



BRINGING YOUR PETS TO GERMANY?

Below are some key points you should know before you plan your trip and if you follow this information then bringing in your pet will be a much smoother transition.

Flying into Stuttgart

- Make sure you follow **ALL** the rules from your stateside vet in getting your pet chipped, proper paperwork, all the necessary shots and follow the necessary timelines.
- When getting plane tickets to come to Germany, ask to have your pet checked in as “luggage”, not “air freight”. Delta and Continental (United Airlines) will not have problems with that.
 - During summer months, pets will not be allowed to be checked in as “luggage” if the climate is in excess of 85 degrees Fahrenheit (temperature restriction is at the discretion of the airline).
- If you fly a different airline and they say they cannot check your pet in as “luggage” (every airline has different rules), then you will have to have the vet come to you at the airport before you can leave. Even if you fly Delta and Continental and your paperwork is not right – you will also have to wait for the vet.
- The price for the exam at the Stuttgart International Airport is 55 Euro’s.
 - There is only one person to work “private” vet issues at the Stuttgart International Airport.
 - There can be a 3-5 hour wait for the vet to arrive if he/she is not already onsite, especially if you fly in over a weekend. It takes time for that person to come from wherever they are. It helps to be prepared and have everything done correctly the first time around.
- Customs will check all of your paperwork and if it meets the requirements, you will be waved through. The only time customs will check and stop you is if you are bringing in a dog that is not allowed in country or have a breeding dog that is worth a fortune.
- Please refer to the Stuttgart, United States Army Garrison, Germany Military Installations webpage for more information about shipping pets at the following link:
<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/> (ensure you select Army as the branch of service).

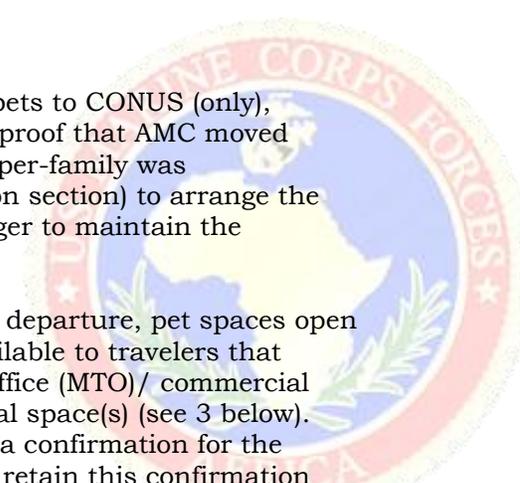
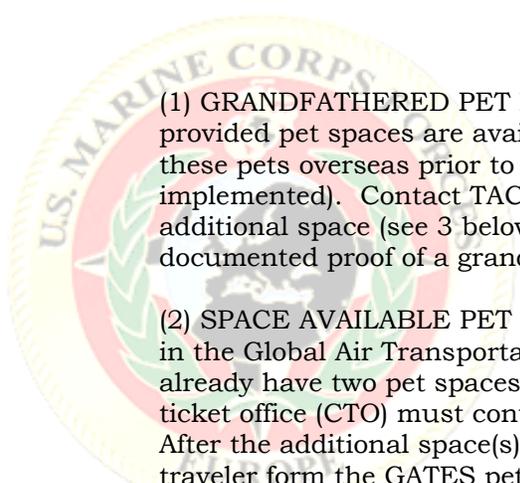
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U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet- SPACE A-GUIDELINES FOR PET SHIPMENT

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PET SHIPMENT

Only PCS status passenger may request pet shipment. Pets will not be shipped by personnel in a leave or TDY/TAD status. Sponsor(s)/ dependent(s) must accompany the pet to the final destination.

Pets are defined as dogs and cats only and are restricted to a maximum of two pets per family, unless moved under the grandfathered policy or space available pet program (see below). The maximum weight (kennel and pet) cannot exceed 150lbs. **Waivers will not be issued for weight or type of pets.**



(1) GRANDFATHERED PET POLICY: AMC will ship more than two pets to CONUS (only), provided pet spaces are available and the sponsor has documented proof that AMC moved these pets overseas prior to 1 Sep. 2001 (the date the two-pet-limit-per-family was implemented). Contact TACC/XOG (Scott AFB passenger reservation section) to arrange the additional space (see 3 below). It is the responsibility of the passenger to maintain the documented proof of a grandfathered pet shipment.

(2) SPACE AVAILABLE PET PROGRAM: 15 days prior to AMC flight departure, pet spaces open in the Global Air Transportation Execution System (GATES) are available to travelers that already have two pet spaces booked. The Military Transportation Office (MTO)/ commercial ticket office (CTO) must contact TACC/XOG to arrange the additional space(s) (see 3 below). After the additional space(s) is booked, the MTO/CTO will print out a confirmation for the traveler from the GATES pet/reservation screen. The traveler must retain this confirmation and present upon request as the authority to move more than two pets per family. NOTE: Pets moved under this program are not eligible to move under the grandfathered pet policy, and will only be moved back to CONUS under the space available pet program.

(3) A pet allocation increase request form is required to request an additional pet space(s) under the grandfathered pet policy and the space available pet program. Email the request to Petallocations@scott.af.mil or Fax to DSN (312)779-7876, or commercial 618-229-7876.

The commercial airline industry currently imposes a 100 pound pet weight restriction and curtails pet shipments during seasonal hot/cold conditions. They also require animals be less than 6 months old when they travel in the same kennel. Please inform travelers of these industry restrictions.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITIES

Passengers should be briefed that it is their responsibility to meet all pet shipment requirements, such as, documentation, immunization, country pet entry requirements, quarantines and all costs associated with the shipment of their pet(s) as well as the following information:

(1) All passengers are required to meet European Union (EU) pet entry requirements. This includes the [EU VETERINARY CERTIFICATE](#) (attached) which identifies the microchip identification number.

(2) KENNEL: The passenger must provide a hard-shell, hard-sided international air transport association (IATA) or U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) approved kennel which is available at most exchange/retail stores. No soft-sided or collapsible kennels will be accepted, even for in-cabin pets. To qualify for in-cabin travel, kennels must be hard sided and no larger than 20"L X 16"W X 8"H. The kennel must be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around, and lie down with normal posture and body movements. Several layers of newspaper, shredded paper, or absorbent material should be placed in the bottom of the container. Do not use straw, hay, grass, sawdust, sand, or soil. Normally, pets will be individually kenneled; However, two small animals of the same species and of comparable size up to 20 may be shipped in the same kennel. Two pets in one container are considered to occupy two pet spaces in GATES; however, the passenger will only pay one pet charge.

(3) See veterinarian for advice on preparing the pet for shipment. Consider factors such as feeding, watering, sedative, ETC. If at all possible, do not ship female pets that are in heat (estrus). This condition causes great distress to other pets and may result in injury. Females with suckling young and unweaned animals (normally less than 8 weeks old) will not be accepted for carriage.

(4) CHARGES: Pets and their kennels with a combined weight up to 70 pounds will be charged the same rate as one piece of excess baggage, 71-140 pounds will be charged as two pieces,

and 141-150 pounds will be charged as three pieces. Please call the respective passenger terminal for current pet charges.

(5) Due to limited pet storage area, passengers will retain custody of pets until approximately 45 min. prior to boarding. Most airports require pets to remain in their container while in the terminal area.

