

ON THE MOVE WITH PETS

BEFORE YOU LEAVE



ONCE YOU'VE ARRIVED



Even if your trip is short, planning is essential. Follow this guide to help keep pets safe throughout your entire journey.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.

Always talk to your vet about the safest possible option for traveling, based on size and breed. Your vet may also prescribe an all-natural vitamin supplement to help reduce the stress of any type of travel.

NEVER ALLOW PETS TO FLY WITH THE CARGO.

This is never a safe option, no matter what the airline tells you. The noise, temperature, and solitude make for a scary and unfair situation for any pet to be in.

KNOW THE RULES. Some airlines will allow small pets to fly with you in the main cabin. Contact the airline to find out if your pet meets the requirements, and what steps you must take to bring him or her onboard.

ROAD-TRIPS WITH PETS. Make sure your pet is well fed and hydrated, and stop every few hours. Pets should never ride with their head out the window. Find out ahead of time what the safest way is for your pet to ride (varies based on breed, personality, and size).

DO YOUR HOMEWORK.

Some communities and vacation towns require special paperwork for pets, and some airlines require a checkup for smaller pets to fly with you in the main cabin.

PET-FRIENDLY HOTELS.

If you're traveling or spending time at a hotel before your new home is ready, never assume that hotels are pet friendly. Always plan ahead, calling to confirm that your pet is welcome, and inquiring about the rules and pet deposits you may be subject to.

MICROCHIPPING:

It is recommended that you get your pets microchipped regardless of travel habits, but mobile pets are at higher risk for lost or stolen events. An up-to-date dog license and veterinarian tag, along with a microchip, can go a very long way in the event of an unfortunate situation.

NEW ENVIRONMENT BASICS.

Any new environment (a vacation home, hotel, or new home) can be scary and unfamiliar to a pet. Make sure they have their favorite toys, blankets, and familiar scents. Never leave pets alone for too long in a new environment.

FINDING A CARETAKER.

Maybe you work a job that keeps you out of the house twelve hours a day. Or, a last minute out-of-town need came up. Either way, someone has to come home and give Fido a walk, meal, and some love.

If you've recently moved or are traveling, finding that someone can be tough.

THREE BASIC OPTIONS FOR CARETAKERS.

The easiest way to find a reliable caretaker is to ask locally—ask around at a local dog park or pet store to gather reviews and recommendations.

- 1. PET SITTERS AND WALKERS.** Often locally owned, these services are lifesavers for the unexpected. Just don't wait to find one until that happens.
- 2. BOARDERS.** It is highly recommended by the ASPCA that you visit and thoroughly inspect each potential boarding facility before leaving your animal there.
- 3. DAYCARE.** If you can afford it, why not let your dog play with other dogs while you are at work, rather than sit home alone all day?

CHOOSING A VET.

Search online for reviews on all nearby veterinarian's offices. Talk to responsible pet owners at the dog park, pet store, or other pet-friendly locations. Find out the best place to bring your animal, and get an appointment soon after moving to get your pet acquainted.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

Before traveling, make sure that you know the name, address, and phone number of the closest animal emergency center. You don't want to waste what could be valuable time searching online for details of where to rush your pet in dire circumstances.

PET-FRIENDLY LODGING
FOR INFO, CALL OR VISIT:
(310) 515-PETS
www.gopetfriendly.com

MICROCHIPPING INFORMATION
www.24petwatch.com
www.avidid.com

PET CARETAKERS.
National Association of Professional Pet Sitters
(856) 439-0324
The American Boarding Kennel Association at
(877) 570-7788

Connect with local pet sitters and dog walkers through an online service.
www.care.com

This site allows you to create a profile for your pet and your personal needs, matching you to compatible resources. It also puts reviews and full background checks at your fingertips.