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# Airline flights possible for pets, if weather okay, animal healthy

By JUDY ALLS  
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Concerned pet owners who are flying home for the holidays may find taking their pets with them is no problem, provided certain conditions are met.

A person traveling with a pet from Houston Intercontinental Airport can simply buy a pet ticket from most airlines and cage the pet, Jane Williams of Eastern Airlines said. She suggested that the pet's reservation be made several days in advance.

Some smaller pets, such as miniature poodles and cats, may be taken on the plane with the passenger, but must be kept in a cage. Larger animals are flown in the baggage compartment, Williams said.

If a pet is to travel alone, Aero

air freight will take the pet by truck from College Station to Houston Intercontinental, or meet the animal in Houston and bring it back to College Station, Mike Heritage of Aero said.

An animal traveling alone from Houston Intercontinental also can travel by air freight, but certain stipulations must first be met.

A health certificate no older than 10 days must be submitted to the airline, and it is suggested that the veterinarian signing the certificate recommend whether the animal be sedated, Weatherford said.

If, at the final destination, the temperature at the airport terminal dock is less than 45 degrees or more than 95 degrees, animals will not be allowed to travel. Also, an animal cannot be kept on the

dock for more than four hours, and will be sent to a kennel if it is not picked up within that time.

The animal's cage also must be ventilated on two-thirds of the outer surface, have handles and allow the dog to sit, lie, stand and

turn, Heritage said. "The trip must be done in the most humane manner, and we usually find out the animal's name so that the driver and animal can build a rapport while traveling," Heritage said.

## Christmas kennel space difficult to find in B-CS

By ERICA KRENNERICH  
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Dog and cat owners who want to care for their pets in town for the holidays may have to search for a kennel in the Bryan-College Station area with available space.

"I was booked before Thanksgiving for the Christmas holidays," said Helen Snyder, owner of the Blue Valley Cattery in Bryan. She said she can board about 30 to 35 cats. Other busy times are during Texas A&M University's spring break and before the university's summer session begins, she said.

Most of the kennels take and accept reservations, especially for holidays and other peak times.

Anita Harper, owner of Harper's Tonkawa Kennels, said she has facilities for about 50 animals. She said her kennel is booked for the Christmas holidays, and that some pet owners made reservations six to eight months in advance.

Nancy Stricklin of the Aggie-land Kennels said she has enough space to board about 50 dogs but was booked by Nov. 1 for the Christmas holidays.

Prices for boarding a pet vary, but generally range from \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Snyder, who boards cats, charges \$2.50 per night for a cat. Harper boards dogs and cats. She charges \$3.50 to \$4 for a dog.

Price depends on the size of the dog.

Snyder said she asks pet owners to bring one of the pet's favorite toys with them. She feeds her boarders their usual food on their familiar schedule, she said.

Most kennels have both indoor and outdoor facilities. Many kennels require proof of the animal's inoculations, an emergency number and veterinarian's name.

Snyder said Texas A&M students own about half of the boarders she will have for the Christmas holidays.

"If people care enough about an animal to want to house it and take care of it, then it's a service I can render," she said.

## Tasty test tradition

# Pizza sales booming

By SANDRA KAY GARY  
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During finals week, students' thoughts turn to formulas, facts, and food. And if the area pizza deliveries is any indication, pizza is one of the most popular finals-week foods.

Stanley Lyons, manager of Mimmo's Pizza in Bryan, said: "We get more pizza while they study for finals than anybody else in the nation. We have 530 stores across the nation and at the end of a week with our two stores in Bryan and College Station, we'll be ranked in the top 10 as far as pizza sales."

John Sanchez, assistant manager of Domino's Pizza in College Station, said: "Naturally when stu-

dents are up late studying, they get hungry and order pizza."

Terry Derringer, an employee of Chanello's Pizza in College Station, said business Sunday was heavier than usual and that workers expect the trend to continue.

However, other area pizza merchants have noticed little change in their sales this week. Bill Lee, manager of Pizza Express, said his store has been "a little bit busier, but nothing too unusual."

With all the extra pizza being ordered, more help is needed this week in area pizza stores.

Derringer said Chanello's has placed ads in local papers to hire extra help during the finals rush.

Dale DeShazo, a Domino's delivery man, said the store doesn't

hire more people to work during finals, but schedules more regular employees during the week.



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