



# Are We There Yet?

## TIPS FOR MOVING WITH YOUR PET

You've signed the papers and the keys are yours! Moving to a home in a new location can be an exciting adventure, but it can also be the cause of stress and confusion for household pets. To minimize the trauma, here are a few tips that may help make your pet's transition a little easier:

- Schedule an appointment with the veterinarian for a check-up prior to moving.
  - » Obtain a copy of your pet's medical history along with rabies certifications that state when and where your pet was vaccinated.
  - » Make sure the supply of current medications will last until a veterinarian in your new location can be found to provide refills.
- Proper identification is essential. Be certain that any required license tags are secured properly and the contact information is current.
- Pets can become anxious with the increase of activity prior to a move. To eliminate the threat of them misbehaving or running off, consider boarding your pet during the most hectic of moving days.
- If you are moving your pet by car, be sure to take a favorite toy or two, a leash for when stops are made, and plenty of water to keep your pet hydrated.
- If you are moving across state lines, call or write the state veterinarian or State Department of Animal Husbandry for laws on the entry of animals. According to [moversdirectory.com](http://moversdirectory.com), some states require up-to-date rabies vaccinations. For example, the state of Hawaii requires a 120-day quarantine for dogs and cats that have just moved from another state.
- Long-distance moves may require an overnight stay. People and pet-friendly accommodations can be found by searching a number of internet sites.
- Once you and your pet have arrived in your new location, allow sufficient time for the new neighborhood adjustment to be made. It could take a few days or a few weeks for your pet to adapt to their new surroundings.
- Carry a current photograph of your pet. If your pet is lost during the move, a photograph will make it much easier to search effectively.

We hope you and your pets arrive safely at your new location. We provide title and closing services around the neighborhood and across the nation. Contact our knowledgeable professionals for courteous and professional service!