

Top 12 Pet Travel Tips

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Traveling with your pet can be fun and rewarding – especially when you're prepared

In addition to the travel "basics" (safely restraining your pet, allowing adequate time for potty breaks, bringing comforting items from home, and so on), several additional simple practices can help make every trip easier and more pleasant for both you and your pet.

- 1** Schedule a veterinarian visit to ensure overall health and current vaccinations. Ask for a health certificate and a copy of vaccination records, especially if you're traveling out of state.
- 2** Make sure your pet's identification tags are up-to-date and legible. Also, be sure his rabies tag and vaccinations are current. Be sure to bring your vet's contact information with you.
- 3** Include your destination address and/or phone number on your pet's tags and cage/crate (if applicable).
- 4** Remember to pack water to prevent dehydration. To help ensure convenient feedings, bring along a collapsible food bowl.
- 5** Pack all medications and supplements, along with instructions for administering to avoid missed doses.
- 6** Pack a first aid kit to ensure readiness in the event of an injury or medical emergency.
- 7** Exercise your pet prior to departure. A tired pet is typically much more amenable to travel. Also, bring a lead or harness to allow exercise during "pit stops."

- 8 Feed your pet at least four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount than normal at least two hours before you leave.
- 9 Use a travel remedy, if necessary. If your pet is extremely anxious about travel discuss different options available to you with your vet.
- 10 Trim toenails to prevent snags and injury, especially if your pet will travel in a cage or crate.
- 11 Cover your car seats with seat covers to keep them clean and free of hair shed on your trip.
- 12 Know your travel rules and restrictions, especially if you will travel on an airplane.



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