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Our Cover Model TOMMY
Loved by Susan and bred by Bobbi at The Shire Shih Tzu



Air Travel Rules: Flying With Pets

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When it comes to air travel, a large number of individuals hit the skies daily.

People fly for all different reasons. Some individuals need to make a business trip, others are visiting friends or family, others are going on vacation, and some are making a cross country move. If you are moving, there is a good chance that you may need to bring your pet along with you. If this is the case, you will find that you are subject to a whole new set of air travel rules. Before leaving for the airport, with your pet or pets in tow, you are advised to familiarize yourself with those rules.

The first step in traveling, in the air, with a pet is to make sure that they are even allowed. Certain pets are allowed to be on airplanes, but that does not mean that all airlines will allow it. If you are planning on traveling with your pet, you will need to inform your airline of this information up-front. This is vital because not all airlines will allow you to bring a pet onboard. Therefore, if you do not check with your airline before heading to the airport, you may be unable to board your flight.

When traveling with a pet, you will need to keep that pet contained. That means that if you are traveling with an animal, such as a dog or a cat, that animal will likely need to be in a carrier. When purchasing an animal carrier, it is important to know that not all carriers are permitted onboard. If you will be keeping your animal in the cabin with you, as opposed to having your animal treated as checked baggage, you will need to make sure that your pet carrier will not negatively affect other passengers. Your pet carrier must not block aisle ways or encroach on other passenger's seating spaces. In addition to these general rules and restrictions, you may find that each airline has their own set of pet carrier rules.

Almost all airlines require that your pets have the proper documents before being allowed on their airplanes. These documents most commonly include information on your pet's health. Most airlines require that your pet undergoes a medical evaluation before being transported by airplane. This information is not only used to ensure that your pet is healthy enough to fly, but is also used to ensure that they are protected with the proper vaccinations. Proper vaccinations will not only protect your pet, but other passengers, as well as airline staff.

Once you have received clearance from the airline, which you wish to fly on, purchased the appropriate pet equipment, and obtained the proper health checks for your pet, you will need to wait until your day of travel. On that day, you may want to arrive at the airport a little bit earlier than recommended. This will help to ensure that you could quickly straighten out a problem, without having to miss your flight, should one arise.

When you and your pet arrive at the airport, whether it be early or not, you will both be required to go through airport security. Your pet will be required to pass through a metal detector, just like everyone else. If you are using a pet carrier, it is also likely that your pet carrier will be subject to examination. This examination most commonly includes being sent through the x-ray machine with your carryon luggage; however, it is important to note that your pet will not have to go through the x-ray machine; the metal detector should be enough.

As previously mentioned, not all airlines allow their passengers to fly with their pets, even in the cabin or below deck. That is why it is advised that you determine whether or not your pet can fly with you, ahead of time. In addition to different air travel rules, you may also find that some airlines

**Congratulations to our
Photo Contest Winner!!**



**Mylee
Loved by Anna Knight**



*We would like to announce and
Welcome our newest member.*

Tyler Robert Tran

*was born on January 12, 2010 at 9:44 p.m.. he weighed 8.4 lbs. and was
21 inches long. He has been a welcoming addition to our family and so far
I believe that we have been blessed with an angel. I had to deliver him by
c-section. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well and trying to get into the
baby routine, if you want to call it a routine.*

My furbabies are doing extremely well with Tyler.

Jenelle



February
ISIS Puppy of the Month



Arizona Shih Tuz's

What did the dog say to the man who pulled his car over in the middle of the road?

PARK!! PARK!!

Sent by Shea, age 10, British Columbia, Canada

How does a dog stop a VCR ?

He presses the PAWS button.

Sent by Abigail, age 7, Connecticut USA

Dog Heartworm Symptoms And Prevention

Most pet owners recognize that heartworm is a very serious illness that will even cause the death of their dog. That's why it is very vital to be able to recognize dog heartworm symptoms after they occur in your canine.

Dog heartworm symptoms are a results of mature or adult heartworm larvae that invade the heart and other major organs. They'll cause irritation to the heart and blood vessel walls, causing the thickening of the blood and also the blockage of the blood flow. They will even become lodged within the blood vessels of the liver, eventually causing liver damage.

Typically the primary dog heartworm symptom to seem is a mild cough. Most dog house owners usually overlook it since it could be caused by many other problems, some that might possibly take care of themselves over time. Recognise that this may be the onset of such a terrible and presumably fatal disease needs to be of concern to pet owners. If the dog owner knows that heartworm prevention has not been administered frequently, then a delicate cough should be enough of a red flag to warrant a visit to the veterinary office.

Since most dogs are very energetic and playful, pet owners should immediately recognize the symptom of fatigue in their canine. If doing traditional things like running within the yard or up the steps tires out your dog, then there is a smart likelihood there could be a problem.

Shortness of breath in your dog is some other early take-heed call of heartworm. Labored breathing and gasping for air would like to be a sign that the recommendation of a skilled could be required.

Most dogs are constantly hungry. It may not be a major concern if your dog skips a meal or two, since stomach problems do occur from time to time. However, if this trend continues for a lengthy period of your time, it should be taken seriously.

A severe cough, jaundiced or yellow skin, and weight loss are signs that a major problem might exist, and if your pet has periods of collapse, it may be a sign that it's too late.

- Having Got a dog means that you wish to use preventive heartworm medications frequently, which your animal wants to determine a vet at the least on an annual schedule.
- One very effective method of heartworm prevention for dogs is to administer a monthly dose of heartworm medication. 2 brand names of this drug are Proheart and Heartguard , and they are available in the shape of a chewable treat that your dog might notice delectable. This makes it much easier to induce your dog to require his medicine.
- Topical creams and solutions also are on the market that may be used as heartworm prevention for pets. Most additionally have factors in them that will stop against fleas and ticks if used properly. It is not clear, but, if they're as helpful or effective because the chewable tablets, so you'll wish to seek the recommendation of a veterinarian before using this as your main prevention methodology.
- Most pets are infected with heartworms through the bite of a mosquito. These insect breed mainly around trees and water sources and their populations increase during the summer . It may be useful to stay your pets indoors as much as possible when the mosquitoes are much more prevalent.
- It's continually a sensible idea to require your canine to the veterinarian for an everyday checkup. Your vet will screen your dog (and cat) annually for this disease with easy blood tests that typically solely take a couple of minutes. The vet will additionally advise you on proper diet and exercise, and different easy rules that you can employ to offer your pet the long and happy lives they deserve.

Citizen Dog by Mark O'Hare

