



**DOG  
TRAINING  
ELITE**

# Long Distance Travel Tips

## Allowed questions from public space representatives:

1. Is the service animal required because of a disability?
2. What task has it been trained to perform?

No other questions are allowed from representatives of public facilities or spaces.

## Long distance travel and flying:

- Bring your Service Animal ID card.
- Make sure your dog is comfortable with travel.
- Make sure your dog has identification tags with up-to-date information.
- Having your dog implanted with a microchip can improve your chances of getting your dog back if it becomes lost.
- Consider getting a health certificate (aka CVI) as well as other documentation to reduce chances of any issues at airports. The health certificate must be signed by an accredited veterinarian after examining your dog and determining that it is free of infectious diseases and satisfies all import requirements of the receiving state, territory, or country. International travel might require USDA endorsement of the certificate.
- Talk to your veterinarian about feeding schedules. It is usually recommended that dogs fly on an empty or nearly empty stomach. The dog's age, dietary needs and size, and the time and distance of the flight should all be taken into consideration.
- Bring your veterinarian's contact information
- Find a list of Veterinarians and 24 hour Emergency Hospitals along the way and at your destination
- Fill out your Department of Transportation (DOT) Service Animal Air Transportation Form.
- For long flights, fill out the DOT Service Animal Relief Attestation Form.
- International: You should contact the Consulate or Embassy in that country to find out their regulations. Talk to your veterinarian about the risks of disease to your dog and have your dog vaccinated appropriately based on the risks.
- Arrive to the airport early so you have time to exercise and allow your dog to relieve itself.
- In the terminal, avoid people who might be tempted to interact with your dog, including children.
- While waiting, place your dog under the seating, if possible. Be considerate of your dog! It is depending on you to take care of it in crowded and busy areas. Another good option is to find an area close to your terminal, but is less crowded.

## Hotels/Lodging

- Your dog is allowed to stay at any lodging free of charge.
- There must not be deposits or any additional fees for your dog – including cleaning fees.

## Health provider facilities:

Service animals are allowed in medical facilities, including allergy clinics. However, please be considerate to other patients and advise the clinic prior to visiting that you have a service animal.