

# Amtrak Pet Program

## Travel with your pets on Amtrak

We know how important your furry friends are to you; they're important to us, too. We happily welcome cats and dogs 20 pounds or less for only \$25. Your [pet may travel](#) on trips of up to seven hours on most routes. Some restrictions apply.

## Making Reservations

- To make reservations, customers can call 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit any staffed station.
- A total of five pets are allowed per train, one pet per customer, and pet reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. We strongly encourage you to make your pet reservations in advance as they may sell out.
- Pets may travel in Coach Class, but are not allowed in food service cars and other areas such as Business Class.
- [Service animals](#) are always welcome on Amtrak and do not count toward the five pet limit per train.
- The pet fare is \$25.00 for each travel segment.



## Pet Check-In

- At staffed stations, customers should check in at the ticket office 30 minutes before departure to allow sufficient time to confirm pet eligibility and sign a waiver.
- At unstaffed stations, the conductor will confirm pet eligibility and provide customers with the waiver.
- Before your trip, [find your station](#) and check to see if it is staffed.
- Signing a waiver is required for each leg of travel.

## On Board Guidelines

- For everyone's safety and well-being, please remain with your pet at all times. Pets must remain inside carriers while in stations and on board trains.
- On board, place your pet carrier under your seat (not under the seat in front of you), except on Amtrak Cascades trains where you can put your pet carrier on the floor in front of the seat next to you.
- Some routes designate a specific Coach car for pets: Amtrak Cascades, *Carl Sandburg*, *Illinois Zephyr*, *Illini*, *Saluki*, *Pere Marquette*, *Wolverine*, *Blue Water*, *Hiawatha* and *Missouri River Runner*. On other pet friendly routes, you and your pet may ride in any Coach car.

## Approved Pet Carriers

- Pet owners must provide their own pet carrier, which counts as one piece of carry-on baggage.

- The maximum size for pet carriers is 19" long x 14" wide x 10.5" high. Maximum weight of pet with carrier is 20 pounds.
- Carrier may be hard- or soft-sided but should be leak-proof and well ventilated.
- For your pet's safety, all pets should be able to comfortably sit and lie down without touching the sides of the carrier.

**Pet Age & Health**

- Pets should be at least eight weeks old and be odorless, harmless and require no attention during travel.
- Customers will be required to certify that the pet is up to date on all vaccinations and accept liability for the animal.

Pet service is available on most [Amtrak routes](#) from coast to coast, including:

East	Midwest	Northeast
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Capitol Limited</i></li> <li>• <i>Cardinal</i></li> <li>• <i>Carolinian</i></li> <li>• <i>Crescent</i></li> <li>• <i>Lake Shore Limited</i></li> <li>• <i>Palmetto</i></li> <li>• <i>Piedmont</i></li> <li>• <i>Silver Meteor</i></li> <li>• <i>Silver Star</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>California Zephyr</i></li> <li>• <i>Capitol Limited</i></li> <li>• <i>Cardinal</i></li> <li>• <i>City of New Orleans</i></li> <li>• <i>Empire Builder</i></li> <li>• <i>Hiawatha</i></li> <li>• <i>Illinois Service</i></li> <li>• <i>Lake Shore Limited</i></li> <li>• <i>Michigan Service</i></li> <li>• <i>Missouri River Runner</i></li> <li>• <i>Southwest Chief</i></li> <li>• <i>Texas Eagle</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Acela Express</i> (Weekends only)</li> <li>• <i>Adirondack</i></li> <li>• <i>Downeaster</i></li> <li>• <i>Empire Service</i></li> <li>• <i>Ethan Allen Express</i></li> <li>• <i>Maple Leaf</i></li> <li>• <i>Northeast Regional</i></li> <li>• <i>Vermont</i> (Washington - Springfield)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Amtrak Cascades</i></li> <li>• <i>California Zephyr</i></li> <li>• <i>Coast Starlight</i></li> <li>• <i>Southwest Chief</i></li> <li>• <i>Sunset Limited</i></li> <li>• <i>Texas Eagle</i></li> </ul>		

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