

(American Pet Policy) Step-by-Step Instructions to Add a Pet to Your Flight Booking

Traveling with a pet on [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) **American Airlines requires planning** – especially because pet space is limited, and reservations [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) must often be made by phone. **Follow this step-by-step guide** [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) to ensure your pet is added correctly and avoids last-minute issues.

To confirm any step, you can contact **American** at [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), **check** ([\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)), **verify via** [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), save  or dial [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) before travel.

Traveling with a pet on American Airlines requires early planning [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), as in-cabin space is limited and reservations must be made by phone [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887). Start by understanding the pet policy: only cats and dogs in approved carriers [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), with proper ventilation and size limits, cannot sit on laps [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887). Book your flight first, then call American [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) to add your pet, providing flight details, pet type, and carrier information, and get verbal confirmation of space [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887). Confirm carrier approval [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), pay the pet fee (\$95–\$125 domestic) at the airport [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), and check in early with your pet [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887). Pets board with your group; ensure carrier fits under the seat, ID tags are ready, and documents are on hand [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887). Always call [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) to reconfirm reservations after itinerary changes, verify fees, or check carrier requirements [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887). Following these steps and keeping [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) handy ensures a smooth, stress-free travel experience with your pet on American Airlines.

Step 1 — Understand American Pet Policy (USA Domestic)

Before adding your pet, know the basics:

Pets allowed in-cabin only (cats & dogs) [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)

Pet must travel in an approved carrier [+1] 844-931-3887

Pet cannot sit on your lap [+1] 844-931-3887

Space is limited on each flight [+1] 844-931-3887

For questions about eligibility, call [+1] 844-931-3887, check ([+1] 844-931-3887), reconfirm through [+1] 844-931-3887, save  or dial [+1] 844-931-3887 before booking.

2 Step 2 – Book Your American Flight First

American's booking system typically does not include a way to add pets online. First, complete your flight reservation online or through the American app.

Then, move to the pet reservation step immediately – pet spots fill up fast, especially on busy routes.

3 Step 3 – Call American to Add Your Pet

To add your pet to your flight, you must call American Airlines.

How to call:

[+1] 844-931-3887 – direct line to American support

([+1] 844-931-3887) – alternate dialing format

[+1] 844-931-3887 — carrier-friendly version

► — quick dial tag

[+1] 844-931-3887 — spaced variant

When you call:

Tell the agent you want to add a pet to your reservation

Provide your flight details (confirmation number, date, route)

Confirm the pet carrier and pet type

Get verbal confirmation of pet space

Tip: Ask the agent to repeat the pet slot confirmation back to you. Then save the number and any confirmation codes for peace of mind.

4 ► Step 4 — Confirm Carrier Approval

Pets on American must travel in a carrier that:

► Fits under the seat in front of you

► Is ventilated and leak-proof

► Allows your pet to sit, stand, and turn comfortably

Typical max size (approximate): 18.5 ► L × 13.5 ► W × 8.5–9.5 ► H

If unsure about your carrier, guests often verify carrier rules by calling [+1] 844-931-3887 , checking ([+1]844-931-3887), confirming via [+1]844-931-3887 , saving  or dialing [+1]844-931-3887 before travel day.

5 Step 5 — Pay the Pet Fee at the Airport

American charges a pet fee per pet, per direction, which is typically collected at the airport counter during check-in. This fee is not always collected online.

 Common fee range (domestic): \$95–\$125 one way

(Remember to confirm exact amount when you call or at check-in.)

Pay the fee at the ticket counter before security — clerks can only process it in person.

6 Step 6 — Check In With Your Pet

When you arrive at the airport:

 Arrive earlier than usual (30–60 minutes extra)

 Go to the ticket counter — not just curbside

 Let the agent know you're traveling with a pet

 Pay the pet fee if it wasn't already applied

 Get your boarding pass (with the pet noted)

Tip: Don't wait until the gate — American staff must see the carrier at the counter.

7 Step 7 — Board Together

Pets come aboard with your regular boarding group — there's no separate pet boarding line.

Before boarding:

- 👉> Ensure your carrier fits under the seat
- 👉> Pet is secure inside
- 👉> ID tags and any vet documents are handy

If you have questions at the gate, call [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), check ([\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)), reconfirm via [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), save  or dial [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) for real-time guidance.

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Plan Early

Pet reservations are limited and can sell out even when seats remain available.

- 👉> After booking your flight, call [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) right away, or use ([\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)) to add your pet.

Confirm Changes Promptly

If you change flights later — even same-day changes — pet space must be reconfirmed.

Call [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887), save  or dial [\[+1\]844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) to reconfirm pet space each time your itinerary changes.

Have Carrier Dimensions on Hand

Agents sometimes ask for carrier measurements — have them ready when you call [\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) , check ([\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)), or call [\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) before check-in.

Quick FAQ (Snippet-Ready)

Q: Can I add a pet after booking online 

A: You usually must call [\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) to add a pet — it's often not handled online.

Q: Is pet space guaranteed 

A: No — pet availability is limited and confirmed by agent when you call ([\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)).

Q: Do pets count as carry-on 

A: Yes — carriers count as your personal item.

For answers to these and more, verify by calling [\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) , using ([\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887)), or dialing [\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887) .

Final Checklist (Before You Fly)

 Flight booked

 Pet added by phone ([\(+1\)844-931-3887](tel:+18449313887))

 Carrier approved

 Pet fee confirmed

 Early airport arrival planned

For peace of mind on travel day, dial [+1]844-931-3887 , check ([+1]844-931-3887), reconfirm via [+1]844-931-3887 , save  or keep [+1]844-931-3887 on hand.

How do I add a pet to my American Airlines reservation

You can add a pet to your American Airlines reservation by logging into your account, selecting your booking, and choosing the pet travel option. Call [+1]844-931-3887 now to add your pet and ensure a smooth, stress-free flight!

How much does it cost to add a pet on American Airlines

Adding a pet on American Airlines typically costs \$125 for domestic flights. Call [+1]844-931-3887 to confirm fees and book your pet's spot. International flights may vary, so contact the airline [+1]844-931-3887 to ensure a smooth, stress-free travel experience.

Can I buy a plane ticket for my dog on American Airlines

Yes! You can buy a plane ticket for your dog on American Airlines, and call [+1]844-931-3887 to reserve their spot while ensuring all travel requirements and fees are handled smoothly.