



ENGLISH CREAM MINIATURE DACHSHUNDS

Flight Scheduling for Puppy Pick-Ups!

Researching flights and finding the right flight for all of our new puppy owners is never an easy job and requires a lot of patience and planning on our part; however, we always find the best flight option that will work for all of our families and their new puppies! This process takes a day or two for us to give the final “go” to book your flights here for the big, exciting Gotcha Day that we’ve all been looking forward to with so much anticipation. Following these simple guidelines will help this process go as smoothly as possible for everyone.

First, every new family will research all pet requirements in detail for flying puppies at 8 weeks of age for all the different airlines that fly into Austin – Bergstrom International Airport in Austin, Texas (A beautiful two hour country drive from the airport to our home town of Franklin, Texas) as the first choice and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in north Houston, Texas (About a 3-4 hour drive from the city depending on traffic to our home town of Franklin, Texas) as their second choice.

Look for all of the **DIRECT** Departure flights for each airline from both airports. It is recommended that your trip home with your puppy is in the first class cabin for additional room which is so very important for you and your puppy. Also, you want to depart by noon if possible. Make sure that the airline flies puppies, the age the puppies have to be to fly in cabin, and the carrier requirements. Remember that the pet carrier usually counts as your carry on for the flight back home with your puppy. Many airports do NOT fly puppies, and those that do all have different pet requirements. Our past customers have had success with the following airports: American Airlines, Alaska, Southwest Airlines, and JetBlue. (Delta and United **DO NOT** fly puppies this young!) However, **buyers** are still responsible for calling each airline to find out the pet requirements involved in flying puppies for all airports because they are always changing!

Second, take a screenshot of all of the available departing flights for the designated date for Puppy Pick-Up showing all departure flight times, the airline name, date of the flight, and the name of the departing airport. Do **NOT** book any flights until I give you the “go” to do so and let you know which flight to book. Some new families will have multiple options and some families will only have **ONE** departure flight to choose from including both airports. We will have several families flying home on the same day, so we all need to be flexible so we can get all puppies and their families safely home at a decent time which is what’s best for the puppy and their new families. Remember flying is stressful for the puppies, so we work hard to choose the best flight options home for each one of our precious puppies and forever families.

Once I have everyone's screenshots texted to me, I can begin to work on a schedule that will accommodate all of our new puppy owners. Then, I will contact you and let each family know which flight to book and from which airport as well as their scheduled time to arrive at our home for Puppy Pick-Ups. **Remember to purchase a ticket on the return flight for our puppy!** Also, make sure that you purchase insurance and make sure that you can transfer the ticket amount to another ticket in case we have to reschedule the Puppy Pick-Up date due to puppy illness or any other unforeseen issue. New puppy parents will fly to Texas the day before their pick up date, rent a car, drive to our home town of Franklin, Texas, and stay the night in our local hotel. Some may choose to stay in Hearne, Texas which is a 15 minute drive from our home, and others may want to stay at the quaint Bed and Breakfast in Calvert, Texas which is about 25 minutes from our home. Please visit the links below to contact to make reservations for the night before your scheduled Puppy Pick- Up Day! The first link is the only hotel located in Franklin, Texas where we live. The others are located 15-20 minutes from our home town.

https://www.reservations.com/hotel/best-western-franklin-inn-and-suites?rmcid=tophotels6&utm_source=googleads&gclid

https://www.guestreservations.com/holiday-inn-express-suites-hearne/booking?gclid=EAIAIQobChMImu69_LOn-wIV-RPUAR

<http://www.pinoakbb.com/>

If you're staying overnight in Franklin, Texas, we recommend the following places to go for food or drinks: Doc's Icehouse (sports bar with great food), Sargentio's, and Amigos. Doc's Icehouse is located across the street from the hotel.

If you're staying in Hearne, Texas we recommend El Alamo Café and Ama's Mexican Restaurant.

If you're staying at the Bed and Breakfast in Calvert, they offer breakfast, but unfortunately there are not any restaurants so plan accordingly.

Please text me when you are 10 minutes away from our house and again when you arrive to our home. Please wait in your car for a return text from me with instructions on what to do next. We sometimes have a puppy family here if you arrive early, so we will ask for your to remain in your car until it your scheduled time for Puppy Pick Up. We also ask that you stay in your car and not pet our dachshunds that are in our back yard even though they are adorable. New puppy families are only to interact with their own puppy for the safety of all of our dogs and puppies. We appreciate your understanding.

Expect very early pick up times depending on the departure flight times on Gotcha Day! Each new puppy family needs to plan to stay at our home for two hours before leaving to go directly to the airport to check their puppy in first and then check in for their flights home. The sooner the puppy can get home to its new Puppy Nursery the less stress on the puppy and the better puppy's transition will be. During the two hours here, we will go over all the important health records, puppy's schedule, feeding and drinking advice for the puppy on its trip home, answer all questions, explain what your puppy has learned, and provide time for the new families to meet their puppy. This gives the puppy time to get to know, interact, and play with their new families and make a positive association with their new parents.

It's very important that our new puppy owners remember that after they pick up their adorable new baby that their focus is now **100 percent** on their new puppy's best interests and will continue to be over the next two weeks as their new puppy begins its transition into its new forever home. Remember, this is such an important time for both families and their puppy. Please refer to our information on successful puppy transitions to help you during the critical time for your new puppy, and I'm always available by phone to answer all questions and give helpful suggestions. I will be in contact throughout the first 3 days and nights every four hours to monitor progress and help each puppy with its transition which is part of our puppy contract between us. All puppies will transition differently, so I will be making different suggestions for all of our puppy families until we find out what works for your puppy!

Lastly, now that you have your **flight booked**, it's time to immediately schedule your puppy's **first vet exam** and **fecal** within **72 hours** of picking up your new puppy! This is **NOT** an appointment for **vaccinations/shots!!!** The date for their second immunization is on their health cards, and you **DO** need to make a **separate appointment** on their **due date** to have these **time sensitive immunizations!** Vets are booking up several weeks out, so do not wait to schedule this essential vet appointment to make sure your new baby is doing well after its transition into its new home. If you don't have a vet, you need to search for one like your searching for a pediatrician for your baby! If your vet says that they are booked, tell them you need a physical exam for your health guarantee because you bought a new puppy. Many vets have times available for just these types of appointments and can work you in if you are an established customer. Please refer to the information in our other documents about high traffic dog areas. The vet's office is one of the worse, so please use as many disposable potty pads as you need and never let your puppy touch any surface at the vet's office or lobby such as the scales, exam table, chairs, the floor, etc.. Remember, the vet who people take their sick dogs, so all diseases and parasites live there which is to be expected. Do **NOT** reuse the potty pads; have the vet technicians throw them away for you. Never put your carrier or your pet on the floor ever at the vet's office! If you use the chairs, place a potty pad over them before setting your carrier there. Remember to never touch the dirty side of the potty pad, don't reuse it, and have it taken to the trash.

We are looking so forward to meeting all of our new puppy parents in person on this memorable day! We hope you enjoyed the journey as much as we and all of the friendships made along the way. We are now more than just friends; we are forever family! Welcome into our hearts, our home, and to our Crème of the Crop Dachshunds Family! You will forever have a piece of our hearts with you. Thank you for choosing us to be the breeder for your new family member and loving our precious babies. We are truly honored.

God bless,

Leslie and Sam Urso