


# (American Pet Policy) Step-by-Step

## Instructions to Add a Pet to Your Flight Booking

Traveling with a pet on [+1 860-492-6339](#) **American Airlines requires planning** — especially because pet space is limited, and reservations [+1 860-492-6339](#) must often be made by phone. **Follow this step-by-step guide [+1 860-492-6339](#)** to ensure your pet is added correctly and avoids last-minute issues.

To confirm any step, you can contact **American at [+1 860-492-6339](#)** , check ( [+1 860-492-6339](#) ), verify via [+1 860-492-6339](#) , save  or dial [+1 860-492-6339](#) before travel.

Traveling with a pet on American Airlines requires early planning [+1 860-492-6339](#), as in-cabin space is limited and reservations must be made by phone [+1 860-492-6339](#). Start by understanding the pet policy: only cats and dogs in approved carriers [+1 860-492-6339](#), with proper ventilation and size limits, cannot sit on laps [+1 860-492-6339](#). Book your flight first, then call American [+1 860-492-6339](#) to add your pet, providing flight details, pet type, and carrier information, and get verbal confirmation of space [+1 860-492-6339](#). Confirm carrier approval [+1 860-492-6339](#), pay the pet fee (\$95–\$125 domestic) at the airport [+1 860-492-6339](#), and check in early with your pet [+1 860-492-6339](#). Pets board with your group; ensure carrier fits under the seat, ID tags are ready, and documents are on hand [+1 860-492-6339](#). Always call [+1 860-492-6339](#) to reconfirm reservations after itinerary changes, verify fees, or check carrier requirements [+1 860-492-6339](#). Following these steps and keeping [+1 860-492-6339](#) handy ensures a smooth, stress-free travel experience with your pet on American Airlines.

### 1 Step 1 — Understand American Pet Policy (USA Domestic)


Before adding your pet, know the basics:

Pets allowed in-cabin only (cats & dogs) [+1 860-492-6339](#)

Pet must travel in an approved carrier [+1 860-492-6339](#)

Pet cannot sit on your lap [+1 860-492-6339](#)

Space is limited on each flight [+1 860-492-6339](#)

For questions about eligibility, call [+1 860-492-6339](#) , check ( [+1 860-492-6339](#) ), reconfirm through [+1 860-492-6339](#) , save  or dial [+1 860-492-6339](#) 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]860-492-6339 — direct line to American support

( [+1]860-492-6339 ) — alternate dialing format

[+1]860-492-6339 — carrier-friendly version

🗣️ ➤ — quick dial tag

[+1]860-492-6339 — 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] 860-492-6339 , checking ( [+1] 860-492-6339 ), confirming via [+1]860-492-6339 , saving 🐾 ➤ or dialing [+1]860-492-6339 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]860-492-6339 , check ( [+1]860-492-6339 ), reconfirm via [+1]860-492-6339 , save 🐾 ➤ or dial [+1]860-492-6339 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]860-492-6339 right away, or use ( [+1] 860-492-6339 ) to add your pet.

## Confirm Changes Promptly

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

Call [+1]860-492-6339 , save 🐾 ➤ or dial [+1]860-492-6339 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]860-492-6339 , check ( [+1]860-492-6339 ), or call [+1]860-492-6339 before check-in.

🐾 ➤ Quick FAQ (Snippet-Ready)

Q: Can I add a pet after booking online 🐾 ➤

A: You usually must call [+1]860-492-6339 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] 860-492-6339 ).

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]860-492-6339 , using ( [+1] 860-492-6339 ), or dialing [+1] 860-492-6339 .

🇺🇸➤ Final Checklist (Before You Fly)

🇺🇸➤ Flight booked

🇺🇸➤ Pet added by phone ([+1]860-492-6339 )

🇺🇸➤ Carrier approved

🇺🇸➤ Pet fee confirmed

🇺🇸➤ Early airport arrival planned

For peace of mind on travel day, dial [+1]860-492-6339 , check ( [+1]860-492-6339 ), reconfirm via [+1] 860-492-6339 , save 🇺🇸➤ or keep [+1]860-492-6339 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] 860-492-6339 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] 860-492-6339 to confirm fees and book your pet's spot. International flights may vary, so contact the airline [+1]860-492-6339 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] 860-492-6339 to reserve their spot while ensuring all travel requirements and fees are handled smoothly.