NEW HOME PREPAREDNESS

Four Paws Holistic Therapy

· Peace · Balance · Health ·

This new home/moving checklist will help you to be prepared to keep your pet safe when moving to a new home.
Try the different tips as each pet has a different preference.

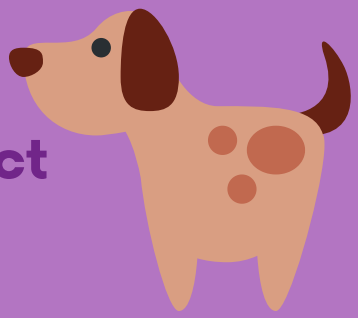


IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!
Start planning now to protect your pet

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT: WWW.FOURPAWSHOLISTICTHERAPY.COM



Checklist to Prepare and Protect your Pets for a New Home



Choosing a New Home

- When you can, it's important to choose a home that is pet friendly, or figure out in advance how you can make it comfortable for your pet. For example, if you have a dog that can't climb stairs, then a three story house may not be the best fit. In that case you may have to restrict your dog to the main level.
- If you chose an apartment, what would it take (how long would it take) to let your pet out for a bathroom break, is there a balcony, what floor are you on, stairs vs. elevator.

Behavioral Tools for a Successful Transition

- Begin the process early. pack a few boxes each day and then spend time with your pet. That way, boxes and packing became part of their routine.
- Keep your pet's things in place. Beds, toys, food dishes, and other stuff should remain in place until the very last minute to provide an additional sense of security.
- Tire your pet out. In between moving tasks, take them on walks, go to the dog park and run errands with them. Why? Because a tired, happy dog has less energy to worry and become anxious.
- Remove them from the chaos. Especially on moving day, keep your pets in a quiet room, take them to a day care or sitter, or ask a friend to watch them. Prior to the move, have overnights at the sitter's house to get them used to the process and on moving day(s) they are safe at the sitters.

Settling in

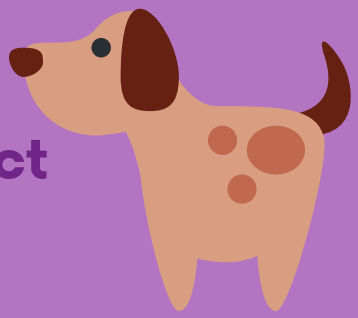
- Before you move in, it's important to check your new house and yard for hazards, including metal edging, loose fence posts or even plants that may be poisonous. And once you've moved in, keep an eye on your pets and make sure they are adjusting to the transition. Watch for behavior change such as a loss of appetite or not eating for the first few days after the move.

For more information visit www.FourPawsHolisticTherapy.com

#FourPawsHolisticTherapy @GillianEdwards



Checklist to Prepare and Protect your Pets for a New Home



Stick to the Old Routines

- Once your pet has come into the new house, make sure you resume your play time. Have familiar smells around waiting fro them when they arrive uch as there unwashed blanket, bed and toys. Food bowls should be in the same place as they were at home e.g., kitchen, with a familiar smell. Keep walks, dinner time, bedtime and their old schedule the same.

Slowly Introduce your Pets to Their New Home

- Do a walk-through with your pets, going into each room and letting them sniff around so they understand this is their new home. If you can, stay at home for a few days, then take short trips out, leaving your pet at home, and extending the time until you're back in the normal routine. If that's not possible, allow your pets to adjust to one room at a time with their toys, food and other items in the room with them. This works especially well for cats.

New Environment

- Don't forget that your new home will have different appliances and different sounds. Especially if your pets gets anxious about noise, introduce them to the new garage door opening and closing, the washing machine, and ice maker, to name a few.

Other Things to do Before, or After, You Move

- UPDATE your pet's microchip, tags, insurance, wallet emergency contact and information at the vet. (see Resources)
- PUT UP new pet rescue window decals. (see Resources)
- KNOW where the nearest emergency vet is located.
- VISIT local pet stores, parks, trails and dog-friendly places to maintain socialization.
- MEET the neighbors.
- TEACH your pet the house borders.

For more information visit www.FourPawsHolisticTherapy.com

#FourPawsHolisticTherapy @GillianEdwards



RESOURCES



Free Microchip Registration Sites

- https://www.freepetchipregistry.com/
- https://www.foundanimals.org/microchip-registry/
- https://www.petmicrochiplookup.org/
- https://www.akcreunite.org/
- https://avidid.com/
- https://petkey.org/
- https://www.idtag.com/
- https://www.petlink.net/
- https://911petchip.com/

Window Rescue Decals

- Check local pet stores, fire and police stations for window decals
- Pinterest / Google (Google Images) downloads
- Amazon (S)
- See below for printable example



For more information visit www.FourPawsHolisticTherapy.com

#FourPawsHolisticTherapy @GillianEdwards



Gillian and Zena

If you've found these tips helpful and want more help in keeping your pets safe, happy, and healthy for a longer quality of life you can follow me on FB/IG/LI @gillianedwards or contact me at:

Gillian@FourPawsHolisticTherapy.com

Four Paws Holistic Therapy

· Peace · Balance · Health ·

Copyright 2022/2025 © Four Paws Holistic Therapy