

Be A Part Of A Rescue Story!

Be A Travel Companion For A Needy Animal Traveling To Their Forever Home



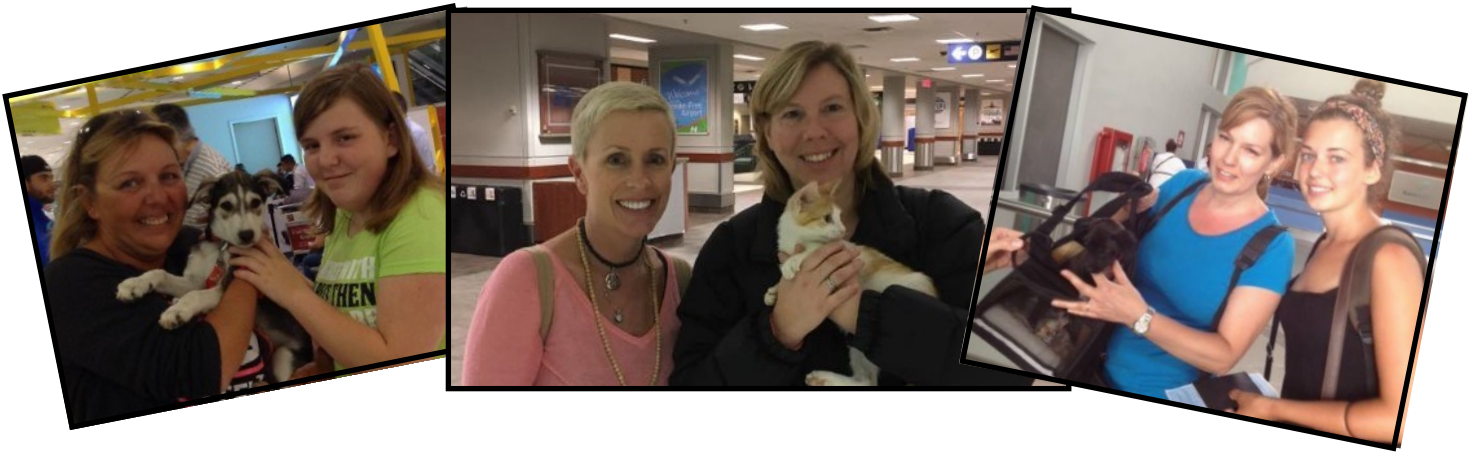
On your trip home from the Dominican Republic please consider giving a rescued animal a lift to their new forever home as a Travel Companion for one of our Coconut Hounds or Coconut Cats. We are always looking for travelers willing to escort our rescued animals to their new life off of the streets and into their new homes. DCDR will

handle all the arrangements and expenses, you just need to provide a bit of your time. Many of our previous flight companions have told us that the overwhelming joy they felt when they turned over a dog or cat to their new family was the highlight of their vacation.

What you need to know to be volunteer Travel Companion:

- 1) If you have an interest in being a travel companion, please email your complete itinerary to travel@dcdr.org. Please include your full name, phone number, airline, dates, flight numbers, times, confirmation code, if others are flying with you that might also be willing to help, departure city, arrival city, as well as connecting flights and times.
- 2) If you have not yet booked your flight, please reach out to us and we can advise you as to which airlines are pet friendly for sending animals. Each airline is different and often they have different rules depending on the time of year (heat and cold restrictions).
- 3) Our travel desk will then do a little research to see if we have a need to send an animal on your flight and get back to you. Feel free to ask them any questions you might have at any point in the process.
- 4) Please note that some airlines only permit two carry on bags. If you will be bringing an animal on board in the cabin, then this often counts as one of your pieces and so be prepared to consolidate your items.





- 5) For your departure you will be met at the airport by one of our representatives with the dog or cat, their collar and leash, carrier, and anything else the animal might need to travel comfortably with you. They will also have all the documents required to travel and will help you check in with the airline. You will be provided with any funds you might need (customs, import taxes, tips for porters) They will then instruct you on the entire process and will be there to ensure everything goes smoothly.
- 6) If the dog or cat is traveling below in cargo (they do have an area that is pressurized and climate controlled for animals) the animal will be taken by the airline at the counter where you check in and put on the plane to be sent to your first destination. If you are connecting to another flight you will need to pick up the dog in baggage claim at customs, take them through customs, and then give them back to the airline for your connecting flight.
- 7) If you are transporting an animal in cabin you will need to take them through security at your departure airport. Dogs can be taken out of their carrier and carried through the metal detector. Their carrier will go through the x-ray machines. For cats, please ask for a secure area or room to be inspected.
- 8) Upon arrival at your first destination, at customs, you will present all the paperwork sent with you as well as pay any fees due from the proceeds sent with you.
- 9) After exiting customs, you will be met by a very appreciative new owner or one of our volunteers. Then just turn all the paperwork over to them and you will be done and have the reward of know that you helped save a life.
- 10) Animals generally do very well flying and often just fall asleep to the hum of the plane. We have been told time and time again by travel companions that other passengers had no idea there was a dog or cat sitting near them. Animals flying out have been socialized, but also understand this is likely a very new and stressful situation for them and so they might require a little extra love.

We have sent thousands of animals overseas by this process and have the experience to handle all of the logistics for you and for the dog or cat. We invite you to be a part of animal's rescue story, a story that is often a memory that will last well beyond the memories of your vacation itself.

Questions? Please email travel@dcd.org