



# ON THE MOVE

EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO OFFER FOR YOUR NEXT MOVE

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## MOVING WITH PETS

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1. Prior to moving day, make sure your pets are fitted with collars and ID tags with your name and current cell-phone number. Microchipping is also recommended and will serve as a backup if your pet loses its collar. Also make sure that you update their ID tags after the move. If your pet is microchipped, make sure that information is changed as well. Since you are in a new place, it will be easier for your pet to get lost as they are in a new environment.
2. If you have an animal that dislikes traveling or is prone to car sickness, make sure you visit your veterinarian a few weeks prior to your move. They can suggest behavior modification techniques, prescribe medications, and feeding recommendations that can make traveling less stressful for your pet.
3. For long-distance moves, be sure to identify pet-friendly hotels along your route and reserve rooms ahead of time. \*Navy lodges are pet friendly!\*
4. Always transport cats, small dogs and other small animals in a secure, well-ventilated pet carrier. Keep larger dogs leashed and under control at all times. The stress of a move can cause even the most obedient dog to run away in unfamiliar surroundings. NEVER transport any pet in an open truck bed, trunk of a car or storage area of a moving van.
5. Have a plan for how you're going to properly restrain your pet in your vehicle. Vehicle pet barriers, pet seat belts, pet car seats, and pet travel crates are all excellent ways to keep your pet (and you) safe when traveling in your vehicle.
6. Plan ahead for air travel. Check with your veterinarian and the airline if your pet will be flying. The airline will require a health certificate issued by your vet. You'll also want to purchase an appropriate airline approved pet carrier
7. Allow your cat time to get used to his carrier. Leave it sitting out with the door open and a comfy bed inside. Occasionally leave a couple of cat treats in it so your cat can find them on his own. Start feeding your cat in the carrier.
8. Don't forget to pack a separate bag for your animal. Take some of his favorite food, as well as a gallon of water, because water characteristics change regionally. If you are traveling with cats, they can generally travel for eight to 10 hours without having to use a litterbox, but it never hurts to bring along a disposable litterbox for emergencies or overnight stops. You will also need to bring a pet first aid kit and some extra towels, in case of accidents.
9. After moving day, don't let pets roam around the neighborhood until they are acclimated, take them out on a leash to explore their new territory and show them how to get home.
10. Maintain your normal routine. Pets are creatures of habit and love routine. Do your best to not throw off their routine by gradually packing over a period of time. The less commotion and more normalcies, the better!