



## DOG POLICY – ISSUE 1

### **Traveling with Pets**

Pets are allowed to travel in DFC aircraft, but it is mandatory to obey the following rules to ensure a safe flight and good acceptance by all members. Please take this seriously.

Questions and comments can be sent to [bello@flydfc.com](mailto:bello@flydfc.com)

All following points are mandatory, except when explicitly marked as #Recommendation.

## Insurance

A third party liability insurance for your pet is mandatory. By booking a flight with your pet, the pilot herein confirms that this insurance is valid and granted.

## Preparing your flight

When you decide to carry your pet with you, you must use the note section in Vereinsflieger to fill your animals' specs: "Dog Bello (15kg) on board."

Keep your dog on a leash at all times when in the airport area.

It must be ensured that the pilot does not get affected at any time during flight. Therefore, pets always have to travel in a special pet bag or travel box. Bags and boxes must be secured by using the seat belt and/or specific, removable mounting material.

If a properly sized travel box is not going to fit inside the aircraft, the pet must travel at the back seat, wearing a chest harness that is secured to the back seat. In this case, it is also required to protect the interior by using a protective cover or blanket.

See Recommendation #1.

## Returning the airplane

The aircraft must be left without any hint to its former animal passenger. This includes visual cleanliness such as pet hair, stains, window marks etc. but also regarding the smell of the aircraft.

**Following these guidelines is crucial and will be looked after and followed up upon.**

Also, all pet items must be removed from the plane.

See Recommendation #2.

## Complaints and fines

Complaints regarding the cleanliness of an aircraft in direct reference to an animal previously carried have to be directly reported to a member of the board. If the case was confirmed by the board, the club may charge a fine of EUR 50.

In confirmed extreme cases of contamination, the club may charge a fee of EUR 250 for professional cleaning of the aircraft.

## Recommendations

### ***Recommendation #1***

Prepare your pet before taking it to the aircraft. A journey with your dog should start with a walk outside the airport area that gives your friend enough time to do his business and stretch his legs prior to take-off.

It is always a good idea to check the health of your pet before any trip to make sure it is fit to travel. Health certificates or other documentation may be required when taking your pet on an airplane to another country. Find out what is required in advance:

[https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/carry/animal-plant/index\\_en.htm](https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/carry/animal-plant/index_en.htm)

Make sure that your pet is used to spend time in a bag or box. This requires training in advance of your flight. If you are not sure how to train your pet or if your passenger is really ready for taking off, DFC is happy to provide further guidance.

Keep an eye on your passengers. Takeoff and landing can cause pressure in the ears that can be compensated by swallowing treats. Other than that, please refrain from feeding your pets in the cabin. Water should be available at any time but be provided only in special leakproof bowls or bottles.

The use of ear protection for your pet is highly encouraged.

## ***Recommendation #2***

Please remember to bring your own cleaning materials (e.g. vacuum cleaner, cleansing wipes) to the hangar. When cleaning leather or windows, do not use any abrasive cleansers or others that could harm materials. Especially windows are susceptible to damage when cleaned with alcohol-based cleansers.

When you are busy cleaning the plane, make sure your pet does not explore the hangar on its own.