



Moving With Reptiles



Moving with reptiles requires special care to ensure their safety and well-being throughout the process. Here are some tips and tricks for moving with reptiles

- 1. Research Local Regulations:** Before moving, research any regulations or restrictions regarding the ownership of reptiles in your new area to ensure compliance. Check with HOAs as well as your property management company if you are renting.
- 2. Secure Enclosures:** Ensure your reptile's enclosure is secure for transport, with locking lids or doors to prevent escape during the move. You can always use tape to secure the lids if still concerned.
- 3. Transportation Containers:** Use appropriate transportation containers for each reptile, such as secure carriers or plastic bins with air holes for ventilation.
- 4. Temperature Control:** Maintain appropriate temperature levels during transport by using heat packs or heat lamps for species that require warmth, and avoid exposing reptiles to extreme temperatures. Cold packs might also be used if you are worried of things getting too warm.
- 5. Provide Hiding Places:** Include hiding places or shelters in the transportation containers to help reptiles feel secure and reduce stress during travel. Introduce these items in advance so they can get used to the new items in their environment.
- 6. Water and Humidity:** Ensure reptiles have access to clean water and appropriate humidity levels during transport, especially for species that require high humidity.
- 7. Minimize Handling:** Minimize handling of reptiles during the move to reduce stress and the risk of injury. Use gentle handling techniques when necessary, and avoid unnecessary disturbances. Know your reptile and what they like and what might calm them.
- 8. Pack Supplies:** Pack necessary supplies such as bedding, substrate, food, and water bowls for each reptile to have readily available upon arrival at the new location. You also can order them to have them shipped to your new house when you arrive.
- 9. Secure Transportation:** Secure transportation containers in the vehicle to prevent shifting or tipping during transport, and avoid placing heavy items on top of them. The smoother the ride the less stress they will be under.
- 10. Research Veterinary Care:** Research local veterinary clinics that specialize in reptile care in your new area in case of emergencies or health concerns. Have important information on them in a location you can access during your move.



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By following these tips and taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and comfort of your reptiles during the move, you can help minimize stress and facilitate a smooth transition to their new home.

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11. ****Acclimation Period****: Allow reptiles time to acclimate to their new environment after arriving at the new home, providing familiar hiding spots and maintaining their regular feeding and lighting schedules. Be aware that on moving day the outside doors are open a lot and they might need to be kept in a back room where the temperature can be controlled better.

12. **Monitor Health**: Keep a close eye on your reptiles' behavior, appetite, and overall health during the moving process and in the days following the move. Contact a reptile veterinarian if you notice any signs of stress or illness. Know that your vet and local pet store might also have tips of tricks, for your specific type of reptile, to ensure a smooth move.

