Pet Travel Checklist





Automobile Travel

Food- Pack extra food in case of spillage or last minute change of plans
Treats - for when you arrive! Limit food while traveling
Water - Bring extra for wasting half drunk bowls of water
Collapsible food and water bowls
Medications - Don't forget anxiety meds for travel!
Waste bags/ Litter and Litter box
Bedding (Spray beds with Pheromone Spray)
Carrier for car travel
Foldable Crate for staying in hotels or unfamiliar places
Pet seat belt attached to a harness (not collar) for dogs
Distraction toys - Kong or Lick Mat with peanut butter or Churu for cats (it's the
cats meow!)
Pheromone Spray for bedding and collar
Thunder jacket - to decrease anxiety during car ride or in unfamiliar places
Consider the weather - a sweater for ski vacation or booties for city streets?
Pet Friendly hotels are great - ask for a ground floor room for easy access to
outdoors
Favorite Toy or Blanket- Don't wash it before travel!

Airline Travel

Check the airline in advance for airline- specific/ state specific requirements to fly
with a pet.
International trips may require planning for 6 months to a year in advance so do
vour homework

Other Travel Tips!

Always bring a copy of your pet's medical records with you

All Happy's Vet patient records are available on the Digitails app

Look up Local Veterinary Contact information including local emergency rooms

ALWAYS ensure your pet has proper identification on them!

Never take the collar off in the car!

Make sure that your pet's microchip is registered with current information

Some pets get carsick!

Discuss the best approach with your vet

Prescription Anti-nausea medications such as Cerenia is safe with other drugs

OTC medications can be effective but don't last as long and cause

sedation

Stress causes diarrhea in most dogs!

<u>Underfeed your pet</u> on the day of travel to prevent GI upset

Pets who are prone to GI upset, feed a bland diet for the entire trip

Avoid diet changes during stressful times!

Don't be tempted to order room service for a pet no matter how cute the doggy menu!

Let them skip a meal if your pet refuses food during travel

Daily Probiotics will help a pet with a tendency to get GI upset

Propectalin is an excellent over the counter diarrhea remedy

Frequent Breaks

Plan for regular stops to allow your pet to stretch, hydrate, and potty breaks Always use non-retractable leash, retractable leashes are not recommended

Never leave a pet in a car without AC no matter how brief

Rolling the windows down does not help!

Visiting homes with other pets cab be problematic

Dogs and cats are territorial

Even pets who play well together will fight over resources -food, toys or a favorite
person

Pre Travel Vet Check

- Prior to taking your pets, and ensure vaccinations are current and appropriate for the region
- Prevention for fleas, ticks and heartworms is current
- Some areas have <u>different parasites or diseases</u>
 - New vaccinations may need to start 1 month in advance
- Airlines often require a health certificates so plan ahead!
- Prescription <u>Medications for anxiety</u> make for a more comfortable travel experience
- OTC anxiety supplements are often less effective and less predictable
- If your pet is diagnosed with environmental allergies or asthma, make sure you have
 - medications to cover a "flare up" while traveling to new areas