

Pet in Cabin Checklist

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Documentation

- Health certificate (prepared by Morlens) – 2 copies
- Rabies Confinement Agreement form from CDC (for US Customs) – available at the shelter or get from the AARF website
- Contact information and itinerary, airline reservation number – put one copy in pet carrier pocket

Other

- Food in baggie for when you reach your destination airport
- One or two small plastic bowls for food & water (Ace has inexpensive double ones)
- Treats
- Paper towels for accident clean up
- Absorbent pads – one in carrier plus one extra (there are some in the AARF shelter office file cabinet)
- Towel or other soft material inside carrier for comfort; a second one in case of accidents is a good idea if you have room in your carryon bag. If you're transporting a cat, they like to have something to hide under in the carrier. Something with the pet's or your smell on it is comforting.
- Plastic bags to contain any accident clean up
- Baby wipes & hand disinfectant may be handy
- Leash
- Collar on pet
- Harness if needed (highly recommended for cats)
- Toy for puppies (a cuddly one is nice, but make sure they can't choke on it or chew it up)
- For cats, consider a small disposable baking pan & a baggie of litter in case you have a long layover. Cat litter will most likely trigger a check at the security checkpoint as it goes through the X-ray machine! See our "Traveling with a Pet – the Process" document on how to send your items through the machines at Security
- Since the carrier has to be under a seat for takeoff and landing, a bulkhead or emergency exit row seat is impossible