



Moving With Dogs



Moving with dogs can be a bit stressful, but here are some tips and tricks to make the process smoother for you and your furry friend

- 1. Preparation:** Start preparing your dog for the move in advance. Moving can cause them anxiety so by gradually introducing them to moving boxes, crates, and carriers in advance can make the change more gradual.
- 2. Update ID Information:** Ensure your dog's ID tags and microchip information are updated with your new address and contact details.
- 3. Visit the New Area:** If possible, take your dog to the new neighborhood before the move to familiarize them with the smells and surroundings.
- 4. Keep Routine:** Stick to your dog's regular routine as much as possible, including feeding times and walks. This helps them feel secure amidst the chaos of moving.
- 5. Safe Space:** Set up a designated safe space for your dog during the move where they can relax away from the hustle and bustle. They can often either be a trip hazard or run away to deal with their anxiety. It can also be advantageous to board your dog on moving days.
- 6. Packing Essentials:** Pack a bag with your dog's essentials, including food, water, toys, blankets, and any medications they may need. A lot of these things can act as a comfort item to your dog.
- 7. Travel Comfort:** If traveling by car, make sure your dog is secure with a harness or crate and take breaks for bathroom use and exercise. Note that if you have a big dog you may need to remember a ramp for your dog to get into or out of your car or the moving truck.
- 8. Introduce Slowly:** When arriving at the new home, introduce your dog to one room at a time, gradually allowing them to explore the rest of the house. Keep any eye on your dog at this time so they don't have any accidents in your new home.
- 9. Reestablish Routine:** Set up your dog's belongings, such as their bed and food bowls, in familiar locations to help them feel more at home. This might be putting their crate in the kitchen at the new house if the dog was in their crate in the kitchen at their old house.
- 10. Patience and Reassurance:** Be patient with your dog as they adjust to their new surroundings and provide plenty of reassurance and affection during the transition.
- 11. Veterinary Records:** Ensure you have copies of your dog's veterinary records, including vaccination history, in case you need them in the new area. Keep this in your moving binder if you have one.



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Make sure your canine friend is good to go for your move

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12. Local Regulations: Familiarize yourself with any local pet regulations or leash laws in your new neighborhood to avoid any surprises. Some cities for example might have bans on pit bulls or have fines for dogs not registered with the city or off leash.

13. Pet-Friendly Accommodations: If you're staying in a hotel or temporary accommodation during the move, make sure it's pet-friendly and book in advance. Pet-friendly hotels can be in short supply in some areas and need to be booked in advance.

14. Behavioral Support: If your dog experiences anxiety or behavioral issues during the move, consider consulting with a veterinarian or professional dog trainer for guidance.

15. Exploration Time: Allow your dog plenty of time to explore the new surroundings outside on walks and outings, gradually expanding their territory as they become more comfortable.

16. Secure Yard: If you have a yard in your new home, make sure it's securely fenced to prevent your dog from wandering off in unfamiliar territory or keep other animals from attacking your dog.

17. Socialization Opportunities: Seek out local dog parks or pet-friendly events in the area to help your dog socialize and make new friends. Check out "Next Door" or "Facebook" to get connected to dog park locations and dog owner meetups.

18. Emergency Plan: Have an emergency plan in place in case your dog gets lost during the move, including contact information for local animal shelters and rescue organizations.

19. Patience and Adaptation: Remember that it may take some time for your dog to fully adjust to the new environment, so be patient and understanding as they acclimate to their new home.

20. Grooming: Try to groom your dog before you move. You might be unfamiliar with the area you are moving to, and may not be aware of the grooming options in that area and what their scheduling is like for grooming appointments.

By incorporating these tips into your moving plan, you can help ensure a smoother transition for both you and your canine companion.

