</i>
Brussels Griffon	Lhasa Apso	Shar Pei
<i>Bulldog (All breeds)</i>	<i>Mastiff (All breeds)</i>	<i>Shih Tzu</i>
Cane Corso	Pekingese	Tibetan Spaniel

### *Breed Restrictions - CATS*

Burmese	Exotic Shorthair	Himalayan
<i>Persian</i>		



# Pet Shipping Services American Airlines

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## Charges for Cabin and Checked Pets

Service	Charge
<i>Cabin Pets</i>	<i>US\$125.00 per kennel (per flight leg)</i>
Checked Pets	US\$175.00 per kennel (per flight leg)
<i>Assistance animals (eg. Seeing eye dogs)</i>	<i>No charge</i>



# New Restrictions for Pets and emotional support animals (ESA)

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- Carriers that will no longer allow emotional support animals: **American, Delta, United, JetBlue, Spirit, Alaska** and **Frontier**
- American Airlines: only trained service animals can fly in the cabin starting Feb. 1
- United Airlines: will stop letting emotional support animals fly after Feb. 28.
- Carriers are not honoring new requests for emotional support animals as of Jan. 11.

# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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## What is a trained service dog?

Dogs are “individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability.”

That includes physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disabilities.



# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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## What animals are allowed to fly freely in the cabin?

Only trained service dogs will be allowed to fly without charge and without being in a carrier.

Those that were considered “comfort” or “emotional support” animals — dogs, ducks, rabbits or others — will no longer be allowed on planes without a cost or without being in a carrier. Some may be brought on under existing pet policies.

# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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## Requirements for ESA

1. Owners must fill out DOT forms with information about the animal's health, training, and behavior and turn them in 48 hours in advance.
2. Name of the person or organization that trained the animal as well as a phone number.

# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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## Requirements for ESA

3. The form requires passengers to check a box saying they understand that if they knowingly make false statements, they can be subject to fines and other penalties.

4. For flights longer than eight hours, owners also have to fill out a form confirming that the dog would either not need to relieve itself or could do so on the plane “without creating a health/sanitation issue.”



# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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## Requirements for ESA

5. Carriers are allowed to require a service dog to either fit on a handler's lap or within their foot space on the floor. Dogs have to be harnessed or leashed and be well - behaved.



# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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What if you have a doctor's note?

This no longer matters to airlines under new DOT rules.



# New Restrictions for Pets and (ESA)

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## Prices

To bring a pet in the cabin, the cost ranges from \$99 each way on Frontier to \$125 on American, Delta, United and JetBlue.

# How We Can Help

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## Your Pet Will Receive The Following Services

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(like a passport for your pet)
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(preventing nights in animal jail)
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(preventing too big a hole in owner's wallet)



# How We Can Help

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## Your Pet Will Have Its Own Guardian Angel

- On the day of your pet's arrival, a Wrobel & Co staff member arrives at the Airport to provide the Inspector with all necessary documentation and permits prior to the pet's inspection .
- We will wait to ensure that the pet is successfully cleared through customs before leaving the airport .
- No lockdown for your pet!



# How We Can Help

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Home Sweet Home!

# How We Can Help

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## Your Pet Will Have A Law Firm On Retainer

Wrobel & Co will be here to assist with any problems your pet has for three years after entry into Belize. This includes re-entry (for a small additional fee) in case Fido needs a vacation from his Belize lifestyle .



# OUR SERVICES

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# QUESTIONS?

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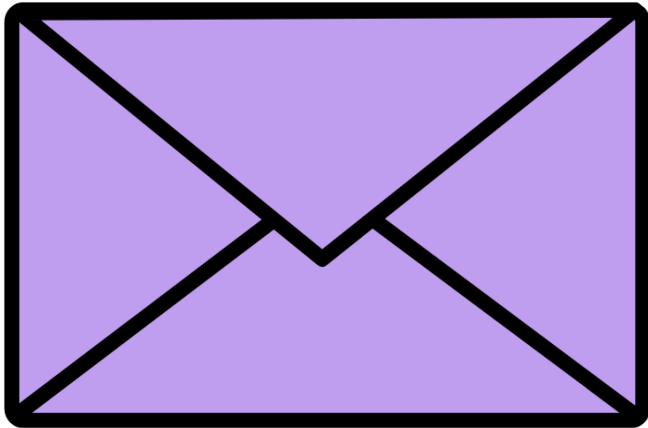
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- Ask me questions directly
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