

# THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST FOR MOVING WITH YOUR CAT



## BEFORE THE MOVE

- Get a certificate of veterinary inspection
- Check the USDA site for each state's pet regulations
- Get copies of health records
- Update vaccinations
- Refill prescriptions
- Ask about motion sickness medication
- Get recommendations for a new vet
- Notify your pet insurance company
- Update your cat's microchip registry with your new contact information
- Get your cat used to being in a carrier
- Take short drives with your cat
- Leave your home as normal as possible for as long as you can

## DURING THE MOVE

- Keep your cat in a safe, enclosed area before leaving
  - Secure your cat in the vehicle's backseat
- Pack these things in your car:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gauze               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonstick bandages   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water  | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-adhesive tape  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital thermometer |

- Cover carrier with a sheet for a few hours
- Calm your cat with catnip essential oil
- Stop every 3 to 6 hours
- Book pet-friendly hotels

If you must fly:

- Fly direct
- Be on the same flight
- Try to avoid the cargo hold
- Don't ever ship brachycephalic animals in the cargo hold
- Avoid busy flying periods

## AFTER THE MOVE

Pet-proof your home:

- Make sure doors close and latch easily
- Look for exposed wires
- Look for places your cat could hide
- Put familiar objects in familiar areas
- Lay down unwashed blankets from your old home
- Place litter boxes on every floor and show cats where they are
- Give them time to acclimate