

12 Top Travel Tips

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Traveling with your pet can be fun and rewarding - especially when you're prepared.

In addition to the pet travel "basics" (safely [restraining your pet](#), allowing adequate time for "potty breaks," bringing comforting items from home, and so on), the following practices help make every trip easier and more pleasant for both you and your pet.

- 1 Schedule a **veterinarian visit** to ensure overall health and current vaccinations. Ask for a health certificate and vaccination records, especially if you're traveling out of state.
- 2 Make sure your pet's [identification tags](#) are up-to-date and legible. Also, be sure his rabies tag and vaccinations are current.
- 3 Include your **destination address** and/or phone number on your pet's tags and [cage/crate](#) (if applicable).
- 4 Remember to **pack water** to prevent dehydration. The [Handi-Drink](#) works extremely well and allows your pet to drink from it. To help ensure convenient feedings, bring along a collapsible [food bowl](#).
- 5 Pack all [medications](#) and [supplements](#) to avoid missed doses.
- 6 Pack a [first aid kit](#) to ensure readiness in the event of an injury or medical emergency.
- 7 **Exercise** your pet prior to departure. A tired pet is typically much more amenable to travel. Also, bring a [lead or harness](#) to allow exercise during "pit stops."
- 8 **Feed** your pet at least four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount than normal at least two hours before you leave.

- 9 Use a **travel remedy**, if necessary. If your pet is extremely anxious about travel, try a soothing non-prescription product like our [Ultra-Calm®](#), [Rescue Remedy](#), or [Comfort Zone® Spray with Adaptil®](#).
- 10 [Trim toenails](#) to prevent snags and injury, especially if your pet will travel in a cage or crate.
- 11 Cover your **car seats** with [Seat Covers](#) to keep them clean and free of hair shed on your trip.
- 12 Know your **travel rules** and restrictions, especially if you will travel on an airplane.

Recommended Travel Products



Metal Nametags -
Laser Engraved



Collars, Harnesses,
Leads & Tie Outs



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Ultra-Calm® Soft
Chewables



Handi-Drink Pet
Water Bottles