

# Moving With Your Pets

Moving can be a stressful experience, not only just for us humans, but for also for all our furry, scaly, feathery and water dwelling friends. YET- It doesn't have to be such an ordeal, if you are prepared and organised you can lessen the stress on yourselves as well as on your much loved companions.

For your convenience we have compiled a general check list of all the essentials.

## Update all registrations

Such as microchip details, collar tags and any other paper work that involves your pets. Don't put it off - the move date will catch up to you! When you move into a new house, dogs and cats may become disorientated and try to find their way back to their old home, and could become lost or injured in the process. Without the correct updated information, nobody will be able to contact you.

## Update information with your vet

This is important as well, so your vet can contact you for any reason, at any given time. They may need your new address details to send you vaccination reminders amongst other things. Don't wait - it shouldn't take more than five minutes of your time to give them a quick call.

## Vaccinations

Speaking of the vet, now would be a good time to update vaccinations BEFORE you move. You should be up-to-date in case of the unfortunate event that your friend gets out during the moving procedure.

## Carry cages

Make sure they are clean and free of dust, and most importantly, that they are still structurally sound and that the door locks and opens with relative ease. Have a nice cushy blanket or towel in it. It will make the trip more bearable if your pet is comfortable. They might even sleep off most of the trip.

## Toys/bedding

Remember to have these readily available. These may help your pet settle in faster since they will be covered with your pet's scent. Try not to wash these before hand or buy anything new for them. Having things with their own scent on will make them feel more at ease in their new home.

## Food and water

Always pack fresh water and food for your animals and make sure they are handy to get at, along with bowls they may need. Pack a little more than you think you will require, just in case.

## Shelter

If you have outside pets, make sure their shelter is adequate in their new home. That nice shady tree and big green sheltering bush might not be at your new residence. Ensure the shelter you have can still protect your animal from the elements.

## Yard security

Before you move in, check the fence and gates for any damage or anything else that may mean your animals can escape. When your yard is secure, the thought of Rex and Bella running off won't be weighing on your mind.

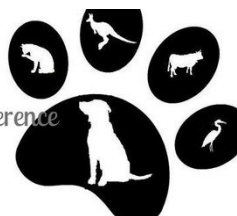
## Check the house

Make sure to check over your house for animal safety. Close off any rooms you don't want your pets to go into for now. Cats are notorious for being sticky beaks and dogs as well! They could knock something over or hurt themselves while you are still organising for where everything should go.

Good luck with the move. Remember the proper lifting techniques so you don't strain your back. Safety first! After all that hard work is done and out of the way, all you have to do is settle in.

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