

# PET TRAVEL CHECK LIST

With the holidays just around the corner we know that many people will be travelling with their pets. We want to help everyone be prepared for their trip so that both owner and pet make it to their destination happy and safe. Here is a checklist to help you get ready for your trip with your pet. If you have any questions or are looking for advice please call Anchor Animal Hospital at 508-996-3731.

Pets Name:		Dates of Travel:	
Destination:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>€ Have your pet examined prior to travel. It's important to be sure that he's in good health, and that he's current on all vaccines. <b>Many airlines require a veterinary examination within ten days of flying.</b></li><li>€ Bring a copy of your dog's health record and rabies certificate. <b>Proof of current rabies vaccination may be particularly important.</b> Include in this packet, a picture of your pet and a written physical description.</li><li>€ Call ahead to airlines, hotels, campgrounds, etc., regarding restrictions which may apply.</li><li>€ If traveling internationally, contact the consulate of your destination and ask their requirements for your pet to enter the country. Get this information well in advance of travel.</li><li>€ Prepare your dog for a long car trip by taking him on shorter trips before traveling</li><li>€ Feed your pet lightly before beginning your trip. The meal should be about 1/3 of the normal volume, and should be fed several hours before departing.</li><li>€ Bring fresh water and food. Traveling is sometimes stressful for our pets, so feeding the regular diet can alleviate some of their anxiety.</li><li>€ Always travel with a leash. The leash should be removed when your dog is in a crate so that he won't be strangled if the leash becomes entangled.</li><li>€ Put an i.d. tag on your pet's collar. The tag should contain his name, your name and address, plus telephone numbers with both your home number and the number where you can be reached while traveling. In addition consider having your pet micro chipped and registered to make identification possible if the collar is lost.</li><li>€ Bring his medications and be sure to pack a few extra doses.</li><li>€ When traveling by car, make frequent rest stops for your dog, and <b>always use a leash</b> at these stops. <b>Keep cats in cat carries at all times while in the car.</b> Many cats become upset and cry while in the car. Covering their carrier with a blanket will sometimes reduce their anxiety.</li><li>€ <b>When flying, always try to book non-stop flights.</b> Our largest concern with flying is time spent on the tarmac or time on the ground waiting in airplane cargo compartments. Non-stop flights significantly reduce these times. In addition, with less transfers, the chance that your pet will become lost is diminished.</li></ul>			
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