

Our clinic wants you and your pet to have safe and happy travels this summer. We know there is a lot to remember when you are traveling with your pet. Use this checklist to help you remember what you need to do and what you should be bringing with you. And remember -- we're here to help if you have any questions or concerns! (805) 644-5521

Travel Checklist



- Are your pet's vaccines up to date? Any additional vaccinations needed? (If you are traveling outside of the geographical area you may need additional boosters to protect your pet from diseases that are more prevalent in the area you will be traveling to.)
- Do you need a Health Certificate? (In general, these need to be documented within 10 days of your travel date.)
- Heartworm/Flea prevention? Make sure you pack it! (Other areas have a higher incidence of heartworm so make sure your pet is protected.)
- Any other medications/prescription refills needed?
- Identification (Every pet should have two forms of ID, we recommend a microchip and a collar with tags.)
- Address any other concerns (e.g. Motion sickness - did you know there are medications available for pets too?)
- Plan extra time/stops for exercise and potty breaks.
- Check with your Airline for specific regulations/requirements.
- Check with the Airport for information about pet exercise/rest areas.
- Check with the U.S. State and Territory Animal Import Regulations web site (if travelling by car to another state) for any relevant requirements.
- Have a list of places to stay overnight that will accept pets and /or list of boarding facilities.
- Make sure there is somewhere for your pet to stay or someone to take care of your pet at your destination for times when you will be out without your pet.
- If staying at someone's house, check for any potential problems with the pet (e.g. pet allergies, children, aggressive pets)

WHAT TO BRING:

- Proof of Rabies Vaccination
- Health Certificate (if required)
- Pet's regular food, jug of water (for car trip), and bowls; Toys
- Pet first-aid kit
- Extra leashes, pet seat belt, and/or carrier/crate for confinement in a car and at your destination
- Necessary medications, heartworm/flea prevention, and/or written prescriptions
- Recent photograph of your pet
- Collar with tags
- Anacapa Animal Hospital #
- Bedding for your pet and a towel for any spills or messes.

Online Resources:

- **Aviation Consumer Protection Division:** Information about air transportation of live animals.
<http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/publications/animals.htm>
- **International Air Transportation Association:** Information about air transportation of live animals.
http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/live_animals/index.html
- **Pets on the Go:** Resource with listings of pet-friendly accommodations, pet travel information, and other news.
<http://www.petsonthego.com>
- **U.S. State and Territory Animal Import Regulations:** Government web site with links for the latest regulations on interstate movement of animals.
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov:80/vs/sregs/>