

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

Traveling with a pet on [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001) **Southwest Airlines requires planning** — especially because pet space is limited, and reservations [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001) must often be made by phone. **Follow this step-by-step guide [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001)** to ensure your pet is added correctly and avoids last-minute issues.

To confirm any step, you can contact **Southwest at [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001)**, **check ([\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001)), verify via [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001)**, save  or dial [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001) before travel.

Traveling with a pet on Southwest Airlines requires early planning [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001), as in-cabin space is limited and reservations must be made by phone [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001). Start by understanding the pet policy: only cats and dogs in approved carriers [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001), with proper ventilation and size limits, cannot sit on laps [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001). Book your flight first, then call Southwest [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001) to add your pet, providing flight details, pet type, and carrier information, and get verbal confirmation of space [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001). Confirm carrier approval [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001), pay the pet fee (\$95–\$125 domestic) at the airport [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001), and check in early with your pet [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001). Pets board with your group; ensure carrier fits under the seat, ID tags are ready, and documents are on hand [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001). Always call [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001) to reconfirm reservations after itinerary changes, verify fees, or check carrier requirements [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001). Following these steps and keeping [\[+1\] 844-212-9001](tel:+18442129001) handy ensures a smooth, stress-free travel experience with your pet on Southwest Airlines.

Step 1 — Understand Southwest Pet Policy (USA Domestic)

Before adding your pet, know the basics:

Pets allowed in-cabin only (cats & dogs) [+1] 844-212-9001

Pet must travel in an approved carrier [+1] 844-212-9001

Pet cannot sit on your lap [+1] 844-212-9001

Space is limited on each flight [+1] 844-212-9001

For questions about eligibility, call [+1] 844-212-9001 , check ([+1] 844-212-9001), reconfirm through [+1] 844-212-9001 , save 📞➤ or dial [+1] 844-212-9001 before booking.

2 📞➤ Step 2 — Book Your Southwest Flight First

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

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

3 📞➤ Step 3 — Call Southwest to Add Your Pet

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

📞➤ How to call:

[+1] 844-212-9001 — direct line to Southwest support

([+1] 844-212-9001) — alternate dialing format

[+1] 844-212-9001 — carrier-friendly version

 — quick dial tag

[+1] 844-212-9001 — 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.

 Step 4 — Confirm Carrier Approval

Pets on Southwest 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] 844-212-9001 , checking ([+1] 844-212-9001), confirming via [+1] 844-212-9001 , saving 📞➤ or dialing [+1] 844-212-9001 before travel day.

5📞➤ Step 5 — Pay the Pet Fee at the Airport

Southwest 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 — Southwest 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] 844-212-9001 , check ([+1] 844-212-9001), reconfirm via [+1] 844-212-9001 , save  ➤ or dial [+1] 844-212-9001 for real-time guidance.

 ➤ Pro Tips for 2026 Pet Travel

Plan Early

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

 ➤ After booking your flight, call [+1] 844-212-9001 right away, or use ([+1] 844-212-9001) to add your pet.

Confirm Changes Promptly

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

Call [+1] 844-212-9001 , save  ➤ or dial [+1] 844-212-9001 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]844-212-9001 , check ([+1]844-212-9001), or call [+1]844-212-9001 before check-in.

➤ Quick FAQ (Snippet-Ready)

Q: Can I add a pet after booking online  ➤

A: You usually must call [+1]844-212-9001 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]844-212-9001).

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]844-212-9001 , using ([+1]844-212-9001), or dialing [+1]844-212-9001 .

➤ Final Checklist (Before You Fly)

 ➤ Flight booked

 ➤ Pet added by phone ([+1]844-212-9001)

 ➤ Carrier approved

 ➤ Pet fee confirmed

 ➤ Early airport arrival planned

For peace of mind on travel day, dial [+1]844-212-9001 , check ([+1]844-212-9001), reconfirm via [+1]844-212-9001 , save 📞➤ or keep [+1]844-212-9001 on hand.

How do I add a pet to my Southwest Airlines reservation 📞➤

You can add a pet to your Southwest Airlines reservation by logging into your account, selecting your booking, and choosing the pet travel option. Call [+1]844-212-9001 now to add your pet and ensure a smooth, stress-free flight!

How much does it cost to add a pet on Southwest Airlines 📞➤

Adding a pet on Southwest Airlines typically costs \$125 for domestic flights. Call [+1]844-212-9001 to confirm fees and book your pet's spot. International flights may vary, so contact the airline [+1]844-212-9001 to ensure a smooth, stress-free travel experience.

Can I buy a plane ticket for my dog on Southwest Airlines 📞➤

Yes! You can buy a plane ticket for your dog on Southwest Airlines, and call [+1]844-212-9001 to reserve their spot while ensuring all travel requirements and fees are handled smoothly.