

TRAVEL NEWS

If you're going stir-crazy in your RV, or are simply over the ordeal of commercial flights, you may want to consider private flight options when booking your next trip. Dogtravel Company offers in-cabin flights for dogs of all sizes, and their human companions. The best part? No crates necessary.

# Flying High Style

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Founder Chris Shoulet—who helped organize evacuations and flights for animals rescued in the New Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina—set up Dogtravel Company as a member-based travel club. The company also offers member discounts on select hotels and auto rentals.

Annual membership dues range from \$29.99 to \$65 and costs for flights vary according to destination and the number of passengers. Group travel (for up to 120 passengers) can help reduce fares. Club field trip, anyone?

A number of kennel clubs have already contacted Dogtravel Company

to inquire about traveling to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach this December. So far, two flights are scheduled around the time of the Championship—but more flights, as well as train trips, can be added according to demand.

Fares for both trips listed are approximately \$1,500–\$3,000 round-trip per human with one dog (includes taxes, as well as meals and beverages for humans and dogs).

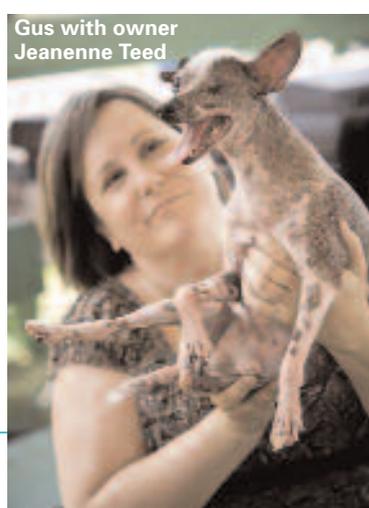
12/11–12/15 departing New York  
12/11–12/15 departing Dulles

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DOGS ON TV

## Who You Calling UGLY?

The 20th Annual World's Ugliest Dog Contest was held at the Sonoma-Marín Fair in Petaluma this summer, with all the action captured for the premiere broadcast on Animal Planet on Saturday, October 25, at 10 P.M. EST. This year's winner, Gus—like so many of his "ugly" predecessors—is a Chinese Crested. He suffers from skin cancer, has only three legs, and lost an eye in a catfight. "We will put the winnings towards Gus's radiation treatment," says owner Jeanenne Teed. "We're thrilled."



Gus with owner Jeanenne Teed

But president of the American Chinese Crested Club, Sue Klinckhardt-Gardner, says, "To me, the existence of the 'World's Ugliest Dog Contest' makes as much sense as people entering their children in a 'World's Funniest Looking Child Competition' and then bringing misshapen or handicapped children. There is a difference between odd-looking and unhealthy." As for the dominance of Cresteds as "Ugliest" winners, she says, "A Chinese Crested is a beautifully formed, athletic dog. A healthy, well-bred Crested is a happy dog, enjoying his life because he feels good."

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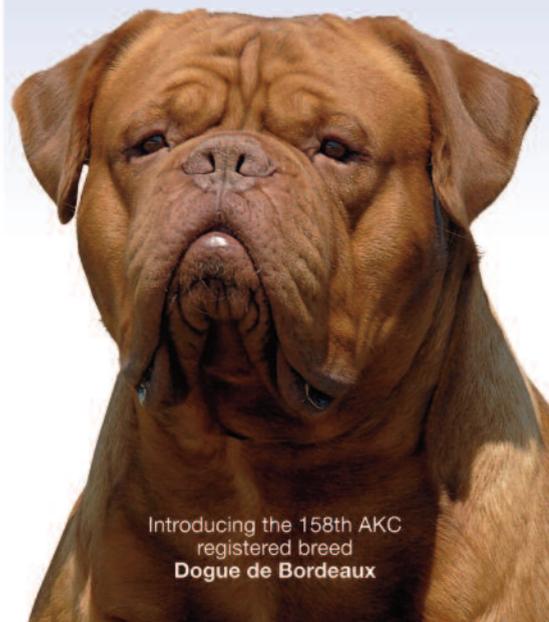
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