

## Airlines Raise Fees For Cats, Dogs

**Passengers must pay extra for pet travel this summer.**

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Bringing a cat along for a plane ride will cost passengers more on several airlines. The surge in oil prices means more fees for airline passengers this summer, from carrying a pet in the cabin to transporting antlers.

American Airlines, the largest U.S. carrier, recently raised the price for bringing a cat or dog along for the plane ride to \$100. That's up from \$80, each way.

Other airlines, including Frontier Airlines and Virgin America, also are making changes. U.S.-based Virgin America announced an increase in its cabin pet fee from \$50 to \$100. Bringing a dog or cat as a carry-on item on Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines now costs \$100 each way, up from \$75.

At Denver-based Frontier, pet owners will have to make other traveling arrangements for their animals now that the low-cost airline will no longer allow pets to ride in the cabin. Meanwhile, for hunters boarding a Frontier flight, animal parts are OK to bring into the cabin, for an increased fee. The cost to board with a pair of antlers was increased from \$75 to \$100.

The airlines said they are making cuts and adding fees as they deal with the rising cost of fuel.