THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST FOR MOVING WITH YOUR DOG

BEFORE THE MOVE
- Get a certificate of veterinary inspection
- Check the USDA site for each state’s pet regulations
- Get copies of health records
- Update vaccinations
- Refill prescriptions
- Ask about motion sickness medication
- Get recommendations for a new vet
- Notify your pet insurance company
- Update your dog’s microchip registry with your new contact information
- Get your dog used to being in a crate or carrier
- Leave your home as normal as possible for as long as you can

DURING THE MOVE
- Keep your dog in a safe, enclosed area before leaving
- Secure your dog in the vehicle’s backseat
- Pack these things in your car:
  - Food
  - Gauze
  - Treats
  - Nonstick bandages
  - Water
  - Self-adhesive tape
  - Towels
  - Digital thermometer
  - Cover carrier with a sheet for a few hours
  - Calm your pet with dog-appeasing pheromone
  - Stop every 3 to 6 hours
  - Book pet-friendly hotels
  - If you must fly:
    - Fly direct
    - Be on the same flight
    - Try to avoid the cargo hold
    - Don’t ever ship brachycephalic animals in the cargo hold
    - Avoid busy flying periods

AFTER THE MOVE
- Pet-proof your home:
  - Make sure doors close and latch easily
  - Look for exposed wires
  - Put familiar objects in familiar areas
  - Lay down unwashed blankets from your old home
  - Train dogs to wait outside rooms they’re not allowed in
  - Spend extra time on walks
  - Give them time to acclimate

Pack some peace of mind. Get a quote now on pet, home and auto insurance at geico.com.

Sources: Dr. Carol Osborne, D.V.M.; Dr. Judy Morgan, D.V.M.; Humane Society of the United States; ASPCA; U.S. Department of Agriculture