

Considering how stressful flying has become to we humans, you can only guess the impact unfamiliar noises, confusion and delays can bring to your traveling pets. When making your travel plans, if not absolutely necessary, don't take your pets on flights.

Second, if it requires checking your pet as baggage, consider all the possibilities. What are the total fees? Is the container clean, safe and comfortable? Is there adequate food and water? How long will the pet be caged in? What are the chances of airline errors and delays?

If your pet is small enough (check requirements) to be carried aboard, do you have the approved container? Will it be a problem for your seatmate and/or must you pay for an extra seat for the container?