

# MOVING WITH PETS CHECKLIST

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*Making a move has its challenges, and even with a moving company's help, there can still be a few hurdles to overcome. The process remains just as intricate when you're relocating with your beloved pets. Similar to us, our furry companions require a period to adjust to their new environment.*

## 3 WEEKS BEFORE

### FIND A PET-WELCOMING HOTEL

Look into hotels at your new destination that are pet-friendly. Also, be sure to check if these accommodations have any limitations based on pet size or breed. Inquire about potential pet fees and confirm whether they have a policy welcoming all types of pets.

### MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOUR PET CARRIER

Ensure your pet's carrier is comfortable enough for the upcoming journey. If you don't have one yet, it's time to shop for a suitable carrier or consult your vet for recommendations.

### ARRANGE ESSENTIAL PET VACCINATIONS

Different countries have specific vaccination requirements for pets entering their borders. Make sure to comply with these regulations before you travel. For dogs, cats, or ferrets, a rabies vaccine is typically needed at least 21 days prior to heading to the EU.

### CHECK YOUR PET'S ID TAG

If your pet isn't microchipped yet, consider getting one implanted. This step increases the chances of finding your pet if they get lost during travel or the move. Update the information on the ID tags and consider including extra helpful details, like medical history.

### STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CURRENT VETERINARIAN

Before you embark on your journey, have a chat with your current vet to ensure your pet is in tip-top shape for the move. Your vet can confirm that all vaccinations are up-to-date and might even connect you with a vet in your new area. If necessary, don't forget to refill any necessary prescriptions for your pet.

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## 2 WEEKS BEFORE

### COMPARE QUOTES FROM PET MOVERS COMPANIES

Smart Penny Moving doesn't offer pet transportation - just imagine the stress that would cause to your little companion! You wouldn't want it cooped up between boxes and furniture. If it would ease your burden, hire a dedicated pet movers company. They will transport your pet and ensure that your pet has all the necessary documentation, vaccinations, and licenses.

### LOOK INTO HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

Since you're traveling with your pets, consider pet travel insurance. It will only cover your pet for the period it's in transit. If you want ongoing insurance, consider pet health insurance.

### SORT OUT YOUR MOVING BOXES

Check with your chosen moving company to confirm what they can transport and what they can't. Inquire whether they provide moving boxes and if they're equipped to handle sizable items, such as a hot tub. Remember, you're moving too, so it's crucial to opt for a reputable moving company like Smart Penny Moving.

### ADDRESS POTENTIAL SEASONAL CHALLENGES

Having a furry coat doesn't necessarily mean your pet can easily adapt to extreme cold or hot conditions. Chat with your vet to make sure your pets are well-protected as you transition to a new climate.



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## A FEW DAYS BEFORE

### HELP YOUR PETS GET COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR CRATES AND CARRIERS

Now that you have a carrier or crate for your pet, it's a good moment to introduce them to it. Begin by placing the carrier in spots familiar to your pet and enticing them with treats inside. For added comfort, especially during longer journeys, place a towel or blanket in the carrier.

### CONFIRM DETAILS WITH YOUR MOVING TEAM

Ensure that you've checked everything off your moving checklist. Reach out to your chosen moving company to verify that all necessary arrangements are in place for a smooth relocation. Make sure to secure parking, if possible, and reserve the elevator/loading dock, if available.

### GATHER ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & ESSENTIALS

Assemble essential travel documents, including vaccination records and licenses. Remember to pack leashes, a travel crate or carrier, water and food bowls, and toys to keep your pet comfortable.

### FIND A SAFE PLACE FOR YOUR PETS

During the packing process, it's best to keep your pets away from the moving boxes, especially if you have curious cats or ferrets. Cats in particular can be drawn to boxes, and there's a risk of them accidentally getting packed up. So, ensure your pets have a safe and quiet separate space during this busy time. Same goes for the actual moving, you definitely don't want your pets running around between the movers' legs while they are carrying something heavy.



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## F.A.Q

### **How do I take care of my Pets during the Move?**

Simplify the packing & moving process by considering a pet sitter. Alternatively, you can opt for the convenience of a pet movers company that takes care of all aspects related to moving pets.

### **Can Your Pets Join You on an International Move?**

Absolutely, you can bring your furry friends along when relocating to another country. However, you must adhere to both your home country's and the destination country's vaccination requirements. For instance, if you're heading to the EU, your vet needs to administer a rabies vaccine at least 21 days prior to travel. Ensure all other vaccinations and medications are up to date as well.

### **How to Manage Long-Distance Travel with Your Pet?**

Engage a pet movers company to oversee the entire process. This takes care of concerns about carriers, vaccinations, medications, licenses, and more. While there's a cost involved, it significantly reduces the stress of managing the move single-handedly.

### **Is It Safe for Pets to Move Freely in a Moving Vehicle?**

No, it's crucial to secure your pets when traveling to prevent any distractions for the driver. Sudden stops could result in injury to the pet or driver. To ensure their safety, use a pet carrier, crate, or seat belt harness to keep your furry companion restrained during the journey.