



# Guide Dogs for the Blind

## Puppy Raising Department

### Air Travel for Puppies in Training

This document outlines the current airline policies for GDB puppies traveling in-cabin after the January 11, 2021 update from the Department of Transportation on the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA). Baby puppies (8-10 weeks of age) being transported to their raiser territory from GDB can often comfortably fit in a carry-on “Sherpa” bag and have more options for traveling in cabin. If you have any questions or would like assistance navigating policies for an airline not listed below, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Leader/CFR.

Airline	Service dogs in training allowed in-cabin?	Baby puppies being transported to raisers in-cabin?	Special paperwork?	Website	Updated
Alaska Airlines	Yes	Yes, no fee	<p>The raiser must provide a <b>health certificate</b> for the service dog/puppy in training on official letterhead from the assistance organization or local veterinarian.</p> <p>The trainer/raiser must provide an official Trainer <b>ID card</b> issued by the assistance organization.</p>	<a href="https://www.alaskaair.com/content/travel-info/accessible-services/special-services-support-animals">https://www.alaskaair.com/content/travel-info/accessible-services/special-services-support-animals</a>	New policy effective Jan 11, 2021.
United Airlines	Yes	<p>Must be 16 weeks of age or older (GDB puppies are generally too large to fly in a Sherpa by this age)</p> <p>\$125 “Pet” fee</p>	<p>For puppies in Sherpas, a <b>health certificate</b> is required.</p> <p>For puppies in training: “Animal trainers are permitted to bring one service animal that is training to assist disabled passengers on board free of charge.”</p>	<a href="https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/fly/travel/special-needs/disabilities/assistance-animals.html">https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/fly/travel/special-needs/disabilities/assistance-animals.html</a>	New policy effective Jan 11, 2021.



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<b>Delta Airlines</b>	No	Yes, but must be 10 weeks of age or older \$125 "Pet" fee	N/A	<a href="https://www.delta.com/us/en/accessible-travel-services/service-animals">https://www.delta.com/us/en/accessible-travel-services/service-animals</a>	Effective all travel booked after Jan 11, 2021.
<b>American Airlines</b>	No	Yes \$125 "Pet" fee	The raiser must provide a <b>health certificate</b> for the puppy.	<a href="https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/special-assistance/service-animals.jsp">https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/special-assistance/service-animals.jsp</a>	Effective Feb 1, 2021 for bookings after Jan 11, 2021.
<b>Frontier Airlines</b>	No	Yes \$99 "Pet" fee	The raiser must provide a <b>health certificate</b> for the puppy.	<a href="https://www.flyfrontier.com/travel/travel-info/special-services/?accordion=emotional%20support%20animals">https://www.flyfrontier.com/travel/travel-info/special-services/?accordion=emotional%20support%20animals</a>	New policy effective Jan 11, 2021. Will allow service dogs in training to travel on reservations booked prior to Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> for flights before Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>JetBlue</b>	No	Yes \$125 "Pet" fee	The raiser must provide a <b>health certificate</b> for the puppy.	<a href="https://www.jetblue.com/at-the-airport/accessibility-assistance/service-dogs-animals">https://www.jetblue.com/at-the-airport/accessibility-assistance/service-dogs-animals</a>	Not stated
<b>Southwest Airlines</b>	No	Yes \$95 "Pet" fee	N/A	<a href="https://www.southwest.com/html/customer-service/traveling-with-animals/index-pol.html">https://www.southwest.com/html/customer-service/traveling-with-animals/index-pol.html</a>	New policy effective March 1, 2021.
<b>Spirit</b>	No	Yes \$110 "Pet" fee	N/A	<a href="https://customersupport.spirit.com/en-us/category/article/KA-01492">https://customersupport.spirit.com/en-us/category/article/KA-01492</a>	New policy effective Jan 11, 2021.