

# Moving with 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 and 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 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 the city website

for 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 the 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 car, 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 all pet policies and have bags for pet waste.

## After the Move

### ▣ Visit Your New Vet

- Take your pet on a "meet and greet" to the new vet you've selected.
- If you still haven't found a new vet, 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 yourself and your pet to your new neighbors.

