



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Raising Department

Air Travel for Puppies in Training

This document outlines 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. Note that policies can change; please review the airline’s current website or call their accessibility line for most current guidelines. 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
Alaska Airlines	Yes	Yes, no fee	<p>The raiser must provide a health certificate or current vaccination record for the puppy in training on official letterhead from the assistance organization or local veterinarian.</p> <p>The trainer/raiser must provide an official Trainer ID card issued by the assistance organization.</p>	https://www.alaskaair.com/content/travel-info/accessible-services/specialservices-support-animals
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 health certificate is required.</p> <p>For puppies in training: “Service dogs training to assist disabled travelers can fly with their trainers for free.”</p>	https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/fly/travel/special-needs/disabilities/assistance-animals.html
Delta Airlines	No	<p>Yes, but must be 10 weeks of age or older</p> <p>\$125 “Pet” fee</p>	N/A	https://www.delta.com/us/en/accessible-travel-services/service-animals

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American Airlines	No	Yes \$125 "Pet" fee	The raiser must provide a health certificate for the puppy.	https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/special-assistance/service-animals.jsp
Frontier Airlines	No	Yes \$99 "Pet" fee	The raiser must provide a health certificate for the puppy.	https://www.flyfrontier.com/travel/travel-info/special-services/?according=trained%20service%20animals
JetBlue	No	Yes \$125 "Pet" fee	The raiser must provide a health certificate for the puppy.	https://www.jetblue.com/at-the-airport/accessibility-assistance/service-dogs-animals
Southwest Airlines	No	Yes \$95 "Pet" fee	N/A	https://www.southwest.com/html/customer-service/traveling-with-animals/index-pol.html
Spirit	No	Yes \$110 "Pet" fee	N/A	https://customersupport.spirit.com/en-us/category/article/KA-01492