

THE APPROPRIATE SHIPPING KENNEL OR CRATE

An appropriate crate should look similar to this:



Made of plastic

Held together all the way around with nuts and bolts

Metal front door

No wheels, is not collapsible, and has a spacer lip around the middle

Ventilation on all sides (international travel) or at least 3 sides for domestic travel

Wire training crate, crates that fold and collapse, soft-sided crates and crates with plastic pegs, snap closures or other means of holding the top and bottom together are NOT ACCEPTABLE

Must be at least 3 inches taller than the pet INSIDE, so that there is 3" of clearances over the top of the head or ears, whichever is highest.

Common crate sizes** are:

100/small	21 x 15 x 16"
200/medium	28 x 20.5 x 21.5"
300/intermediate	32 x 22.5 x 24"
400/large	36 x 25 x 27"
500/x-large	40 x 27 x 30"

700 / giant 48 x 32 x 35"

** Crates sizes will vary slightly between manufacturers and brands.

If in doubt, always go larger than you think necessary (but not too large). Airlines will refuse shipments if the crate is deemed too small. Providing a larger crate at the last minute may delay a shipment and will increase the cost of not only the crate, but also the airline shipping costs.

SNUB NOSED PETS (Pugs, all bulldogs, Himalayan cats for example) also have restrictions. Most airlines will require a crate one size larger than normal to ensure enough airflow in the crate around the pet and allow plenty of unrestricted air for these breeds that may have breathing difficulties.

NOTE: The 700 giant crates do not fit on many aircraft, and routing for a large dog must be done with proper planning.

In some cases an extension kit can be used to make a 500 or 700 crate taller, provided that the length of the original crate fits the pets. Usually used for very tall, but not large, dogs.

Dogs too large for the 700 giant crate will require a custom made wooden crate. It is made to the requirements of your pet, and must be ordered at least 2 weeks prior to shipment.

It may look similar to this.



Many airlines will require either metal crate, or an IATA CR82 for “dangerous” or strong jawed breeds like Pit bulls, Staffordshire terriers, mastiffs, Rottweillers, etc. It will depend on the each airline’s individual regulations.

Customs crate, metal crates, and CR82’s all cost a good deal more than the standard Skykennel or Varikennel.