

# Moving your Pets



Moving day can be a very traumatic and potentially dangerous experience for an animal, with doors and gates left open to accommodate the activities of the movers who are busy jostling furniture and have little time to watch out for pets. You may wish to place your pet with a boarder or friend until the house is empty



and you are ready to leave. When transporting your pet, you have a number of options, each with its own precautions.

## Small Animals



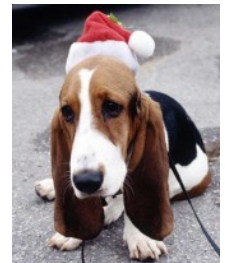
Small animals like birds, hamsters, gerbils, etc., can safely be transported in their cages in your car. Just be sure that food and water sufficient for the entire trip are available to them. The cage should be covered with something to keep the animals restful and quiet, but allow sufficient ventilation. The only danger to these animals is drafts and extreme hot or cold temperatures. So, take care when parking your car.

## Fish

Transport each fish separately in a bowl or jar half filled with water. If moving long distances, giving the fish away and restocking the aquarium at the new home should be seriously considered. Fish do not travel well.

## Dogs & Cats

Many dogs and cats, when transported by car, tend to get upset and nervous, even car sick. Further, they are used to their schedule and must have regular rest stops, and be watered and fed. If your trip is long, be aware that while some hotels provide pet facilities, others do not allow pets at all. So, you should call in advance to determine which hotels are available to you.



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