

Moving With Your Pet

A planner and worksheets for a long-distance or interstate move with a dog or cat: what to do and when, what to ask, and how to help your pet settle in.

<u>Pet name(s)</u>	<u>Moving date</u>
<u>From (city, state)</u>	<u>To (city, state)</u>
<u>How my pet is traveling</u>	<u>Arrival date at new home</u>

4 weeks out

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| ☐ Decide how your pet will travel: with you, ground transport, or a flight with a nanny | ☐ Research the new home's pet rules (lease, HOA, local licensing) |
| ☐ Get quotes and book transport early around holidays | ☐ Find a vet near the new home and an emergency clinic |
| | ☐ Ask your current vet for full records |

2 weeks out

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| ☐ Vet visit: vaccinations, health certificate if needed, refills | ☐ Start crate practice every day |
| ☐ Update the microchip with your new address (or do it on moving day) | ☐ Order ID tags with your phone number |
| | ☐ Keep walks and meals on the usual schedule; packing boxes is stressful for pets |

Moving week

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| ☐ Set up a quiet "pet room" away from the movers, or arrange daycare | ☐ Fill in the Pet Profile sheet for anyone caring for your pet |
| ☐ Pack a first-night box for your pet (food, bowls, bed, toys, litter) | ☐ Confirm transport pickup and drop-off details and contacts |

First week in the new home

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| ☐ Start in one room, then open up the house gradually | ☐ Check the yard and fence for gaps and the house for hazards |
| ☐ Walk the same routes every day so your dog learns the area | ☐ Register with the new vet and update the microchip and tags |
| ☐ Keep cats indoors while they adjust | ☐ Keep the usual meal times, toys, and bedding |

Transport options compared

	Drive with you	Private ground transport	Shared ground transport	Flight nanny (in cabin)
Best for	Short moves, calm travelers	Anxious pets, multiple pets, door-to-door	Flexible dates, lower cost	Long distances, small pets, speed
Your time	You drive the whole way	None, picked up at your door	None, picked up at your door	None, the nanny flies with your pet
Questions to ask	Pet-friendly hotels on the route?	Stops? Tracking? Updates?	Route? Other pets? Duration?	Airline size limits? What's included?

Questions to ask any pet transporter

- ☐ Are you registered to transport animals (e.g. USDA registration where required)? Can I see proof of insurance?
- ☐ How often will my pet get breaks, water, and food?
- ☐ Will I get live tracking or photo updates?
- ☐ What's included in the price, and what costs extra?
- ☐ What is the deposit, and what is your cancellation policy?
- ☐ What happens if my pet gets sick on the road?
- ☐ Can I read real reviews from past customers?

Vet visit questions

Question	Vet's answer
Is my pet healthy enough for this trip?	
Does my trip need a health certificate? How recent must it be?	
Should I change feeding before travel?	
Anything for motion sickness or anxiety? Doses?	
Can you send records to my new vet?	

Contacts

Who	Name	Phone	Notes
Current vet			
New vet			
24-hour emergency clinic (new area)			
Pet transporter			
Pickup contact			
Drop-off contact			
Microchip company			Chip #

Budget

Item	Estimate	Actual
Transport		
Vet visit and health certificate		
Crate or carrier		
Supplies (food, pads, tags)		
Pet deposit or fees at new home		
Local license or registration		
Total		

Notes

First-week settling log

Changes in eating, sleeping, or bathroom habits are common for a few days after a move. Writing them down helps you spot a problem, and gives your vet useful details.

Day	Eating	Water	Bathroom	Energy / mood	Notes
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Call a vet promptly if your pet won't eat for more than a day, keeps vomiting or has diarrhea, has trouble breathing, seems in pain, or you're worried. Trust your instincts.

General guidance only, not veterinary or legal advice. Rules differ by state, airline, and property. Confirm with your vet, carrier, and landlord or HOA.

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