Transporting animals in the aircraft

Travelling with your pets in the aircraft. You can look up all the info on this topic and the various transport options here. Lufthansa will transport animals either in the passenger cabin or in the aircraft’s cargo hold, depending on the animal’s weight and size.

Please note that since 1 January 2017 the only animals we accept in the cargo hold are dogs, cats, hares and rabbits.
animals and the animal welfare provisions that must be met in the country to which you intend to travel. You can obtain this information from the relevant country’s consulate, for example. Notwithstanding these provisions, there may be other restrictions imposed by Lufthansa. Please check on these before booking.

If you are transporting an animal in the cargo hold, you are strongly advised to arrive at the airport in plenty of time. In Frankfurt passengers should arrive at the airport with their animals at least 90 minutes and not earlier than 3 hours before scheduled departure.

You can obtain further information on the registration of animals on Lufthansa flights at the Lufthansa Service Center or contact the Lufthansa Airport Ticket team in person (when booking/no later than 24 hours before departure date).

Transportation of animals

Small dogs and cats
A dog or cat may be transported in the cabin in your own carrier box (maximum dimensions: 55 x 40 x 23 cm, watertight, bite proof). Maximum weight of animal + box: 8 kg. Only cats and dogs may be transported in the cabin; you cannot take other animals with you on board.

Further information on transporting animals in the cabin

Breeds of fighting dog (dangerous dogs)
Special requirements (e.g. a special crate or container) apply to the transportation of breeds of dog classified as fighting dogs. Further information is available from the Lufthansa Reservation Office.

Information and requirements for the transportation of breeds of fighting dog

Assistance and Service dogs
Guide dogs, hearing dogs and other comparable service dogs are carried in the cabin free of charge on all Lufthansa flights. Such dogs must be registered in good time before the flight.

Accessible travel with an assistance dog

Larger dogs and cats as well as rabbits and hares as excess baggage in the cargo hold
Lufthansa transports dogs and cats, which are heavier than 8 kg when their carrier is included and which therefore cannot be transported in the cabin, as well as rabbits and hares (irrespective of weight and size) under specific conditions as excess baggage in the aircraft’s air-conditioned cargo hold. For information on transporting any other species of animal, please contact Lufthansa Cargo (see ‘Unaccompanied animals’).

Further information on the carriage of animals in the cargo hold
Charges for transporting animals

Animals are not included in the free baggage allowance; the level of the charge is based on the size of the container or crate (excess baggage). The charge is collected per direction.

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Unaccompanied animals

Unaccompanied animals can be checked in with Lufthansa Cargo. For more information about this, please call Lufthansa Cargo (in Germany: +49 - 1806 747 100*) or visit → Lufthansa Cargo’s website.

* €0.20 per call from a German landline; the cost of mobile phone calls may vary.

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