

Pet Moving Checklist

An owner-focused checklist for moving house with a pet, covering records, ID, travel and settling in.

Vet & Health Records

- ☐ Request copies of your pet's full medical records
- ☐ Confirm vaccinations are current
- ☐ Ask your vet about travel, sedation or motion sickness
 - Never give human medication without veterinary advice
- ☐ Refill any ongoing medications before the move
- ☐ Research a new vet near your future home

Identification Updates

- ☐ Update your microchip registration with the new address and phone
- ☐ Replace ID tags with current contact details
- ☐ Update any pet license or registration with local authorities
- ☐ Take a recent photo in case your pet goes missing during the move

Travel Preparation

- ☐ Acclimate your pet to the carrier or crate in advance
- ☐ Pack a travel kit with food, water, bowls and waste bags
- ☐ Plan rest, water and bathroom stops for long drives
- ☐ Confirm airline or transport rules if flying or shipping the pet
- ☐ Never leave a pet alone in a parked vehicle

Moving Day Safety

- ☐ Confine your pet to a closed, quiet room or arrange boarding
- ☐ Place a clear sign on the door so movers keep it shut
- ☐ Keep collar and ID tags on the pet at all times
- ☐ Pack a familiar blanket, bed or toy to bring on the journey
- ☐ Feed lightly before travel to reduce nausea

Settling Into the New Home

- ☐ Set up one secured, quiet room with familiar items first
- ☐ Pet-proof the home and check for escape routes and hazards
- ☐ Introduce the rest of the home gradually
- ☐ Keep feeding, walk and sleep routines consistent
- ☐ Update walking routes and locate the nearest emergency vet