

Safe Journeys for You and Your Cat

No matter if you travel by car, airplane, train or boat, here are some key things to keep in mind, and keep your cat or other pet safe during your journey.

- Make sure your pet has a sturdy leash and collar. The collar should have identification tags, a license and proof of rabies vaccinations. Your home phone number should be on the tags as well.
- You may want to consider a permanent form of identification (such as a microchip or tattoo) that can increase the likelihood of reuniting you with your pet if it gets lost far from home.
- Carry a recent picture of your pet with you. If you are accidentally separated, these pictures will help local authorities in their search for your pet.
- If you think you might need to board your pet at some point during your travels, be sure to check ahead of time about the shots required by the facility as each has its own set of required vaccinations. Also, be sure to bring your pet's complete vaccination and health records with you.
- Take the phone number of your veterinarian and any special medication that your pet needs. Some pets can't adjust to abrupt changes in diet, so pack your pet's regular food, bowls and a cooler of water.
- Carry a "Pet Identification" sheet or card with you that details all of the information about your pet and yourself plus includes an emergency contact that can be reached if you find yourself in a position of being unable to care for your pet.

Shopping List & What to Pack

Here are just a few of the items you may find useful for traveling with your cat and other pets:

- ✓ Collapsible food and water bowls
- ✓ Favorite dry and/or canned food
- ✓ Bottled water
- ✓ Litter pan and litter
- ✓ Portable crate, carrier, tent or pet shelter
- ✓ Blankets and towels
- ✓ Favorite bed or pad to sleep in/on
- ✓ Brushes and combs for grooming
- ✓ Healthy treats
- ✓ Toys, balls, and plush pet toys, etc.
- ✓ Current vaccination records, health records, and id tags
- ✓ Stick-on labels for pet's crate/carrier and supplies bearing your home address and phone number
- ✓ Veterinary and microchip information, and other vital data
- ✓ Pet first aid kit and contact numbers for local veterinarian and 24-hour emergency vet center number
- ✓ Regular leash and collar and an extra set
- ✓ Medications (if cat or pet is on regular prescription)