



Moving With Children & Pets



Things to know to help ease the anxiety and/or excitement for children and pets before and during your move.



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Packing & Moving Tips - Children

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A move to a new home can be an exciting experience for children, if you employ careful planning from start to finish. Planning begins with informing them of the upcoming move and includes organizing the details of relocating, as well as getting acquainted with your new community.

The Positive Approach:

When your family is planning to relocate, your reaction to the upcoming changes is most important. Children normally reflect their parents' attitudes. Accentuate the positive. A positive parental attitude will go a long way toward soothing fears and creating an atmosphere of anticipation for the children.

Prepare them in advance for the move. Tell them immediately about the move. Give them time to adjust to the idea.

Answer all questions. Explain the reasons for the move as explicitly as necessary, depending on the child's age. An honest question-and-answer session will give you an idea of the specific concerns your children have about the move. This will give you the chance to resolve their fears and let them know you are interested in their opinions and feelings.

Permit children to participate. This will give them a sense of responsibility and self-worth.

Choosing Move It Now:

Our expert experience in moving families will minimize your responsibilities by allowing you more time to devote to your children and helping them understand the move.

With these steps, you can ease the insecure feelings some children experience when removed from familiar surroundings.

It is difficult to break strong ties to the old home, neighborhood, school and close friends. But remember,

moving can be a great personal growth opportunity for all family members, including children. Take advantage of the situation and make it a truly exciting experience for everyone.

Take-Along Suggestions:

For infant and toddlers:

- Dress in suitable clothing and pack an extra outfit.
- Pack extra items into the diaper/utility bag than normal. Including but not limited to; disposable diapers, powder, lotion, wipes, nursers with plastic throwaway liners, nipples, baby food/formula, fruit juice, water, snacks, etc.
- Blankets.
- Security items (toys, stuffed plush, blanket, pacifiers, etc.)
- Safety-approved infant car seat.
- First-aid kit (Discuss with your doctor/pediatrician any medications you should have on hand.)
- Stroller.
- Child's portable car toilet.

For Elementary to Pre-Teen:

Children in their elementary and pre-teen years are easier to keep content during a long trip. Provide them with a few travel games, coloring books, comics, or other books of interest.

Teenagers:

Teenagers probably will have their own ideas of travel entertainment, but might enjoy favorite books or travel games.

PRO TIP

Make sure you have car chargers for electronic movies and gaming devices, along with an extra set of headphones.



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Careful pre-planning will minimize and help avoid relocation problems.

State Laws and Regulations: Almost every state has laws applicable to the entry of pets. Contact the state veterinarian of your new home state to learn the laws. You should also contact the city clerk or town hall in your destination city to learn about license fees and regulations for your pet.

Vet Visit: Many states require a health certificate listing of all inoculations and verifying that your pet is free from infectious disease. Ask your vet for the certificate and keep it handy when traveling.

To find a vet in your new state, ask your current vet for a recommendation, call the AAHA or visit www.healthypet.com.

Pet Identification: In addition to permanent identity and rabies tags, make an ID tag with your pet's name, your name, destination address, and an emergency name, address and telephone number, in case you cannot be reached.

Familiar Surroundings: Once moved into your new home, use your pet's familiar food and water dishes, bed, blanket, and toys to make him/her feel "at home."

Moving Your Pet by Airplane

Contact airlines for rules and regulations, transportation charges and pet insurance. You will be responsible for a shipping container/carrier to transport your pet.

Make your reservations well in advance, because pet approval is granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Feed your pet no less than five or six hours before flight time, and give him/her a drink of water about two hours before take-off.

Moving Your Pet by Auto

Plan ahead and purchase carriers, supplies and first-aid kits. Start a list of items you'll need for a pet travel kit including collapsible dishes, favorite toys, your pet's regular food and a few treats.

If your pet is not used to car travel, start taking him/her on short trips to get accustomed to car motion. If necessary, ask your veterinarian about tranquilizers to relax your pet.

Do not feed or water your pet just before starting. A few treats during the day will keep him/her satisfied. Plan regular stops to give your pet a drink or a short run. Take a container of fresh water with you because a sudden change in drinking water may cause a temporary upset stomach.

Moving With a Dog

After moving into a new house, immediately walk your dog around the neighborhood so that he/she becomes familiar with the new area.

Maintain the feeding and walking schedule from your original residence.

Immediately establish boundaries in your neighborhood or yard for your dog to roam.

Moving With A Cat

Do not let your cat outside until he/she is familiar with the new living environment to reduce the risk of running away.

Constantly surround your cat with familiar items during the move to reduce the emotional effects on your cat.

Do not expose your cat to your new living arrangements all at once. Limit the number of rooms the cat is allowed in and gradually let your cat explore.



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