



## **Will Rogers International Airport**

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### **Pet Transportation Scams are Back Again**

Every Spring, Will Rogers International Airport receives a number of calls and emails from concerned citizens nationwide wondering where their beloved furry family members might be. More likely than not, they never existed.

Will Rogers International Airport once again would like to remind the public about pet delivery services that promise safe transport of pets found on line. Unfortunately, a great deal of money has been lost before victims realize the transport is fake.

The fake transport looks very convincing. Many use a 405-area code as the listed business phone number. Some pet transports even use Will Rogers International Airport address as the business location. An example of this is from a company by the name of OK Pets Delivery Services. Here are some tips to prevent this scam from costing you a lot more than heartache.

#### **PET SCAM TIPS**

- Will Rogers International Airport does not have a central receiving area for any animals. Pets are primarily shipped through major airlines or private charter companies. UPS and FedEx do not ship most animals including dogs and cats. The airport does not: hold for pickup, quarantine, vaccinate, or provide any shipping/receiving services for any animals.
- Customers should verify shipping details. If a small animal is being shipped on a major airline, which is the most common method, the customer should be provided with an airway bill that provides specific information about the flight including the name of the airline, flight



numbers, time of arrival/departure, and a confirmation number. The customer should not just receive a confirmation number without airline or flight information included.

- Animals shipped by a legitimate airline or charter company, will have a very specific location for pickup. For example, a pickup with a major airline would be at that airline's baggage claim or cargo office.
- If the shipper is using a private charter or private airline, the customer should get specific information as to the name of the airport, the name of the company where the plane will land and flight details.
- AAR Oklahoma and Atlantic Aviation, where the animal will be delivered, and times of departure/arrival should be made available PRIOR to departure.
- No company should ask for additional money after the pet is shipped. All shipping costs, including insurance, vaccinations, crates, quarantine, etc., should be included in the initial shipping fees.
- Do not wire or transfer money to any company. Be cautious of any company requesting a cash transaction. Use payment methods that will give you the ability to stop payment if needed.

The airport always recommends shipping through a major airline.

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