

### Information for passengers transporting pet animals by air

The non-commercial movement of pet animals is regulated by the Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council.

1. If up to 5 pet animals are transported for non-commercial purposes, these are subject to customs inspections. Over 5 animals or those being transported for commercial purposes are subject to veterinary customs inspections (in Poland this is only available at Warsaw Okęcie Airport).
2. As with the majority of EU Member States, Poland does not allow for the movement of cats, dogs or ferrets under 3 months old, into the country.
3. Provisions applicable to the movement of pet animals include:
  - Passport (applicable within the EU) or certificate of health (third countries) signed by the veterinarian authorised by the competent authority,
  - A clearly readable tattoo (valid until 30.06.2011) or an electronic ID transponder (microchip) implanted under the skin,
  - Certificates confirming current rabies vaccinations
  - Current certification of results of neutralising rabies antibody titration - refers particularly to the movement of animals into Poland from outside the EU as well as the movement of animals from Poland to some third countries as well as some EU member states (UK, Sweden, Ireland and Malta).

Additional documentation (permission to import, pre-notification of certificates of health etc.) is required when moving animals to countries such as Australia, New Zealand, some countries in Asia. Provisions for the movement of animals must be researched each and every time at the appropriate diplomatic post of the animal's country of destination.

Should inspection reveal that a given animal does not meet the necessary requirements for transport into the country, after consultation with the government veterinarian, the competent authority may decide to:

- o zawróceniu zwierzęcia do jego kraju pochodzenia lub
- o izolowaniu zwierzęcia pod urzędową kontrolą przez czas niezbędny do spełnienia wymogów zdrowotnych, na koszt właściciela lub osoby fizycznej odpowiedzialnej za zwierzę lub
- o uśpieniu zwierzęcia, bez rekompensaty finansowej, jeżeli nie można zrealizować jego zawrócenia albo izolacji przez kwarantannę.

More information is available on the Central Veterinary Inspectorate website at:

[www.wetgiw.gov.pl](http://www.wetgiw.gov.pl)

For queries referring to ticket reservations and purchases, as well as the movement of animals and passenger air transport, please contact the GTL-Travel ticket office.

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Some airlines do not accept animals for transport at all. Please make sure and check prior to completing reservation and ticket purchase.

Airtrans provides detailed information regarding CARGO transport as well as information concerning the collection necessary documentation for the movement of animals as well as the movement of animals outside the European Union.

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### **Frequently asked questions regarding pet animals at Katowice Airport in Pyrzowice:**

**1. *When should animals be declared for a flight?***

During check-in and as early as possible after check-in begins for a given flight.

**2. *Should anything be noted on the printed ticket?***

Every airline has its own procedures. Please check with the airline you're travelling with.

**3. *Who checks animals in at Katowice Airport?***

Check-in staff completes all formalities.

**4. *How long do animal check-in procedures take?***

Check-in takes only a few minutes, if all documentation is in order and the crate/cage is suitable.

**5. *Are airlines responsible for incomplete documentation necessary for the transport of animals?***

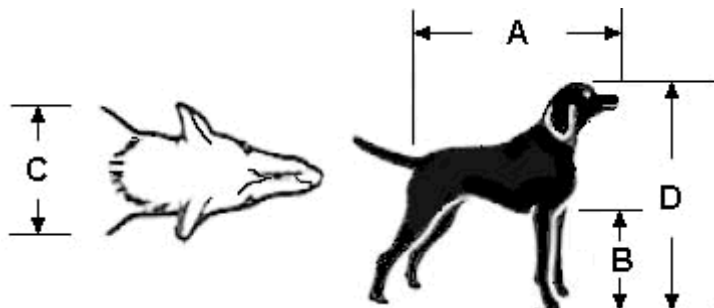
No. It's the passengers' responsibility to ensure they're aware of all the provisions and conditions of transport and to prepare all necessary documentation.

It is important to note that in the case of a larger number of passengers preparing to travel with animals, boarding is determined the order in which these passengers go through check-in procedures.

For any queries regarding the check-in procedures for animals, please contact GTL-LOT Airport Services: ph: +48 32 284 50 05 (24 h), e-mail: [handling@gtl.lot.com.pl](mailto:handling@gtl.lot.com.pl)

### Provisions for crates

In order to choose the correct crate or cage, measurements should be taken when the dog is standing and straight.



A = length from the nose – tail tip

B = height from the floor to the elbow joint.  $A + 1/2 B$  = length of crate or cage

C = total width.  $C \times 2$  = width of crate or cage

D = height from the floor to the top of the head

First and foremost, the animal must be able to move freely and be able to turn around with ease within the crate.

The crate must fulfil IATA requirements.