

## **Transportation of Pets**

- Pets cannot be shipped on moving vans.
- Pets often become frightened and may try to run away. Keep your pet on a leash when outside.
- Your pet should wear a special identification tag, with its name, your name, and where you can be reached.
- Except for Seeing Eye Dogs, pets are not permitted on buses or trains.
- Consider sending smaller pets by air express.
- Consult with your veterinarian concerning mild sedation of your pet during the trip.

## **Air Travel Checklist**

- Make reservations well in advance. Follow airline instructions.
- Obtain a shipping container a week or two in advance. Familiarize your pet with it by placing the pet in it for a few minutes each day. Gradually lengthen the time until the pet seems to be at ease with it.
- Carefully schedule boarding and shipping arrangements for your pet, to assure that the pet is well cared for until you are able to receive it at your new home.
- Feed the pet no less than five or six hours before flight time. Give the pet a drink of water no less than two hours before the flight.
- If your pet is accompanying you, arrive at the terminal 45 minutes before normal check-in time.
- If shipping the pet, get to the freight terminal two hours in advance of the flight.
- Be certain that names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons responsible for the pet at origin and destination, are clearly marked on the container and on the pet's identification tag.

- Notify the person receiving the pet that it is on the way. Give them the flight and waybill number and estimated arrival time.
- Pets can usually be picked up within 90 minutes of flight arrival.

### Car Travel Checklist

- If your dog or cat is not used to traveling by car, make short trips with the pet a week or two in advance.
- Dogs should be taught to lie quietly. Don't let your dog put its head in the wind. It can irritate eyes and cause problems.
- Cats are often frightened by car travel, but they usually adjust quickly.
- Folding kennels or crates especially designed for station wagons can be very useful.
- Accustom your pet to being on a leash and always use it when outside your vehicle or hotel.
- If you must stop overnight, check in advance for hotels that allow pets.
- Be sure that your pet is properly tagged and its rabies tag is firmly attached.
- Pet Travel Kit: food, water, and dishes; can opener (if needed); leash; a few treats; favorite toy; and some type of bedding.
- To be on the safe side, ask your veterinarian if a sedative would be appropriate.
- Don't forget the scooper and plastic bags for cleanup!