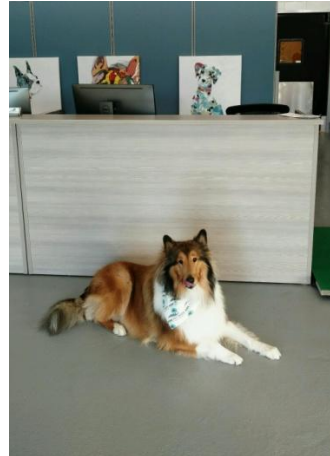




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The Newly Opened ARK Pet Oasis at JFK Gives Top Ten Travel Tips for All Pets Timed with National Pet Day

The In-Transit Pet Center at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport Promotes the Welfare of Companion Animals and Services the Needs of Animals Traveling as Live Cargo

New York, NY – March 27, 2017 – In anticipation of National Pet Day on April 11, 2017, [The ARK Pet Oasis at JFK](#) shares expert travel tips for all furry, feathered (or scaly) companion animals, ensuring a more efficient, safe and comfortable process for the four legged member of the family. The Pet Oasis welcomes a diverse variety of small animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, mice, turtles, and birds. As a central resource available to all airlines, pet shippers and pet parents, The ARK Pet Oasis services the needs of all animal companions traveling as live cargo. Elizabeth A. Schuette, managing director of The ARK at JFK, and the Pet Oasis staff recommend the following offer veteran advice on easing the potential stresses of travel for owners and animals alike.

“There are **three ways for pets to travel by air**. The first is in-cabin with the passenger as carry-on with a weight limit of approximately 18 pounds. The second way to travel is to check your pet as ‘excess baggage,’ whereby he/she is in a travel crate and placed in a pressurized cabin with checked luggage. Lastly, your animal can be categorized as ‘live animal cargo’ – also known as ‘AVI’ which is the official industry term,” says Elizabeth A. Schuette of The ARK at JFK. “For animals that are not traveling in-cabin, **The ARK strongly recommends that all pet owners book their animals as live cargo**, instead of excess baggage, in order to increase general animal welfare and reduce potential disease transmission. When animals travel as excess baggage, there is a risk that untrained AVI personnel may handle your pet and that Fido may not be properly identified, potentially being seen – or assumed – as a simple piece of luggage. When animals travel as live cargo, the carrier is required to employ trained AVI staff to handle your animal and track or trace your pet with official documentation while in transit.”

1. All animals must obtain a health certificate within 10 days of traveling, so keep an extra copy of your pet’s veterinary documents.
2. Microchip and register your pet with all important information on a tag attached to the collar.

3. Bring an extra collar and leash.
4. Pack a first aid kit for your pet.
5. Research pet-friendly hotels before making travel plans.
6. Use direct flights if possible and travel during non-peak flights.
7. Keep a current photo of your pet in case he/she gets lost.
8. Always keep calm around your pet, so it does not sense your stress or anxiety.
9. Use a pheromone collar or spray to de-stress and calm your pet.
10. Pack all of your pet's medication needed for the trip duration.

The ARK Pet Oasis accepts all domestic and international in-transit animals traveling through JFK, serving as a rest stop to provide relief in between flights or during U.S. Customs clearance. Services include grooming, crate cleaning, coordination of arriving and departing flights, veterinarian and licensed veterinary technician emergency care when needed, and much more.

To book at the Pet Oasis, guests will need to provide contact and travel details, as well as the pet name, species, breed, age, sex, size of the animal and crate, and any additional important details including specific medication, allergies or personality traits. All Pet Oasis reservations can be made by calling 212-973-8275 or emailing info@ARKJFK.com.

As the world's first privately owned, 24-hour animal terminal and airport quarantine center, [The ARK at JFK](#) is located at Cargo Building 78 at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) on 14.4 acres and will fully open in summer 2017. Approved by the Board of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), The ARK is being constructed by ARK Development, LLC. The \$65 million state-of-the-art facility provides both airside and landside services, including USDA (pending approval) equine and aviary import quarantines, a USDA-approved equine export inspection facility, in-transit companion animal kenneling, boarding, and veterinary hospital services.

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