

ITA Airways welcomes large pets to the cabin

Rome, February 25, 2026 – ITA Airways takes another step towards travel and animal lovers. Based on the regulatory changes recently introduced by ENAC, the Company will offer cabin transport services for pets up to 30 kg on “Large Pet Friendly” domestic scheduled flights.

The relevant Italian airline - following the success of the demonstration flight that last September transported two large dogs from Milan Linate to Rome Fiumicino in the cabin without a carrier - continued to work tirelessly to ensure the operational and quality requirements necessary for passengers and their medium and large four-legged friends to travel together.

In a world where pets have become full members of families, the Company will also allow once-excluded pet owners to share trips and vacations side by side.

“Following the success of the demonstration flight in September, we worked to continue that experience by transforming it into a service available on our ‘Large Pet Friendly’ domestic flights. It's a decision that comes from listening to our passengers and realizing that pets are part of the family: we want every journey to start and end together, without separation – **says Joerg Eberhart, CEO and General Manager of ITA Airways** – We are completing the final operational and commercial steps to put the service up for sale during the next IATA summer season, allowing passengers to schedule trips with their four-legged friends starting next spring/summer. ITA Airways thus confirms its commitment to making the flight increasingly inclusive, in full compliance with regulations and the highest safety and quality standards”.

ITA Airways confirms its attentive observation of passenger needs and the felt need for a more inclusive flight, after having been the first airline since 20 June 2024 to have expanded the weight limits for the transport of pets in the cabin on all domestic flights, increasing the maximum permitted weight by 25% (from 8 to 10 kg, to which are added the 2 kg of the carrier).

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About ITA Airways

ITA Airways is the Italian reference carrier. The Company is 59% owned by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and 41% by Deutsche Lufthansa AG. ITA Airways operates both passenger and cargo air transport services, providing Italy with high-quality connectivity to international destinations, supporting tourism and foreign trade, as well as domestic connectivity within the Country, also leveraging integrated mobility. Through strong digitization of processes to ensure the best possible experience and personalized services, ITA Airways places customer service at the core of its strategy. This is combined with a commitment to sustainability, which encompasses environmental aspects (such as a young, technologically advanced fleet to reduce environmental impact), social aspects (a strong focus on its employees and the communities in which it operates), and governance aspects (integrating sustainability into internal strategies and processes).