



# MOVING WITH PETS

When it comes to moving, we know how important it is to make sure your pets are safe and comfortable. Whether you're moving down the street or across the country, it's important to take into consideration tips that will help ensure your pets have a safe and happy move to their new home.

## BEFORE THE MOVE

### Update Your Pet's Identification Information

Make sure your pet has a new identification tag made prior to the move and that the microchip information is updated online before you travel. Your pet should wear the identification tags throughout the entire moving process.

### Request Veterinary Records

It's a good idea to ask your vet for your pet's current medical history. If moving to a new city, request the vet to send the records directly to your new vet.

### Prepare a Pet First Aid/Travel Kit

Moves can be stressful, so it's a good idea to make a kit that includes your vet contact information, a leash, collar, waste bags, water, medication, treats, toys, towels and other necessary items to keep your pet well.

### Take A Tour

If possible before the move, give your pet a tour of the new home and neighborhood. Explore off-leash parks and pet-friendly places.

### Check State Rules and Ordinances

If you're moving to a different state or country, consult the Department of Agriculture, State's Veterinary Office, or Country Embassy because each state and country has its own rules and regulations for pet owners. Check with the City Clerk's office in your new town to learn about local leash laws, licensing rules, number of pets per household, and zoning laws that prohibit specific animals in residential areas.

### Be Prepared for Travel

Airlines have different travel policies when it comes to pets. Be sure to check with your airline about pet requirements or restrictions in advance of your travel.

## DURING THE MOVE

### Keep Some Food and Medication with You

Since you'll be packing and unpacking boxes, it's good practice to keep food and medication handy in case you need it for your pet.

### Minimize the Stress

Moving can be stressful, especially for pets. To minimize the stress, consider moving the boxes early and keeping your pet with a friend or in a different room than the one you're packing. On the actual moving day, keep your pet in a safe, quiet space - away from loud noises and distractions. Consider taking breaks during the move to help your pet enjoy a normal routine. If your pet isn't accustomed to crating and you plan to use one for the move, introduce your pet to the crate process early.

### Be Safe in Travel

Use a crate and carrier to transport your pet. It's never a good idea to leave a pet unattended.

## AFTER THE MOVE

### Pet Proof Your Home

Make sure your new home is set up with water, food, toys, a liter box, a bed, crate, and other applicable items to make your pet feel at home. Move electrical cords and make sure all windows have secure screens, gates can securely close, and poisonous plants and pest-control traps have been removed.

### Check out the Neighborhood

Introduce your pet to the area with walks or stops to neighbors' homes. Look for pet friendly parks, restaurants and other areas. If you don't have a vet at the time of your move, ask neighbors for recommendations.

### Give Extra Attention

Be sure to give your pet extra attention to provide comfort in the new surroundings.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more suggestions for moving your pet, contact the ASPCA at [www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/moving-your-pet](http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/moving-your-pet)



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