

[Changes to American Airlines' Pet Shipping Policy](#)

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Now that the merger of American and US Airways is complete, changes have been made to American's pet shipping policy. As you might imagine, the news is not good. Because of the addition of the US Airways' planes to American, there are now a number of aircraft in its stock that will not accept pets as checked pets or as cargo.

"Special notice

Checked pets cannot travel on A321S, A321H, A320, A319 aircraft and all flights operated by our regional partner Air Wisconsin"

Also, keep in mind that in FY2015 American obtained a number of the contract routes that were formerly United routes and American retained most of these contracts for FY 2016. American accepts pets in-cabin on far fewer routes and it also has the temperature restrictions year round, so this makes it more challenging for pet owners.

If American holds the contract for the route to your post and you are a pet owner, you will want to check to determine the aircraft being used for the flight and if you will be able to ship your pet from your current post to your new post. The OBC's "Shipping of Pets Checklist" handout on OpenNet provides details on how you may use an alternate airline and routing on a cost construct basis. If neither you nor your spouse has access to OpenNet and you would like a copy of this handout, please email FSIOBCInfoCenter@gmail.com.

The link below provides further details on American's pet shipping policies.

<https://www.aa.com/i18n/travelInformation/specialAssistance/pets.jsp>

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