

Moving With Pets

Things you'll need to consider when moving with pets.

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Your family pet will require special attention and care during a move. Both getting to the new location and settling into the new home can be difficult on a pet and will take some time. By planning ahead, you can make the journey easier for both you and your pet.

First, make sure your pet has an up-to-date identification tag. Contact your vet and explain where and when you are moving. Rely on advice from the vet to determine the best mode of transport and whether the pet will need any special medication.

If you are transporting your pet by air, contact the airline for specifics on the care and handling requirements for live animals. Most airlines will sell you an approved shipping container or advise you if your pet can travel in a carrier under a seat in the cabin. Once you and your pet reach your new home, you can help your pet adjust by introducing familiar items from your previous home, such as toys, blankets, dishes, etc.

Some employers may authorize the cost of shipping pets. Your CCR can advise you of the specifics of your particular relocation policy and assist with pet transportation if necessary.

Experts at [The Pet Realty Network](#) offer these helpful tips for easing the transition and keeping pets safe during the move.

1. **Update your pet's tag.** Make sure your pet is wearing a sturdy collar with an identification tag that is labeled with your current contact information.
2. **Ask for veterinary records.** If you're moving far enough away that you'll need a new vet, you should ask for a current copy of your pet's vaccinations. You also can ask for your pet's medical history to give to your new vet, although that can normally be faxed directly to the new medical-care provider upon request.
3. **Keep medications and food on hand.** Keep at least one week's worth of food and medication with you in case of an emergency.
4. **Seclude your pet from chaos.** Pets can feel vulnerable on moving day. Keep them in a safe, quiet, well-ventilated place, such as the bathroom, on moving day with a "Do Not Disturb! Pets Inside!" sign posted on the door.
5. **Prepare a first aid kit.** First aid is not a substitute for emergency veterinary care, but being prepared and knowing basic first aid could save your pet's life.
6. **Play it safe in the car.** It's best to travel with your dog in a crate; second-best is to use a restraining harness. When it comes to cats, it's always best for their safety and yours to use a well-ventilated carrier in the car.
7. **Get ready for takeoff.** When traveling by air, check with the airline about any pet requirements or restrictions to be sure you've prepared your pet for a safe trip.
8. **Find a new veterinary clinic and emergency hospital.** Before you move, ask your vet to recommend a doctor in your new locale.
9. **Prep your new home for pets.** Pets may be frightened and confused in new surroundings. Upon your arrival at your new home, immediately set out all the familiar and necessary things your pet will need: food, water, medications, bed, litter box, toys, etc.
10. **Learn more about your new area.** Once you find a new veterinarian, ask if there are any local health concerns such as heart-worm or Lyme disease, or any vaccinations or medications your pet may require. Also, be aware of any unique laws. For example, there are restrictive breed laws in some cities.

To learn more about these tips and more, please visit www.petrealtynetwork.com. *The information provided herewith was extracted from petrealtynetwork.com for informational purposes only.*

