

# Traveling Cat Flown Home to Family



Pets often wander from home, only to come back in a little while. But not many hop a ship to another country -- and then get an expensive flight home!

That's what happened to Emily, a one-year-old cat from Appleton, Wisconsin. Emily disappeared from her owner's home in September. A month later, she was discovered in France. It seems that Emily was a *stowaway* in a container of paper at a company near her home. That container was shipped by truck to Chicago, Illinois. From there, the container went by ship to Belgium, and then on to a company in France. When workers in France opened the container on October 24, they found a very hungry, thirsty cat.

Emily's collar had a tag with the name of her vet on it, so the workers in France called the vet in Wisconsin to tell him she had been found. Emily's owners were very happy to hear she was okay, but they could not fly to France to pick her up.

## **NEWS WORD BOX**

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| Wisconsin | Belgium    |
| stowaway  | quarantine |
| expensive | cargo      |

Continental Airlines offered to fly Emily home. But first she had to remain in *quarantine* for several weeks to make sure she did not have any diseases that could be spread to other people or animals.

A Continental employee flew with Emily from France to Newark, New Jersey, and then another employee joined Emily on a small plane from Newark to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Emily's owners gave her a big hug when she came home, and probably will be keeping a closer eye on their well-traveled cat.

## **MORE FACTS ABOUT THE TRAVELING CAT**

- Emily the cat traveled about 4,000 miles when she went from Wisconsin to France.
- On the trip from France to New Jersey, Emily was offered salmon for dinner, but she wanted regular cat food instead.

## **THINK ABOUT THE NEWS**

*Imagine you are Emily the cat and you took a nap somewhere and wound up in another country. Write a story about your experiences as a stowaway cat.*