

Keeping Your Pet Safe and Anxiety-Free When You're Relocating

Are you planning on moving to a new home soon? If you own a pet, you may be worried about keeping your companion safe and anxiety-free during this life transition. Here, we'll give you advice on finding the right house, planning your move, and helping your furry friend adapt to his new surroundings:

Finding a Pet-Friendly Home and Neighborhood

If you own a dog, you're not just looking for a home for yourself: you also have to consider the needs of your companion. Some dogs need a [lot of exercise](#), so a fenced yard or living near a dog park like [Pacchetti Dog Park](#) may be high on your priority list when you're shopping around for a new property.

If you have a [senior dog](#), you may want to consider the layout of the new house you're planning on purchasing: will your dog be able to navigate his surroundings, even as he's going blind and losing his hearing? Does he have arthritis, and will he have a hard time climbing stairs to get to his favorite spot next to you?

If you're planning to rent instead of buy, you'll need to [research listings](#) for pet-friendly rentals. Once you have a rental you'd like to visit, be sure to confirm with the landlord that your pet will be able to live there.

Ensuring Your Pet's Safety During Your Move

As you [pack your house](#) and get ready for the movers to pick up your furniture and load up your belongings on the moving truck, ask a friend, a family member, or a professional pet sitter to watch your pet in their own home. The unusual activity and disruption happening on moving day could cause your four-legged friend to be stressed and anxious, and he may even try to escape.

Even if your pet is [microchipped](#), it's much safer to have him away for the day, or safely tucked inside a crate, in a room away from the commotion and away from open doors. You can even have them stay at a kennel: book your pet for a bath and nail trim, or sign him up for a play session at a [doggy daycare facility](#) while you're busy with your move. Your pet will have a stress-free, fun day, and you won't have to worry about him running away and getting lost - or worse.

Helping Your Pet Adapt to His New Home

Once you've moved into your new home, design a spot for your companion where he can be safe and comfortable while he starts exploring his [new surroundings](#). Set up his pen or crate in a quiet room, and put his old bed, blanket, and toys on the floor. All those [familiar scents](#) and objects will help him adapt faster to the new house. Keep him on his regular schedule when it comes to feeding, taking potty breaks, going for walks or exercising, and sleeping. Make sure

your new house is thoroughly [pet-proofed](#): check all doors and windows and ensure your pet can't open them on his own and get rid of any dangerous items the previous owner may have left behind, such as mouse traps or sharp tools. And if you have a fenced yard, check for potential holes or loose boards to prevent your companion from escaping.

Moving into a new home is exciting, but for a pet, it can be scary and stress-inducing. So make sure you keep your four-legged companion safe during the process. And once you purchase a new home or find a rental, make it a smooth transition by bringing all his old favorites to his own cozy spot.



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