

Pet Trip Prep Checklist

A one-week countdown for getting your dog or cat ready for a long ride or a flight. Print it, stick it on the fridge, and check things off as you go.

7 days before

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| ☐ Confirm the pickup date, time, and addresses | ☐ Make sure the microchip is registered to your current phone number |
| ☐ Book a vet visit if your trip needs a health certificate | |
| ☐ Check vaccinations are current (bring the records) | ☐ Get the crate or carrier now so your pet can get used to it |
| ☐ Ask your vet about motion sickness or anxiety, <i>before</i> trying any calming product | |

3–5 days before

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| ☐ Leave the crate open at home with a treat and a blanket inside | ☐ Put ID tags on the collar: name and your phone number |
| ☐ Short practice car rides (10–15 minutes) | ☐ Fill in the Pet Profile sheet (medications, feeding, quirks) |
| ☐ Buy enough of your pet's usual food for the trip plus 3 extra days | ☐ Take a clear, recent photo of your pet |

The day before

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| ☐ Pack the travel bag (see next page) | ☐ Confirm the drop-off contact person is available |
| ☐ Wash the blanket? No , a familiar smell is calming. Pack it as is. | ☐ Follow your vet's advice on feeding before travel |
| ☐ Charge your phone and save the driver's contact number | ☐ Plan a good long walk or play session |

Pickup day

- ☐ Bathroom walk right before pickup
- ☐ Collar or harness on, tags attached (leave the leash with the driver)
- ☐ Hand over: travel bag, documents, medications, Pet Profile sheet
- ☐ Say a calm, short goodbye. Pets pick up on our stress.
- ☐ Follow the trip on the GPS tracking link we send you

Travel bag

- ☐ Food, pre-portioned into bags by meal
- ☐ Collapsible water bowl and food bowl
- ☐ Bottled water from home (fewer tummy upsets)
- ☐ Leash and spare collar or harness
- ☐ Favorite toy or chew
- ☐ Blanket or T-shirt that smells like home
- ☐ Poop bags / litter and a disposable tray (cats)
- ☐ Pee pads for the crate
- ☐ Paper towels and pet-safe wipes
- ☐ Medications, labeled with dose and time
- ☐ Treats your pet already knows
- ☐ Copy of vaccination records

Documents

Document	Needed for my trip?	Have it ✓
Rabies certificate / vaccination record		
Health certificate (often required for flights; ask your airline how recent it must be)		
Microchip number		
Prescription details for any medication		
Destination rules (some states, landlords, or HOAs have extra requirements)		

Signs to tell your vet about before the trip

Vomiting or diarrhea, not eating, coughing, limping, recent surgery, pregnancy, very young or senior age, or a short-nosed (brachycephalic) breed. Your vet can tell you whether travel is safe and what to do differently.

This checklist is general guidance, not veterinary advice. Requirements differ by airline, state, and destination. Always confirm with your vet and carrier.

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