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Amanda Cameron



Dear Amanda,

Following our discussions about travelling with pets into the United Kingdom, I have asked the House of Commons Library to research the position, so that I am clear about the barriers to pet travel on planes into the United Kingdom.

I have put their response into the appendix to this email.

From this research, my understanding is that whilst there may be legal barriers to import, the barriers mainly appear to be practical.

The main practical barrier is that airports do not appear to be arranged in a way that could allow for the necessary checks if pets came into Britain from the passenger cabin as opposed to the hold. This is consistent with the UK government response to a recent petition, please see [Allow small pets to travel in the cabin on flights entering the UK - Petitions](#).

"All pets entering GB must be checked for compliance with our biosecurity requirements. Complex operational arrangements at airports mean that most pets must travel in the hold to facilitate this."

This is also consistent with what a campaign "Fly Dogs UK" say, please see [Fly Dogs UK — Bring Dogs Home In-Cabin](#). There is not much detail about them on their website. There is more detail about the campaign on this BBC article. [Deadpool's Peggy joins campaign for pets on UK planes - BBC News](#)

If the arrangements are to change, then the key thing would be for the airport operators to agree to change their arrangements, with, presumably, the approval of the UK Government, and also, potentially the Scottish Government. I note that this is the focus of the Fly Dogs UK campaign, they are focussing now on Heathrow.

The Scottish Government do not appear to have commented on this issue.

I do not think that I could change all of this as a single MP. What would be needed is for a large number of people to campaign for a change. This is doubtless what Fly Dogs UK are trying to get in place.



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I would be very happy to meet with you both to discuss how you could take this issue further – please get in touch if you would like to meet me again to discuss. I would be very happy to meet you both again.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John Grady", with a horizontal line underneath.

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