

# 5 Steps to Being a Flight Volunteer

ADD ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE ... SAVE ONE LIFE



Thank you for your interest in becoming a Flight Volunteer!! You are literally saving a dog's life since there is no other way to transport these homeless dogs and if they are not able to get to Vancouver, their chances of survival are slim. Being a Flight Volunteer involves five simple steps:

## Step 1 Let our Travel Coordinator know your itinerary at least 10 days in advance

- Our Travel Coordinator will complete all paperwork and pay all fees to add the dog as an oversize luggage to your ticket.

## Step 2 Meet the Airport Coordinator who will give you the dog's paperwork & help hand the crate off to airport crew

- On the day of your flight, our Airport Coordinator will bring the dog to the airport and meet you inside the terminal to assist with check in.

## Step 3 Board your plane and have a pleasant flight!

- Your 4-legged companion will be safe and comfy in their crate in the temperature-controlled cargo hold.

## Step 4 Upon arrival in Vancouver, pick up the dog at the oversize luggage area & pass through agriculture clearance

- Proceed through Immigration and get your luggage from the baggage carousel.
- Go to Oversize Luggage Area #35 to get the dog. If you are unable to pick up the crate on your own, please ask for the assistance of a porter. A porter will lift the crate onto a luggage cart for you and guide you to the agriculture inspection area. (Porters are a paid service that we will pay for once you are in the arrivals area.)
- At the agriculture desk they will do a brief inspection. You can give the inspector the dog's paperwork and let them know that the owners are in the front customs office waiting to pay the \$32 inspection fee. Sometimes the inspector will ask you to pay the fee there. If this happens, we will reimburse you when you come out.

## Step 5 Walk through the exit doors and we will be waiting for you!

- By becoming a Flight Volunteer you have not only made a huge difference in the life of a shelter dog but you have also made a huge difference in the lives of the people who are adopting. They have often been waiting weeks to welcome their new family member into their home and without you, it wouldn't be possible.

THANK YOU!! ♥

# Q&A on Flight Volunteering

## What is the main benefit of being a Flight Volunteer?

You are saving a dog's life.

## Why do you need Flight Volunteers?

Because airlines stipulate that dogs must be accompanied by a human in order to fly.

## How does it work?

Simple! The dog and crate are added as an oversize luggage to your ticket.

## How long have you been doing this?

Since 2015.

## How many other Flight Volunteers are there?

We adopt approximately 300 dogs through our rescue each year and each one must be accompanied by a Flight Volunteer.

## Does being a Flight Volunteer cost me any money?

No. We pay all fees associated with being a Flight Volunteer.

## Do I have to get to the airport earlier than normal?

No. Most airlines recommend being at the airport at least 3 hours ahead of time for an international flight and this is generally plenty of time to meet up with our Airport Coordinator who will help you take the dog to check in.

## Once I get to Vancouver, do I have to wait for the dogs to be unloaded off the plane?

No. The dogs are generally unloaded before the luggage so there is not usually any extra wait.

## How long does it take to get through Agriculture?

The Agriculture inspection can be as fast as 20 minutes but will take longer if there is a line up.

## Are the dogs healthy enough to fly?

Yes. Dogs are not allowed to fly internationally unless they have been thoroughly checked by a vet and have a current vet certificate.

## Are the dog's shots up to date?

Yes. All our dogs come with a passport that has all their info and lists their shot history.

## Is it safe for the dogs to fly?

Yes. Dogs are placed in a secure crate with enough water to last the duration of the flight.

## Where do they put the dogs on the plane?

Unless it is a very small dog who can travel in the cabin with you, live animals are placed in a temperature-controlled, air-pressurized area of the plane.

## Don't forget to check "yes" you are bringing an animal on your customs form!

## What else can I do to help?

Ask your friends to become Flight Volunteers! Promote becoming a Flight Volunteer on your social media! Print out our Flight Volunteers Needed posters and put them up at pet stores! There is always something you can do to help! Check out our Loved at Last Dog Rescue website or email us directly at [dogs.laldr@gmail.com](mailto:dogs.laldr@gmail.com).

## TESTIMONIAL

*There are few things as wonderful as seeing a frightened dog come out of her crate and into the arms of a loving welcoming family. The glow of my first flight volunteer experience lasted for days. I will never forget it. – Andrew H.*



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