

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 external 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 and ground.

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