

Submitted by email to the Canadian Transportation Agency

Subject: Pets on planes

Hello,

I understand I may be late in submitting my opinion regarding ESA pets on planes, but I needed to voice my concern.

The article states that the policies have become ridiculous and I couldn't agree more.

I was on a flight once, where we were delayed to take off because the puppy sitting across from me wouldn't settle down and the owner was waiting for the "drugs" to kick in so the dog would fall asleep. In my opinion I would consider this animal cruelty, but to put the animals rights, before the patrons priorities to get home to work, get to their families, have small children that are on a very tight time schedule (with meal, sleep, diaper changes, activities), fears of flying, fears of animals, pet allergies, etc., is so inconsiderate and disrespectful in my opinion.

I believe that people consider their pets as family members but there is a very clear boundary between common sense vs codependent; and animal vs human being.

I feel we are losing our rights as human beings, with the all inclusive, politically correct, "let's make everyone happy" attitude. Can we not get back to having plain old common sense? Be kind and respectful to everyone; have boundaries on what is acceptable behaviour when in public; and be considerate of other people's needs around them (not everyone likes animals and/or may have allergies). Last time I checked , if I had any pet allergies, I needed to check the flight 24-48 hours beforehand to see if there were animals on board, then I would have the choice to change my seat or cancel my flight! Since when did animals rights take priority over ours? I don't get it.

Wouldn't it be great if there was a pets only flight for people and their pets?

That is my opinion. When I travel, I choose to leave my pet at home in consideration of people around me, and also to not stress out my pet more than it already will be in my absence.

Regards,

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