

## Relocating with Your Pet

Moving to a new home or moving into temporary housing can be stressful on our pets. Here's some information on how you can help work with your pet to help it adjust to its new surroundings.

- Call your veterinarian to verify that your pet is up-to-date in its vaccines and obtain your pet's vet records to have ready.
- Make sure your pet has the proper identification on them: ideally a collar with an identification tag with your name and phone number on it. It is always a good idea to have your pet microchipped in case its collar accidentally comes off.
- Start collecting items your pet will need ahead of time at least a few weeks before you are planning to move.
- Be sure to include the necessary items like food, dishes, any medications your pet is on, medical records, their favorite bedding and toys.
- Try to keep one room in the home consistent during the move and allow your dog to stay in that room so they aren't upset by the change right away. Keep your pet confined in this room to avoid accidental exiting out of the door while you are moving items out of the home.
- Avoid changing your daily routine with your pet as much as possible.
- If you can, set up one room in the new home with as many familiar items as possible that the pet will stay in, again, familiarity is important! These items will smell like you and your home which will be comforting to your pet.
- For dogs, walk the dog on leash around the new house, yard and block to familiarize them with the scent and sights that will be their new home.



- For cats, make sure they have a place to hide. When they are ready to come out use gentle affection and treats to encourage them to explore their new home. Do not rush them into coming out, they will come out when they are ready to. As long as they are eating and using the litterbox they will adjust at their own pace.
- Be patient, loving and reassuring with your pet and they will adjust successfully to their new home.

