

General Pet News

SHIPPING PETS BY EXPRESS

Crates . . . C. O. D. Shipments . . . Costs

FOR the transportation of pets of virtually every sort, express service is the chief system of shipping used. The reason is obvious. Whether fish or fowl, wild or tame animals, pets are live creatures which require special attention in transit. They cannot, like an ordinary package, be stowed away and left undisturbed until the destination is reached.

Pets require special containers or cages for their protection and confinement while traveling, so equipped that the problem of giving them water, food and clean quarters will be constantly under the eyes of experienced express employees, whether on trucks, station platforms, in express cars or in terminals, all of which is assured when express service is used.

Generally speaking, the transportation company, the owners or dealers shipping such animals are best able to determine the type of container required for the safety and comfort of the pet. Of course, if the container is obviously unsuitable for the purpose and may cause harm to the animal in transit or be of such a weak and unstable character that it might work itself out in transit, the carrier's representative is likely to insist upon better preparation before forwarding.

Likewise as to food, if feeding en-route is required, the shipper is ex-

pected to supply it, attached to the shipment with specific instructions, or to specify the type of food and authorize its purchase, to be charged in the shipping bill.

Dogs predominate by far among the wide variety of pets constantly moving in express service, and they include all breeds and not only household pets, but pedigreed stock at the different dog shows and the trade of breeders in supplying customers.

To ship by express, it is only necessary to telephone the local Railway Express Agency and where vehicle service is maintained a truck will be sent to pick up your pet, whatever it is, if you are situated within the local limits of such service. You can, of course, bring your animal or bird to the local express office for forwarding.

The cost of shipping a dog, for example, naturally varies according to weight of the shipment and the distance it has to travel. The charge is based on one and a half times first class rate, when in crates or kennels. If the animal is forwarded without container, the charge is twice the first class rate.

The express charges on pets can be prepaid or the shipment can be forwarded "collect", in which case such charges will be collected from the consignee at time of delivery.

The Express "C.O.D." system can also be used at a small additional charge where a shipper desired to have his bill or invoice collected from the consignee before the delivery of the animal. This is of distinct advantage to breeders, who do not wish to extend credit to new customers, with whom they have not previously dealt.

All live stock shipments, in which are included dogs and cats, a special contract is issued and is placed in a special envelope attached to the shipment, along with the shipper's instructions for feeding and water and a special card record on which employees note everything they do of this sort for the animal in question.

Perhaps the best source of information as to express shipping of pet birds, such as canaries, cage birds, bantams, ornamental fowl and pigeons, as well as of goldfish and tropical fish, is the local express agent himself. Since the Express Agency has 23,000 offices and agencies, it provides convenient contacts in almost every city and town of importance in the country.

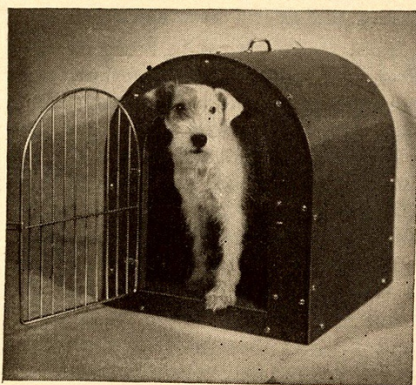
It will be well for every pet owner, who wishes to send shipments occasionally or frequently, to get in touch with Express Agency representatives, for they can provide full information and helpful advice, in getting any and all kinds of pets safely and quickly to the destination, no matter where it may be in the United States, Hawaii, Alaska or, indeed, to any part of the civilized globe.

AT YOUR SERVICE

In the course of a month's mail we receive many requests for information on the care, breeding, showing, etc., of birds and animal pets. Many of the questions are of general information and therefore are answered in each month's issue. However, we want more questions to answer. There is surely some problem that has you puzzled, and we no doubt can be of service to you. We have the answers available, and we want you to take advantage of our inquiry service. There is no cost, and you can be assured of our usual prompt reply. Just address ALL-PETS MAGAZINE, 2810 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

WHAT DO YOU BID?

On October 14th, the Fredricksburg, Va., Dog Mart will be in full operation. This Mart has been in existence each fall for many decades, and many dogs find new owners and new homes. It is the only dog auction block of its kind and has already advanced into a major civic event attracting the citizenry to a two ring pet show and a "dog" dance. Tradition says that this mart was first originated in the Colonial days when Indians were still residents of the State.



A typical carrier for Cats and Dogs and Small Animals.—Courtesy Myles Standish Crafts, Detroit, Michigan.