

Jump Overseas

Relocation Advice for the Smart Expat

Pet Relocation Checklist

In Advance:

- Research departure and arrival country requirements
- Consider managing the process yourself or find a reputable service provider
- Find a local vet certified in international pet health documentation
- Have your pet microchipped and registered
- Consider purchasing your own microchip reader
- Consult your departure airport for requirements
- Consult your arrival airport for requirements
- Ensure your vet has prepared all necessary documents and vaccines are current within timelines for travel
- Scan and keep copies of all documents
- Purchase the appropriate airline tickets
- Purchase the appropriate travel crate
- Ensure your pet is comfortable going in his new crate
- Ensure the crate will fit in your vehicle to get to/from the airports
- Re-visit your vet before the date of travel for the final health certificate

TOP TIP: Buy the airline approved crate well in advance and "crate" your dog or cat within it regularly so they are accustomed to it, and they feel safe in it before you leave. Remember to line the crate with 'peepee' pads and then a cozy blanket over the top.

Day of travel:

- Ensure your pet has been fed early and exercised appropriately
- Prepare clear guidelines if needed for special care by airport personnel
- Have a small amount of food and a leash securely attached to the crate
- Provide a small water bowl that can be refilled easily by airport personnel
- Include your pets favourite toy or blanket for comfort
- Arrive early and be sure to give your pet only to authorised airport personnel

TOP TIP: Only supply the food your pet needs for the journey plus a little bit extra. One family reported: "the company kept the pet food we supplied, even though we sent them with a huge surplus so that (we thought) that they would arrive with their food. But no. So have some pet food purchased and ready before you collect your pet!"

On arrival:

- Have food bought and ready. Bowls out and to hand.
- For a cat, you may be advised to keep him in a single room for 10 days. Be prepared by planning to have something familiar set up for your pet whether that is a blanket/towel/sweater with their (or your) smell on it to help reduce their anxiety about their new home.

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Pet Planner: (for you to fill in)

Your Pets Name:			
Animal / Breed:			
Weight:			
Crate Size:			
Home Country			
Departure Airport			
Destination Country			
Arrival Airport			
Vet Contact Details			
Quarantine Required?			
Vaccinations required?			

Other Notes: