

Moving With Pets



Update your pet's tag with your new address

Make sure your pet's collar is sturdy and correctly sized. The tag should also include your mobile number and e-mail so you can be reached during the move.

Request veterinary records

Ask your current vet to send your pet's medical history directly to the new vet. Have their contact information on hand in case of emergency or if the new vet has questions.

Keep a week's worth of food and medications with you.

You may want to ask for an extra prescription refill before you move. Take the same precaution with special therapeutic food.

Seclude them from chaos

Keep your pet in a safe, quiet room on moving day with a clear sign posted on the door. There are many light, collapsible travel crates available, but ensure it is well ventilated and sturdy enough for stress-chewers. Remember to introduce your pet to the crate before the trip.

Prepare a pet first-aid kit

Include your vet's phone number, gauze to wrap wound or to muzzle your pet, adhesive tape for use on bandages, nonstick bandages, towels, cotton swabs, antibiotic ointment (without pain relief).

Prep your new home

Set up one room with everything your pet will need: food, water, bed, litter box, scratch post and toys. Keep windows and doors closed when your pet is unsupervised.

Play it safe in the car

Use a crate or carrier in the car, secure it with a seat belt. Never leave your pet in the bed of a truck, the storage area of a moving van, or alone in a parked vehicle. If you're staying overnight, find pet-friendly lodging beforehand and have kitty litter or plastic bags on hand.

Get ready for takeoff

When traveling by air, check with the airline about pet restriction and whether you must purchase a special airline crate that fits under the seat.

Consider a kennel

If you are not moving far, consider checking your pet into a local kennel or pet-hotel while you are busy moving and possibly for a couple nights.