

Moving Checklist For Pets

Pets require special care and attention when moving to a new location. Here are some suggestions on making the move as comfortable as possible.

By Air:

Small dogs and cats can be flown by air transportation or driven along in the car. There are businesses that specialize in the transportation of pets. Your moving company may be able to supply you with names of pet movers or you may look in your phone directory business pages. If you are arriving in your new destination by air transportation, your pet(s) can ride along in the baggage compartment. If you choose to transport your pet(s) in this fashion, here is a quick checklist of items to consider:

- You must provide the airline carrier with a current health certificate from your veterinarian.
- Make sure to speak with the airlines about their specific rules and regulations regarding pet transportation. They may provide special shipping containers.
- If you have a container for your pet, make certain that it fits within the requirements of the airline carrier.
- Tranquilizers may be appropriate to obtain from your veterinarian to give to your pet prior to the trip.
- Something familiar to your pet such as a toy or an article of clothing or blanket may help your pet feel more comfortable during the flight.

If your pet is flying without you, be sure you have arranged for someone to pick up your pet. If you do not know anyone in the new destination, a local kennel can do that for you. Some kennels with board pets, which may assist you in the move as well.

By Car:

If your pet(s) are traveling with you in the car, be sure to have their water bowl, leash and favorite toy. Be sure to make frequent stops as pets can get carsick easily and being restricted in a car all day can make them nervous and upset. Some motels and hotels offer accommodations for pets. Be sure to plan your stay on the road ahead of time.

Smaller pets such as hamsters, birds and other small animals can be transported in the car fairly easily. Make sure that your pet has enough food and water in their cages and are kept out of drafts or extreme temperatures. Cover their cages to keep them quiet and calm.