

Moving can be stressful for people, so just imagine how anxious it can make your pets. They can easily get stressed out when there's unexpected activity in their home or when they're introduced to a new place. Here are some tips that should make the experience a bit calmer for your beloved pet companion(s)!

## PRE-MOVE

Make sure collars are snug. Update ID tags & microchips with new contact information.

Get vet records & prescriptions from your current doctor. Ask for vet recommendation in new neighborhood.

Your pet may need additional vaccinations depending on where you move. A local animal control facility should answer your questions.

Make sure there are no open pathways in the backyard. For the safety of your pets, put a lock on the fence.

Prepare an overnight kit with items to keep your pet comfortable during the move.

## **DURING MOVE**

For long-distance moves, be sure to identify pet-friendly hotels along your route and reserve rooms ahead of time.

Consider boarding your pets on the day of the move or confine them to their favorite room in the house.

Move the house before you move the pet. Set up as much as you can before you introduce your animal to the new home.

On moving day, make sure your pets are secured in a crate or closed room of your house until you are ready to load them into your vehicle.

## **POST-MOVE**

Find a new vet right away so you know where to go for any emergencies.

When you reach your final destination, immediately remove your animal(s) from the vehicle and segregate them in a single room.

Before unpacking your own stuff, lay out pet essentials so that s/he has some familiar items in the strange new house.

Start your new routine (such as morning walks, meal time, etc.) immediately so your pet feels comfortable in your new place quickly.

