

Moving House with Your Pet

Moving house is stressful not only for you, but also for your pets. Here are a few tips to ensure your moggy or puppy doesn't get too stressed during the move.

Plan ahead

Arrange for your furry friend to be out of the way when the move takes place so they won't get stressed or be in the way. Either arrange for a friend to take your pet or organise with a professional pet-minding service to collect your pet in the morning and return them in the evening. Or perhaps you might even consider using a boarding kennel/cattery to keep your pet for a couple of days, because the day before the move is also a very busy day.

Essential pet items

Just as you want to find the kettle for a cup of tea at the end of moving day, you should also make sure you can find your pets' feeding and water bowls and food. It might be best to keep these items separate or make sure your boxes are well labeled.

Getting used to the new place

Give them as much of your attention as possible once in the new home. Let them explore just one or two rooms to begin with, gradually expanding to the entire house. Some people recommend not letting your cat outside for a couple of weeks to ensure they become familiar in the new environment. It might be advisable to keep your dog on a lead for the first couple of outings so they can familiarize themselves with their new home.

Updated contact details

Just like you need to organise your Australia Post change of address details, you also need to update your pet's micro chipping and identification information. If they have a tag, be sure to update it with your new contact details such as mobile phone number or address, just in case they escape.

New Vet

Once your pet is settled in, you may need to also find a local vet.

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