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## HOW TO SAFELY MOVE YOUR PETS

### AS YOU HIT THE ROADWAYS OR AIRWAYS...

Make a point to maintain your pet's regular routine right up until the moment you leave. If they're accustomed to a morning walk, make sure you take it. If they're used to a bowl of food first thing in the morning, make sure to serve it. A common mistake made by pet owners is to bring "special snacks" and treats as comfort food, but this often causes a disruption in diet and can lead to an upset stomach for your pet!



*Bottom Line: Go with what's familiar and customary.*

### PLANES, TRAINS OR AUTOMOBILES?

In planning to relocate your pet, you'll first need to pick a means of transportation. Whenever possible, the form of transportation that's least likely to upset your loved one is a car (or truck). If you do need to fly, consider bringing your pet on the flight with you or using an animal transport service.

### IF YOU DRIVE

Talk to your veterinarian about the benefits of using a carrier versus a restraining harness. (available in most pet supply stores) Regardless of which option you choose you will want to be sure to stop frequently (a good rule of thumb is every two hours) to allow your pet to exercise and relieve itself.

Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car (or in the cargo hold of a moving van). This is especially true during the hot summer months, when the temperature in your car can quickly rise above 100 degrees.

### IF YOU FLY

Make your flight arrangements far in advance. Many airlines have restrictions on the total number of pets allowed onboard for any one flight. You may also be surprised to find that some airlines don't allow pets at all. Expect to pay an additional fee for your pets travel accommodations.

When you call the airline's reservations number, find out if they have any restrictions that may apply. Ask if you'll be able to bring your pet onboard as a carry-on. This is definitely the preferred method of air travel with your pet, however, it may not be a viable option with the airline.

Plan to visit your veterinarian within 30 days prior to your flight. Most airlines require an up-to-date health certificate. Different countries and states may also have their own requirements, so make sure to check in with the proper authorities *before* your trip.

### ANIMAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

If all else fails, you may want to consider an animal transport service. The expense may be justified for the peace of mind that your pet will be with people who make their living transporting animals. But no matter how you're traveling, taking the above into consideration will undoubtedly help ensure your pet travels in the comfortable fashion he or she deserves.

### ADDITIONAL PRE-MOVE CONSIDERATIONS

- \*Make sure that your pet's medical records are up-to-date.
- \*Bring copies of the records with you.
- \*Purchase a sturdy, comfortable transport carrier if needed.
- \*If traveling by plane, try to book a direct flight.

