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PART 1 : BEFORE YOU MOVE

During the Moving Process

Let your pet stay in a room that you plan to pack up last so they feel a sense of comfort and familiarity through the adjustment.

Comfort Your Pet

Take some time out of the move to comfort your pet. Play fetch with the dog or cuddle the cat. Not only will it keep them calmer, it can help reduce your stress too.

Schedule Grooming

Schedule a grooming appointment the week before you move so that taking your pet to the vet will not be an immediate priority once you move in. Having your pets brushed can also prevent excessive shedding, as many pets are more prone to shed when they are nervous.

Fun Facts

It is a myth that dogs are colorblind- they can see in color, just not as vividly as humans.*

Cats spend between 30 to 50% of their lives grooming themselves.**

A cat can jump as much as 7 times its height.***

Dogs have about 100 different facial expressions, most of them made with the ears.****

*www.Cesar.com/live-the-life/just-for-fun/100-weird-facts-about-dogs.aspx

**www.Mentalfloss.com/article/55726/20-fun-facts-about-our-mysterious-feline-friends

***www.AnimalLeague.org

****www.PetInsurance.com

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PART 2 : MOVING DAY

Medication & Food

Be sure to keep pet medications and food outside the moving truck in an easy-to-find location. Also remember to refill their medications before you leave.

If your pet does not travel well, consult your vet about a sedative you can give your pet during the move to help them feel more at ease.

Have a Friend Help

Consider asking a friend or neighbor to watch your pet for the day to avoid causing them stress or creating chaos.

Travel Arrangements

Decide how your pet will travel to your new home.

If you are flying, be sure to book arrangements with the airlines early, as there are often restrictions. There are services that will walk, feed and give water to your pet during layovers.

If you are driving, be sure to pack a bag with all their necessities, including food, medicine, water bowls, toys and a pillow.





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PART 3 : SETTLING IN

Create a Safe Place

Instead of allowing your pet to explore the house as soon as you move in, consider creating a safe space for them by placing all of their toys and other comforts into one room, and letting them familiarize themselves with that space before showing them the rest of your new home.

Research

Research and choose a new veterinarian and boarding/daycare facility before you arrive in your new town. Have your vet send over all of your pet's records to ensure that these services will be available to you as soon as you need them.

Help Acclimate Your Dog

If you have a dog, help them acclimate to their new surroundings by taking them to a nearby dog park. This will also help give them a sense of excitement after a stressful moving process.

Update Pet Tags

Make sure to update your pet's tags to your new address and phone number.