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Tips for Moving Dogs to a New Home

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Moving to a new home can be even more stressful for a dog than it is for his owner. Fortunately, there are a number of ways to help ease your pet's transition. This guide covers pre-move preparation, car and air travel tips, doggy-proofing your new home, and the benefits of temporary pet sitting or daycare services. Read on to learn how to make the moving process pleasant and peaceful for you and your pup.

Plan Ahead

A little preparation goes a long way in transitioning your dog to new and unfamiliar surroundings. Start by spending extra quality time with the dog in the days before the move. Since animals can easily notice human stress and anxiety, try to keep your interactions with your pet calm, quiet, and affectionate. If you don't have a crate for your dog, now is the time to buy one and get him comfortable with it. A small, familiar space will help him feel safe both during the move and in his new surroundings. If possible, take your pet to visit your new home. Let him sniff, explore, and get excited.

Keep Safe on the Road

If you're traveling to your new home by car, there are a number of ways to keep your pet safe and comfortable during the ride. For long trips, consider purchasing or borrowing a canine restraining harness. Try it out before the move to help your dog get used to wearing it. Resist the urge to let your pet stick his head out of the window. He may love the breeze, but flying debris can cause serious injury. For the rare dog that doesn't enjoy a ride in the car, talk to your veterinarian about medication that can reduce your pet's anxiety. A crate or carrier can also be helpful for anxious pets.

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If you can visit your new home before the move, consider bringing one of your dog's favorite toys with you and leaving it for him to find when you move in. Your dog will be delighted and comforted to find one of his old toys in his new surroundings.

direct flights when possible to avoid transfer mix-ups. Your pet's doctor may recommend a sedative to ease your animal's anxiety during the flight.

Doggy Proof Your New Digs

Before letting your dog loose in your new home, take the time to eliminate potential hazards. Make sure toxic substances, such as bleach, pesticides, and antifreeze, are safely locked away. Examine the doors, screens, and any outside fences for potential escape holes. Look for small, loose items that may pose a choking hazard, and worn or frayed electric cords that could cause electrocution. Prepare for emergencies by locating the nearest veterinary clinic and keeping the phone number on hand.

Consider a Sitter

If you're expecting the first few days of unpacking to be especially stressful and time-consuming, you

Prepare for the Air

Traveling by air can be stressful for pet and owner alike. If you must take a plane to your new destination, be sure to plan. Consult your pet's doctor and the airline before you book your flight. Some airlines require proof of certain immunizations, as well as specific types of pet carriers. Most airlines will allow small dogs on board, with advanced notice and an additional fee. Larger dogs may need to travel in the cargo area. If your dog is too large to travel with you in the cabin, make sure that the cargo hold is pressurized and temperature controlled. Book

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may want to place your dog with a sitter or doggy day care service until things are settled. High-energy pets can be overwhelmed by the explosion of boxes, packing materials, and new smells. Add unfamiliar movers and stressed-out owners, and you have a recipe for a puppy meltdown. A few days with a trusted sitter will keep your dog happy and out from underfoot while you're trying to unpack. If your new neighbors or real estate agent has pets, ask for a referral, or check out online review sites for local sitters and doggy daycares.

Follow these tips for pet moving success. Before the move, spend quality quiet time with your dog to soothe his nerves. Make sure he has a cozy crate for the journey. If traveling by car, buy a safety harness for your dog, or keep him in his crate. If traveling by air, check with the airline and your dog's doctor about specific requirements, guidelines, and anxiety medication. Doggy-proof your new home before allowing your pup to explore. For very high energy animals, consider using a sitter or doggy daycare service during the first few move-in days. With a little care and preparation, you can ensure a happy, calm transition for you and your pet.

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A dog trots by means of propulsion with its four legs. Usually dogs walk with three legs on the ground at a time; dogs have two legs on the ground to save time while leaping.

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well whether you are meaning move like to a house or move like walking somewhere now moving to a different house you well on the car ride you should keep your dog in a crate and drive the speed limit and every three hours take a bathroom break for you and/or your dog um now i am not good at knowing wherwe the dogs body is but umm pretty sure the thigh controls the spinning or walking kind of like a boat motorho it spins like thatbut the hock which is the ankle moves the feet around not the legs the feet so pretty much it is the um oh gosh the thigh and the hocks job with walkingsorry i was typing what i was thinking

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If your dog is not moving, he is probably resting, sleeping, or maybe isn't feeling well. Offer your dog something that you know he likes. If he still doesn't get up, there might be something wrong.

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dogs move by walking on on their four legs.

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I think everyone will say to use treats, food, toys. What does your dog absolutely love? Use it to lure them somewhere. Remember to make sure the dog can move, and doesn't have some problem causing them pain to move.

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Into another room is probably OK, but I wouldn't do it until the puppies are over 3 days old.

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It goes back to their ancestors (Wolfs). They would move the pups for their safety and hide them from predators.

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Just like you would move a human. If you have something solid like plywood long and wide enough for your dog, put a blanket on it and have someone else help you restrain the dog. It's important to keep the dog as immobile as you can. To lift the dog onto the plywood put the dog on another blanket and you and someone else each take one end of the blanket while a third person holds the dog still in the blanket (the dog won't like the sensation) and use it to put the dog on the plywood. Once you have done that it's going to take 3 people to get the dog into the car or truck. Two to carry the dog out and one to hold the dog down while transporting to the vets.If it's the dog's front legs then you can lift the dog up by cupping your arms under butt and also under their chest.

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