Pet travel checklist

For a trip with your dog or cat by car or by plane. Tick each item off as you go.

Pet's name

Travel dates

Destination

Where we're staying (address, phone)

Entry rules are not on this list: they depend on your destination and they change. Check the official rules early, for example on the EU's Your Europe pages or USDA APHIS.

Before you go

- [ ] Check the destination's official entry rules
- [ ] Ask the vet about vaccines and parasite prevention for the trip
- [ ] Microchip registered with your current phone number
- [ ] Get your pet used to the crate or carrier
- [ ] Pet-friendly place to stay booked
- [ ] Vet check-up: is your pet fit to travel?
- [ ] Health certificate, if needed: ask when it must be signed
- [ ] ID tag with your phone and where you're staying
- [ ] Short practice drives before a long one
- [ ] Find a 24-hour emergency vet at your destination

Documents to carry

- [ ] Proof of vaccination, especially rabies
- [ ] Health certificate, if needed
- [ ] Microchip number and documents
- [ ] Copies of medical records
- [ ] EU pet passport, for travel between EU countries
- [ ] A recent photo of your pet

What to pack

- [ ] Food for the whole trip
- [ ] Food and water bowls
- [ ] Crate or carrier
- [ ] Waste scoop and plastic bags
- [ ] First-aid kit
- [ ] A favorite toy or blanket
- [ ] Water for the stops
- [ ] Leash and collar or harness with ID tag
- [ ] Bedding or towels for the crate
- [ ] All medicines for the trip (refills may be hard to get)
- [ ] Grooming supplies

Notes

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By car

- [ ] Crate or carrier secured so it can't slide
- [ ] Cats always in a carrier
- [ ] Never leave your pet alone in a parked car
- [ ] Dogs: a stop every two hours to walk and relieve themselves
- [ ] Carsick pet? Tell your vet before the trip
- [ ] Or a harness clipped to a seat belt, in the back seat
- [ ] No head out of the window
- [ ] Light meal 3–4 hours before you leave, no food while driving
- [ ] Collar, tag and leash on before the door opens

By plane

- [ ] Airline's pet rules checked before booking
- [ ] Nonstop flight, where possible
- [ ] Crate labeled: your name, address, phone, contact at the destination, "Live Animals" stickers
- [ ] No sedatives unless your vet says so
- [ ] Your pet's photo and health papers with you on board
- [ ] Cabin or hold: ask the airline what applies
- [ ] Crate meets the airline's rules: room to stand, sit, turn and lie down
- [ ] Ask your vet whether and when to feed before the flight
- [ ] Flight reconfirmed the day before
- [ ] Tell the crew your pet is on the plane

Numbers for the trip

Our vet (name, phone) _____

24-hour emergency vet at the destination _____

Animal poison control line _____

Airline or ferry, booking number _____

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