

# TRAVELING WITH PETS

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## PLANNING

- Consult your veterinarian regarding health requirements before traveling, and ensure your pet is allowed to stay at your destination.
- A certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate) issued by an accredited veterinarian may be required to cross state lines or travel internationally.
- For overseas travel, consult relevant regulatory authorities to ensure your animal is allowed to enter and that quarantine and import requirements can be met.



## TRANSPORTING

Check your pet carrier or crate to ensure:

- It is in good condition.
- It is large enough for your pet to fit comfortably.
- Your pet has had time to become acclimated while you are still at home.
- It meets airplane requirements, and has proper contact information and ID tags.



## SAFEGUARDING

- Make sure your pet's collar has identification tags, including current contact information.
- Pets should be microchipped. Check that your microchip registration is up-to-date.
- Take a current color photo with you so you can easily identify your pet in case it becomes lost.
- Research contact information for local veterinarians at your destination in case emergency care is needed.



## PACKING

Prepare a pet travel kit, including:

- Bedding and a favorite toy
- Grooming supplies
- Food and water
- Leash, collar, harness, and ID tags
- A first-aid kit, including sufficient medication
- A health certificate and other required documentation issued within 10 days of your trip



## MONITORING

- Always perform a daily health check. In unfamiliar surroundings, your pet's appetite, energy level, and disposition may change.
- Stop every two hours for water and "potty" breaks, if traveling by car.
- A small meal about 30 minutes prior to the trip can alleviate carsickness.

