Prepare to Travel Internationally with Your Pet

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Use this checklist to get ready to travel internationally with your pet.

Planning your trip

Complete 3-4 months in advance

- Contact your airline or mode of travel to find out what requirements they have
- Bring this information with you to the veterinarian
- Select a travel crate for your pet and get them comfortable with it in advance

Health records

Complete 3-4 months in advance

- Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian as far in advance as you can
- Fill out the Travel Preparation Form
- Keep hard copies of your pet's health documentation in a safe place. You will need to travel with them
- Discuss any travel concerns, such as travel anxiety if your pet suffers from travel-related stress, with your veterinarian
- Your veterinarian will let you know about any specific health requirements of your destination country
- such as vaccines or microchip rules

Your destination

Complete 1-2 months in advance

- Identify a local veterinarian that you can visit in case of an emergency
- Contact the provider of your accommodations to make sure you know all of the rules related to your pet's stay

Go time!

Complete the week of your travel

- Pack any items your pet will need during the trip
- Bring along any important items you won't be able to get on your trip such as prescription medications
- Keep your pet's health records printed and on your person at all times
- Create 2 copies of your pet's health records in case you need to give copies to your airline, destination, or hotel accommodations