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## Be prepared on the date of travel

- Prior to leaving for the airport, please confirm your drop-off and pick up location [American Airlines Cargo - Air Freight, Cargo Shipping, and Air Shipping Services \(aacargo.com\)](#)
- Arriving too far after the recommended arrival time will likely result in your pet being rebooked to a later flight
- Make sure you bring your paperwork to expedite the process. Get prepared at [aacargo.com/learn/animals-documentation.html](#)

## Departure

Pet traveling in cargo (customer on same flight)	
Drop Off Travel Type	Recommended Time
 International	6 Hours Prior
 Domestic	4 Hours Prior
Pet traveling in cargo (customer not on flight)	
 International	4 Hours Prior
 Domestic	3 Hours Prior
 Domestic	2 Hours Prior approved ticket counter

## Arrival

Pet traveling in cargo (customer on same flight)	
Pick Up Travel Type	Available for Pick Up
 International	Up to 4 Hours
 Domestic	Up to 2 Hours (MIA, JFK, HNL)
 Domestic	1 Hour
Pet traveling in cargo (customer not on flight)	
 International	Up to 4 Hours
 Domestic	Up to 2 Hours (MIA, JFK, HNL)
 Domestic	1 Hour