

Moving Day- Travelling with your pet

Moving day is here and you have decided to keep your pet with you during the journey to your new home. Regardless of whether you are moving across town or to another province, without proper preparation, a car trip with a pet can be stressful for all involved! To make your move a pleasant experience, we've put together a list of items we think are indispensable when traveling with pets:

- Make sure your pet is fully **vaccinated** before you leave. Travel with your vaccination certificate.
- **Medication:** If your dog is on chronic medication, don't forget to take it with you. Make sure you have enough medication to last until you have settled into your new home and found a new vet
- **Food:** Take your dog's favourite food with you.
- **Water Dish and Bottle of Water:** Pack a bowl and a water bottle to re-hydrate your pet during the trip
- **Your pet's bedding:** Bedding retains your scent, and evokes feelings of home and comfort, so let them snuggle up whilst you're on the road
- **Calming Products:** For stressed pets or first-time travellers, we suggest products that will keep your pet relaxed during the trip to the new home. There are a wide range of natural products available that mimic the natural pheromones produced by cats and dogs to promote feelings of calm and soothing
- **A Clean-up Kit:** In case your pet gets car sick, pack a simple clean-up kit with a fabric, carpet or leather cleaner. Also bring along paper towels and a small garbage bag.
- **A Collar and Lead:** This will help make sure your pet does not run away if frightened and keep your pet under control when you make pit stops along the way. A tag on the collar with your contact number is also a good idea
- **Pack a photo of your pet:** If your pet goes missing while you are moving to your new home you can use it to help people identify your pet and return him to you safely. It is a good idea to have your pet micro chipped. This will help to get your loyal friend back to you if he/she gets lost

Lastly, have your vet's number on standby in case of emergency. You may be away from home, but he can still provide helpful advice in emergencies.

