

Live Animals

- Full details of the packaging requirements for Westjet Cargo's Pet Air program are available here:

[Pet Air](#)

- Containers and packaging used for the transportation of live animals by air must meet the requirements of the IATA Live Animal Regulations (LAR) in terms of construction, ventilation, safety, animal welfare and health, feeding and watering.
- Limited free information is available from the official IATA Live Animal site, including links to extracts from specific container requirements:

[IATA Live Animal Handling & Transport](#)

- Containers used to ship live animals must be clean, leak-proof, soundly constructed and in good condition.
- Maximum stocking densities must be observed.
- Full details of specific Container Requirements are in the IATA LAR, Section 8. All live animals should be packed in accordance with the appropriate Container Requirement, however:
- We know many of our valued shippers do not have access to the full text of the IATA LAR. Westjet accepts many live animal shipments which, although not conforming to every detail of the container requirement, are nonetheless adequately packed in well ventilated, robust, leak proof packages. These deviations are, in most cases, permitted by the LAR. Some examples of alternative packaging are:
 - The use of modified pet containers for individual birds.
 - Clear plastic boxes with secured lids (taped all round) and punched ventilation holes for small mammals.
- If plastic boxes are used, shippers need to pay particular attention to the following:
 - Detachable lids MUST be secured all round with strong tape.
 - An additional 2 bands of strong tape encircling the entire package should be considered a minimum requirement to ensure the lid does not separate from the package.

If transporting live insects, worms or beneficial nematodes, extreme care must be taken to ensure the contents do not escape:

- Lids must not become separated – use packaging with integrated closures.
- All seams and joints must be fully tape sealed to prevent leakage.

