01 BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Pet Road Trip Planner

Plan the trip around your pets. Fill this in on a computer or print a blank copy.

Trip details

Pet name(s) / species

Travel dates / departure time

Destination / lodging address

Emergency vet along the route / phone

Emergency vet near destination / phone

Before loading the car

- ☐ Fit the travel restraint or carrier and check its attachment and latches.
- ☐ Update ID and microchip details. Check the destination's paperwork rules.
- ☐ Confirm lodging accepts your species, pet size, and number of animals.
- ☐ Confirm feeding and medication instructions if your pet needs a travel plan.

Packing checklist

KEEP WITHIN REACH

- ☐ Fresh water and a travel bowl
- ☐ Dog leash and waste bags
- ☐ Spare towels or carrier liners and a bag for soiled items
- ☐ Medication due on the road, with instructions
- ☐ Pet ID, travel records, vet contacts, and a basic first-aid kit

OPEN AT THE DESTINATION

- ☐ Usual food in portions and familiar dishes
- ☐ Familiar bed or blanket
- ☐ One or two familiar toys for supervised play
- ☐ Cat litter tray, familiar litter, scoop, and disposal bags
- ☐ Extra food or prescribed supplies for an unexpected delay, if available

Individual care instructions / items to add

02 ON THE ROAD & AT ARRIVAL

Stops & First Night

Choose safe stops before driving. Add a backup location if the first stop is too busy.

Travel day / pet name(s)

Backup stop / exit or address

Planned stops

Time	Location / exit	Water, bathroom, or care notes

At each stop

Plan dog breaks about every two hours and adjust as needed. Keep cats in carriers at public stops.

- ☐ Clip on the dog's walking leash before releasing the travel restraint.
- ☐ Offer water safely. Check temperature and bedding.
- ☐ Check the cat's latch and keep the carrier closed near open vehicle doors.
- ☐ Recheck restraints, the carrier latch, and its position before driving.

Never leave a pet unattended in a parked car.

Plan fuel and meal stops so a responsible adult can stay with your pet in a safe, temperature-controlled setting.

Set up before you unpack

- ☐ Dog: take a short leash break and set out water and familiar bedding.
- ☐ Follow the regular feeding plan. Offer familiar play when your pet is ready.
- ☐ Cat: secure the room before opening the carrier. Set out water and litter.
- ☐ Check room rules and secure doors and windows. Give your pet a quiet retreat.

First-night setup / feeding or medication reminders