

Moving with your pets

Before You Move

Talk to your current veterinary

- Ask for a reference for a vet in your new area
- Ask for all records for your pets
- Refill medications including food before moving

Ready your new home before arrival

- Set up an "escape proof" area for your pet.
- Make sign for door, "Do not open pet inside."
- Have food and water on hand.
- Check your fence for areas that might have holes or "escape routes".
- Think about getting a lock for any back gate so it won't the gate won't be opened and allow your pet to escape.
- Have a current photo ready in case your pet does get away from you.

Gather Information

- If you are moving to a new city, view their website on registration requirements.
- If you are moving to a new country, contact the Agriculture Department or embassy of the country to obtain specific information on special documents, quarantine, or costs related to bringing your pet into the country.

Download Pet First Aid App

- This App contains much information about moving and traveling with your pet as well as first aid information.



Identification

- Have tag made with your family name phone number and new address.
- Have information such as "I'm blind" or "I'm deaf" or "I'm microchipped" (Attach before you move.)



While Moving

Moving Day

- Keep your pet in a safe, quiet room on moving day with a clear sign posted on door.
- Have crates ready in the quiet room.
 - There are many light, collapsible travel crates available, but ensure it is well ventilated and sturdy.

Traveling

- Traveling in car:
 - Use a crate or carrier in the, securing it with a seat belt.
 - Never leave your pet in the bed of a truck, the storage area of a moving van, or alone in a vehicle.
- Traveling by air:
 - Check with the airline about pet requirements or restrictions and whether you must purchase a special airline crate that fits under the seat in front of you.
- If you're staying in a hotel, make sure you verify their pet policies and have wastebags.



After the Move

Visit your new vet

- Take your pet on a "meet and greet" to the vet you selected to see if it fits with your animal and you.
- If you still haven't found a new doctor, check your local facebook community for recommendations.

Introduce the area

- If you have a dog, take it on a walk to help ease any nerves.
- Introduce neighbors in case your pet goes missing.

