



WATER SAFETY

Pets, like small children, face the risk of drowning from not knowing how to swim. A responsible pet owner should be aware of the dangers that pools, rivers, lakes, and the ocean present. Acknowledging these dangers and using precautions will prevent you from putting your pet in harm's way.

Invest in a Life Preserver:

If you plan to vacation near a body of water with your pet, it would be a wise investment to purchase a life preserver. Companies have created life vests outfitted especially for pets. It is also a good idea to get your pet used to wearing a life preserver before taking that vacation. If you put it on your pet for the first time and then have it enter the water your pet may panic.

Limit Time in Water:

If your pet does enjoy swimming outdoors, be sure to limit the amount of time they spend in the water. A pet that is over-exerted and can't swim back to shore is especially susceptible to drowning, so to be safe have your pet wear its life preserver at all times, when near the water.

OTHER HELPFUL TIPS



However you travel, keep these tips in mind:

- 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. For more information on microchips visit www.akccar.org
- 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 implementing the suggestions in this section:

- Collapsible food and water bowls
- Portable crate, carrier, tent or pet shelter
- Blankets and towels
- 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



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PET TRAVEL TIPS & HINTS

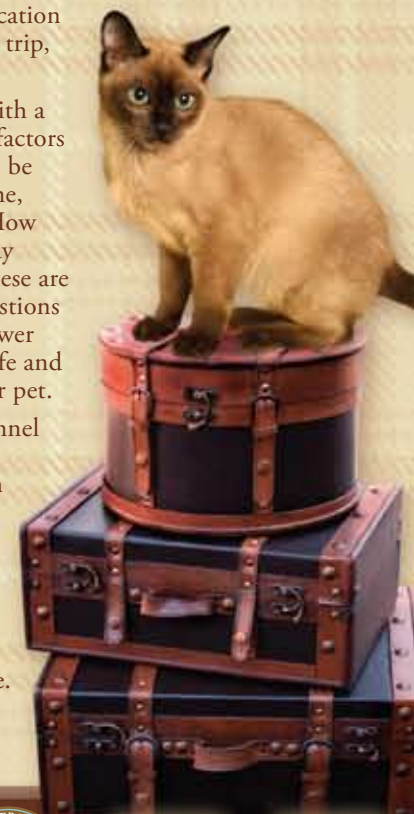
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Taking your beloved pet on the family vacation can make for a great trip, if you plan carefully.

When traveling with a pet, there are many factors to consider: will you be traveling by car, plane, train, bus or boat? How long will you be away during your trip? These are just a few of the questions you will need to answer to make your trip safe and fun for you and your pet.

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SAFETY

A crate, carrier or harness that attaches to the seat belt should be used for your pet's safety when traveling. Crates, carriers and harnesses are available in a variety of sizes from pet supply stores. Be sure to offer plenty of water on a frequent basis, and take along a favorite toy or bed to make your pet as comfortable as possible. Also, be sure the crate or carrier...

- Is large enough to allow your pet to stand up, turn around and lie down
- Is secured in your vehicle
- Is strong, with handles or grips, and free of interior protrusions
- Has a leak-proof bottom covered with plenty of absorbent material (incontinent pads or puppy pads work well)
- Has ventilation on opposing sides, with exterior rims or knobs to prevent blockage of airflow
- Has a "LIVE ANIMAL" label, arrows upright, with owner's name, address, and phone number (when flying)

BY CAR

When traveling by car, be sure to keep your pet comfortable. Bring along a favorite toy or bed to make your pet feel secure.

If it's hot, be sure to have your vehicle's air conditioning running, or open the car windows to provide sufficient cross-ventilation. Do not let your pet stick its head out the window, as this may lead to eye or ear injuries. Also, do not let your pet travel in the back of an open pick-up truck, as your pet could be seriously injured in the event of an accident. Small pets should remain in a carrier or harness at all times when in a vehicle.



BY PLANE

When traveling by plane, pet reservations are required. Reservations are needed for in-cabin pet travel as there are a number of restrictions for in-cabin pets. Please note that numerous airlines no longer accept pets as excess baggage. Check with your airline prior to travel.

Plan a visit to your veterinarian before your trip to determine if any pre-flight arrangements are necessary. Airlines make it clear that it is the owner's responsibility to verify the pet's health and ability to fly. A health certificate must be issued no more than 10 days before the date of departure. Records for rabies (if the animal is old enough for the vaccination) and other vaccination certificates should be carried by the pet owner. A copy can also be placed in an envelope taped to the inside of the carrier or crate. When travelling with your pet by air, please note that your dog should be at least 16 weeks old and weaned; your cat should be a minimum of 12-14 weeks of age.

If your pet is not traveling in the cabin with you, you need to be sure to check the temperature of the flight's starting point and destination; it may be too hot, or too cold, to be safe for your pet. Federal regulations prohibit shipping live animals as excess baggage (see above) or cargo if an animal will be exposed to temperatures that are below 45 degrees Fahrenheit or above 85 degrees Fahrenheit, for more than four hours during departure, arrival, or while making connections. Such temperature regulations do not apply to pets hand-carried in cabin.

Call your airline well in advance of your trip to inquire about their pet policies.

Remember that each airline has its own variations on regulations and services. For example; if your crate or carrier does not meet the airline's requirements, it may not allow you to use it. They may, however, allow your pet in the passenger cabin if your crate or carrier fits under the seat in front of you.

LODGING

While staying at Motel 6/Studio 6, beware of leaving your pet unattended. For those with dogs - dogs may bark or destroy property when in a strange place. It is a common courtesy to keep your pet as quiet as possible and not disturb any of the other guests. Your pet should not be left alone in the room.

Prevent any possibility of unwanted messes or an escape. At check-in, ask where you should walk your pet, and make sure you clean up after your pet.

It is always a good idea to have a place to confine your pet, such as a crate, when you are not in the hotel room. You never know when housekeeping will open the door to add those missing towels or that extra pillow! Hotel staff wouldn't expect a pet in the room, and may not even notice if one escapes out the open door. Keep your pet in its crate at night or if you must leave it in your room alone. Your pet should be put into a tent, a cage, or carrier if they are to be left alone in the hotel room.

Etiquette is always important when traveling with a pet. You must also be fully prepared with food, water, dishes, litter and a litter pan for cats, paper towels, garbage disposal bags, etc. For those with dogs it is a great idea to bring plastic baggies to pick-up after your dog.



LODGING -- OUTDOOR PLAY

You may also want to follow these safety tips when it comes to taking your pets outside.



While staying at Motel 6/ Studio 6, hot summer temperatures can often change your daily routine with your pet. Depending on your location, it may be too hot to take your pet outside during the day. Pet owners must take precautionary steps to make sure their pets are adequately hydrated and not overheated when playing outdoors during the summer.

Avoid pavement in hot weather:

Your pet has very sensitive paw pads, and the hot asphalt during the summer months can burn them. Instead, opt to walk your pet on grass, or plan your walks during the early morning/late evening when the pavement is not as hot.

Know the Symptoms of Heat stroke:

Pets cannot cool down as easily as humans and are more likely of suffer heat stroke during the summer. The symptoms of overheating include excessive panting, drooling, sluggishness and unresponsiveness. Pets with thick coats, short muzzles, and heart or breathing problems are at greater risk for heat stroke and should remain indoors with air conditioning during extremely hot days.

Refill Pet Medications/Combat Fleas and Ticks:

Insect populations increase during the summer months, escalating the chances that your pet will come into contact with ticks and fleas. Make sure that your pet is up-to-date with its heartworm medication and keep him up to-date when it comes to flea and tick prevention.

Please Remember for hotels to accept guests with pets, it is important to always respect hotel property, staff and your fellow guests.