

TIPS FOR MOVING WITH YOUR PET

A new home can feel exciting — for you and your pet. With a little preparation, you can help your furry friend settle in and feel right at home. This checklist can help make your move smooth with fewer worries.

1. TALK TO YOUR VET EARLY.

Check in with your vet before the move. They may share tips or calming support based on your pet's health and travel needs. Pack any medications your pet may need for the ride.

2. KEEP THEIR ROUTINE STEADY.

Stick to your pet's usual schedule. Keep walks, meals and playtime as close to normal as possible. These familiar habits help them feel calm and safe.

3. PRACTICE CRATE TIME.

Start early by introducing the crate or carrier gradually. Use treats and practice short trips to help your pet feel safe and familiar with travel.

4. CREATE A QUIET SPACE ON MOVING DAY.

Choose a calm room or crate for your pet while the moving action is happening. This gives them a peaceful space to relax while you focus on the move.

5. PLAN AHEAD FOR LONG DRIVES.

Bring food, water, comfort items and plan breaks for stretching and bathroom time. Make sure your pet is secure and comfortable during the ride.

6. PET-PROOF YOUR NEW SPACE.

Tuck away cords, pick up small items, close cabinets and make sure doors and windows are latched to keep curious pets secure.

7. LET THEM EXPLORE SLOWLY.

Start with one room. Set up their bed, bowls and toys there first. Gradually expand their space as they grow more comfortable.

8. USE FAMILIAR SETUPS.

Place your pet's items in spots similar to your last home — like the bed, near the couch or food bowls in the kitchen. Familiar placements can help your pet feel at home faster.