Checklist for Pet Travel



1. Research your destination country's pet import requirements

- [ ] Is an import permit required?
- [ ] Is a microchip required?
- [ ] What vaccinations are required and when should they be administered?
- [ ] Is there a Blood Titer Test (RNATT) test required?
- [ ] Is an internal and internal parasite requirement?
- [ ] Is there a need to make quarantine arrangements?
- [ ] Must my pet arrive as manifest cargo?
- [ ] Check out pet import requirements on over 240 countries.

2. Get your pet's crate or carrier and start working on acclimation

- [ ] Pet carrier must have waterproof bottom, adequate ventilation and be secure. Your pet must be able to stand up and turn around in its carrier.
- [ ] Pet crate for larger cats and dogs (or those traveling in a cargo hold) must have a waterproof bottom, spring lock, adequate ventilation and meet other IATA requirements.
- [ ] Put lots of familiar things in the crate or carrier including something with your scent.
- [ ] Encourage your pet to rest and nap in its carrier bottom
- [ ] Leave the door open so your pet can go in and out of the crate or carrier
- [ ] Take them for drives or walks to someplace fun in their crate or carrier

- [ ] Spend time praising your pet for loving their crate or carrier.

3. Schedule a visit to see your veterinarian

- [ ] Check for health
- [ ] Have your pet microchipped with a 15 digit ISO 11784/11785 microchip before vaccination if necessary
- [ ] Verify rabies vaccination expiration
- [ ] Discuss any titer test or other testing that must be done

4. Check airline or roadway routes

- [ ] Check for road construction or traffic issues if traveling on the ground. Set your route in a routing device such as Garmin or in your smart phone if you have one.
- [ ] If you are flying, stay clear of airports that are more challenging to transit (London, Taiwan, Australia, China)
- [ ] Keep layovers to 2 hours if possible.
- [ ] Do not change airlines - changing planes is ok; changing airline companies is not.

5. Research Pet Friendly Hotels and Services

- [ ] Find a great pet friendly hotel and contact them prior to booking online to verify their pet policies. Most times, booking online will give you the best prices.
- [ ] Find an animal hospital nearby in case of emergencies and bring along the information.
- [ ] Find pet friendly parks and restaurants nearby so you and your pet can enjoy your stay.

6. Get your pet's supplies

- [ ] Leash and collar
- [ ] Name tag (with your cell phone number on it)
- [ ] Picture of you and your pet (in case you should be separated)
- [ ] Bottled water and a portable water dish
- [ ] Supply of sealed pet food, dish, and spoon
- [ ] Dog or cat treats (all good pets deserve a treat now and then)
- [ ] Brush
- [ ] Shampoo
- [ ] Toys (save a special chew bone for the trip in the car)
- [ ] Medication (including eye and ear drops, ear powder, tweezers for removing burrs, and any pills or vitamins your pet may be taking)

- [ ] Pet harness for riding in the car (pets need to be "buckled up for safety")
- [ ] An old sheet or two for covering up hotel furniture that your pet may jump up on
- [ ] Plastic bags for picking up after your pet

7. Schedule a trip to the groomer

- [ ] A clean pet will be a comfortable pet. Help them put their best paw forward on their trip.

8. Need More Information?

- [ ] We have current and accurate information on traveling with your pet by air, sea, dog kennel

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