

## Dog Is My CoPilot: Transport Frequently Asked Questions

We are excited to partner with you on lifesaving flights with Dog Is My CoPilot (DIMC) as we expand our operations with a third plane! Learn more about Dog Is My CoPilot [here](#). DIMC has received significant media attention, including a national feature on CBS Sunday Morning! Check out Dog Is My CoPilot in the news [here](#).

Below are answers to frequently asked questions about our program.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Do you fly both dogs and cats on the plane?**

**A:** Yes, DIMC transports both dogs and cats on the same flights.

**Q: How many animals can fit on the plane?**

**A:** On average, we transport about 75 animals per flight. The exact number depends on the size of the animals being transported. Flights with medium to large dogs may accommodate closer to 50 animals. Each flight requires a minimum of 50 animals to operate at full capacity. Refer to our [Crate Capacity Example](#) for details on previous flights.

**Q: What should receiving partners expect at the airport?**

**A:** A detailed flight itinerary will be emailed to all participating partners. It includes the airport pickup location, as well as departure and arrival times. Timely arrival is crucial, as the plane will only be on the ground for 30 minutes to unload and refuel.

- Check in at the designated Fixed Base Operator (FBO) office for instructions on accessing the tarmac.
- Drive your vehicles to the plane as directed by the FBO staff for unloading.
- Coordinate with DIMC's flight coordinator to confirm how many vehicles will be needed on the tarmac.
- Depending on the number of crates and partners present, you may need 2-6 people to assist with unloading. Since pilots typically fly solo, receiving partners are responsible for unloading crates.
- **Kennel Instructions:** The kennels used to transport the animals must be taken with you. Please plan vehicle space accordingly and bring broken-down crates (with doors secured between the top and bottom) to replace the ones used during transport.
- Media is welcome but must be pre-approved by the airport in advance. Notify DIMC if you plan to have media present.

**Q: How are the pets transported, and what type of kennels are used?**

**A:** All animals are transported in plastic vari kennels (no wire crates). After unloading, receiving partners are responsible for the kennels and should return broken-down crates on the next flight to keep them in circulation for sending shelters. Please note that the exact kennels may not return to the original shelter.

**Q: What does a flight cost?**

**A:** DIMC provides this service at no cost to sending or receiving partners. We are a nonprofit organization relying on grants and individual donations to operate.

**Q: How are flight dates scheduled?**

**A:** Flight dates are planned in advance to allow partners to coordinate logistics. Once partnerships and routes are established, DIMC aims to provide monthly flights for consistent partners. Flexibility from both sending and receiving partners is greatly appreciated.



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