

Pet Travel Checklist

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- ☐ Before you travel
 - ☐ Ensure your pet is in good physical health before you travel.
 - ☐ Consult with your veterinarian.
 - ☐ Check proper pet vaccinations.
 - ☐ Update pet health certificate.
 - ☐ Bring a copy of your dog's health record.
 - ☐ Make sure identification collar tags, or micro chip ID specify current information.
 - ☐ If traveling abroad, contact the consulate of your destination and ask their requirements for your pet to enter the country.
 - ☐ If traveling abroad, ensure you have a Passport for Companion Animal
 - ☐ Consider using a pet carrier company
- ☐ Traveling by Car
 - ☐ Take your pet on shorter trips before traveling.
 - ☐ Feed your pet lightly before beginning your trip.
 - ☐ It is safer for you and safer for your pet if he or she is confined to pet travel cage or crate.
 - ☐ Secure carriers with a seat belt or bungee cords.
 - ☐ Always travel with a leash.
 - ☐ Do not allow pets to hang out windows.
 - ☐ Plan frequent rest stops during a car ride.
 - ☐ Keep to food schedules.
 - ☐ Bring fresh water and food.
 - ☐ Bring along whatever your pet is accustomed to, and what smells like "home".
 - ☐ Never leave your pet in a parked car.
- ☐ Traveling by Air
 - ☐ Check with your air carrier's website for specific details.
 - ☐ Make sure to make a reservation for your pet.
 - ☐ Always try to book non-stop flights.
 - ☐ If the animal is traveling in the cargo hold, be sure to label the crate with a photo of your pet on top of the crate.

- ☐ Never tranquilize.
- ☐ Hotel Stay
 - ☐ Locate a pet friendly hotel.
 - ☐ Call in advance to check any restrictions.
 - ☐ Keep your pet on a leash.
 - ☐ Check for hotel pet sitters or daycare centers.
 - ☐ Leave the hotel staff an emergency contact number to reach you.
 - ☐ Be courteous to hotel guests about your dog's room behavior.
 - ☐ Report and pay promptly for any pet caused damage.