

moving with pets checklist



Before moving it is important to get your pets ready, too. Here is a checklist of important to do's to get your pet move-in ready.

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GETTING READY TO LEAVE HOME WITH YOUR PET.

- Before you move, check with your veterinarian to make sure your animal is healthy. Obtain a health certificate if you are traveling by airline outside of the U.S. to Hawaii or a U.S. territory.
- Ask your veterinarian about medication for motion sickness or anxiety in your pet.
- Request a referral from your current veterinarian for the name of a reputable veterinarian in your new city.

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TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET.

- **The Crate**
 - If you are traveling by airplane or another form of public transportation call ahead to determine standards for crate size, strength and ventilation.
 - Make sure the pet and owner name are clearly marked on your pet's crate along with both old and new home addresses.
 - Include a photo of your pet for immediate identification.
 - Write "this end up" and "live animal" on your pet's crate.
 - Note your pet's feeding/watering instructions as well as time and date of its last feeding/watering.
- **Air Travel**
 - If you are flying, call your airline's 800 number and ask about pet transportation, pet age (your pet may be too young or too old to fly) and health restrictions.
- **Lodging**
 - Check your pet's health certificate and quarantine information. Most airlines require health certificates for the animals they transport.
 - Note that all airlines must offer emergency vet care, food and water upon arrival.
 - Research pet rules in all layover states in addition to destination states.
 - Find pet-friendly lodging at American Automobile Association's (AAA) website: www.aaa.com.
 - Make reservations at least four weeks before your trip to ensure vacancy.

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WELCOMING YOUR PET TO THEIR NEW HOME.

- **Preparation**
 - Three to four weeks before you move, feed your pet by putting food in its travel crate, along with a favorite blanket or toy.
 - Take your pet for trial rides.
 - Clip your pet's nails to avoid bodily harm.
- **Moving Day**
 - Keep track of your pet. Put him or her in a quiet room and close the door.
 - Place your pet's water dish with water in the freezer and then put it in your pet's crate as a distraction.
 - Keep leash, cell phone and extra food handy in preparation for an emergency.
- **Signs of Stress**
 - Pulling out fur and continuous grooming.
 - Restlessness.
- **To Relieve Stress**
 - Be sure your furniture and your pet's bed are arranged before moving him or her.
 - Make sure your pet gets plenty of exercise and food.
 - For cats, make the location of the litter box known as he or she might not find it him or herself.
 - Give your pets extra care and attention to alleviate trauma.



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