

Traveling with Your Cat

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11 STRATEGIES FOR cat travel success



If you plan on taking your cat along on vacation, a weekend get-away, or other travels, here are a few things to remember:

1. **Bring food and water from home.** The last thing you want is digestive problems when you are on the road. You may bring your cat's regular [dishes](#), or try a convenient [travel bowl](#).
2. **Call ahead.** Many places (including campgrounds) do not allow pets. Make sure it's OK to bring your pet before you leave. There are several books on the market which contain a state-by-state listing of hotels, motels, and inns that welcome pets.
3. **Make sure your cat's [nametag](#) is up-to-date and readable.**
4. **Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to update your cat's vaccinations and obtain a health certificate for travel, if needed.**
5. **Do not forget your cat's favorite [toys](#).**
6. **Pack a [first aid kit](#) for your cat.** It is always a good idea to have one handy, just in case.
7. **Provide plenty of exercise before you leave.**
8. **Stop often** on long trips so cats can exercise outside of their [crates](#), and to relieve themselves. To minimize the risk of an escape, always use a

good-fitting [harness and leash](#) when cats are outdoors.

9. **Travel on an empty stomach.** Car sickness is more likely if your cat has a full stomach. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount than normal at least two hours before you leave.
10. **Restrain your pet** during travel in either a [soft carrier](#) or [plastic crate](#). It is the safest way to travel for both you and your cat.
11. **NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAT IN A HOT CAR** even if you park in the shade. Pets are unable to control body temperature as efficiently as humans and just a few minutes in a hot car could cause irreversible damage or death.

Recommended Products



Petmate Travel
Bowl Duo Portable
Pet Bowls



Red Dingo Cat ID
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Compass Kennels



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