



**Alaska Pet Movers &
Ship Your Pets
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Brachycephalic Breeds Travel Consent Form

I hereby acknowledge and understand the risks associated with traveling with a brachycephalic breed of dog or cat. I have been informed by Alaska Pet Movers about the potential respiratory problems and increased risk of injury or health issues that these breeds may face during air travel. I have read and understood the following information:

Short-Nosed Dogs and Air Travel:

- Short-nosed breeds, such as pugs, Boston Terriers, boxers, mastiffs, Pekingese, Lhasa Apsos, Shih tzus, and bulldogs, have a higher likelihood of experiencing respiratory problems during air travel.
- Short-nosed breeds have anatomical abnormalities that make breathing less efficient, especially in stressful or overheated conditions.

Respiratory Problems in Brachycephalic Breeds:

- Brachycephalic breeds have shorter snouts but must accommodate the same anatomical structures as dogs with longer snouts, including nasal passages, sinuses, and a hard palate.
- Common respiratory problems in these breeds include smaller-than-normal nostrils, longer-than-normal soft palates, and a narrowed windpipe.
- These abnormalities can lead to difficulty breathing efficiently, inadequate cooling during exercise or stress, and potential airway collapse.

Risks of Airline Travel for Brachycephalic Breeds:

- Short-nosed breeds are more vulnerable to changes in air quality and temperature within the cargo hold of an airplane.
- While pressurized, the air circulation in the cargo hold may not be ideal for their specific respiratory needs.
- No one is present in the cargo hold to monitor and provide immediate assistance to pets in case of an emergency.

Recommended Precautions for Air Travel with Brachycephalic Breeds:

- Keeping your pet healthy and maintaining a normal weight reduces the risk during transport.
- Familiarize your pet with its travel crate to minimize stress.
- Avoid thick blankets or fluffy towels in the crate to prevent respiratory problems.
- Consult your veterinarian before air travel to discuss specific precautions specific for your pet.
- Avoid tranquilizing your pet for air travel, unless advised by your veterinarian, as it increases the risk of injury and health problems.

Health Certificate Recommendation

- While a health certificate is not required for your pet's travel in most domestic cases, we highly recommend obtaining one from your veterinarian. A recent health check helps ensure your pet is physically fit for travel and allows your vet to provide any relevant advice or documentation that may be useful during the journey.
- Please inform us immediately if your veterinarian advises that your pet is unfit to fly or if they recommend any special accommodations. This allows us to make the appropriate adjustments to your travel plans and prioritize your pet's safety.

Veterinary Clearance Acknowledgment

- I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to consult with a licensed veterinarian prior to travel. I understand that Alaska Pet Movers may request written veterinary clearance at their discretion and reserves the right to deny transport if the pet is deemed medically unfit for air or ground travel.

Emergency Medical Authorization

- In the event of a medical emergency during transport, I authorize Alaska Pet Movers or its agents to seek veterinary care for my pet and understand that I am fully responsible for all associated costs. Alaska Pet Movers is not obligated to provide medical intervention and may use discretion in choosing the nearest available veterinary service.

Kennel Compliance and Fit

- I confirm that my pet has been properly measured and fitted for a crate in accordance with IATA standards. I acknowledge that improper crate size may contribute to stress, injury, or respiratory issues, and agree to provide a crate that meets the required standards or allow Alaska Pet Movers to select one on my behalf.

Hot/Cold Weather Embargo Notice

- I understand that for the safety of my pet, Alaska Pet Movers may delay or reschedule transport if temperatures are deemed unsafe, particularly during hot summer months and cold winter months.

Short-Nosed Cat Breeds:

- Short-faced cat breeds may also be prone to respiratory problems during air travel.
- Most cats travel in carriers in the passenger cabin, reducing the reported incidents. However, caution is still advised if a short-faced cat needs to travel in the cargo hold.

I acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have received satisfactory answers regarding the risks involved in air travel for brachycephalic breeds. I understand that Alaska Pet Movers has provided this information for educational purposes and that it is my responsibility to take appropriate measures to minimize the risks during air travel with my pet.

I understand and acknowledge that Alaska Pet Movers and its agents shall not be held liable for injury, illness, or death that may occur to my pet during transportation, including any exacerbation of pre-existing conditions related to respiratory problems. I accept full responsibility for any risks associated with air travel for my brachycephalic breed pet.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined in this Brachycephalic Breeds Travel Consent Form.

Pet Name(s): _____

Breed of Affected Pet(s): _____

Client's Full Name: _____

Client's Signature: _____

Date: _____

