

Pet travel tips

Traveling with your pet can be fun for both you and your pet with the right planning and preparation.

First, visit the vet

Discuss your travel plans with your veterinary team. They can advise you on travel requirements, like vaccines and health certificates, what additional preventive care you may need, and about medications that may make your trip easier for your pet. Plus, we can always connect you with the nearest Banfield Pet Hospital at your destination.

- ▶ Carry a printout of your pet's most recent medical records in case of emergency.

Car trips

If your pet isn't used to traveling by car, it's a good idea to take them on a few practice rides before your trip. If your pet has persistent anxiety or car sickness, ask your veterinary team about medications that may be able to help.

Supplies to bring:

- A secure pet carrier or harness
- Leash and collar
- Food and water
- Bowls for food and water
- Litter box and litter

Plan on stopping every two hours to walk your dog, or to let your cat out of their carrier (but still in the car) to use the litter box and have a drink of water. Make sure to plan ahead and search for pet-friendly hotels or other accommodations along your route.



Top travel tips

- Plan ahead and research all travel requirements
- Ensure your pet is up-to-date on any necessary vaccines and has a current health certificate
- Take all the food, water, medications, and other supplies your pet will need
- If your pet easily becomes anxious or carsick, discuss solutions with your veterinary team
- Need immediate advice? Ping Vet Chat™—included in all pet Optimum Wellness Plans®!

- ▶ Find out more information about pet travel on the USDA website: <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit>.



Air travel

Before your trip, make sure to research your destination several months before you go. Many countries, and even some states in the US, require extensive paperwork and medical documentation, including vaccine records and a health certificate, which may require multiple visits with your veterinary team. In addition, some countries enforce a mandatory quarantine period for pets.

In addition, you'll need to know what your airline requires for your pet to travel. This can include mandatory vaccines, size and types of pet carriers or crates, and rules about what part of the plane your pet can travel in. Many airlines only allow small pets who can fit in a carrier that stows under the seat.

- ▶ Research your airline and destination requirements several months before your trip.

