



Moving With PETS

Moving to a home in a new location can be an exciting adventure, but it can also be the cause of stress and confusion for household pets. To minimize the trauma, here are a few tips that may help make your pet's transition a little easier:

- **SCHEDULE A VET CHECK-UP** Obtain a copy of your pet's medical history along with rabies certifications that state when/where your pet was vaccinated. Keep an ample supply of current medications to last until a veterinarian in your new location can provide refills.
- **PROPER IDENTIFICATION IS ESSENTIAL** Be certain that any required license tags are secured properly and the contact information is current.
- **CONSIDER BOARDING** your pet during the most hectic of moving days. Pets can become anxious with the increase of activity prior to a move.
- **GATHER CAR SUPPLIES** Kennel and/or safely restraint, favorite toy or two, a leash for when stops are made, and plenty of water to keep your pet hydrated.
- **KNOW STATE REQUIREMENTS** for the movement of pets across state lines. Contact the State Veterinarian in your new location to obtain the most current information.
- **PET-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS** Long-distance moves may require an overnight stay. People and pet-friendly accommodations can be found by searching a number of internet sites.
- **ALLOW TIME TO ACCLIMATE** Once you have arrived in your new location, allow sufficient time for your pet to adjust to the new neighborhood; it could take a few days or a few weeks.
- **CARRY A CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH** If your pet is lost during the move, a photograph will make it much easier to search effectively.

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