

## Traveling with Your Pet

There are numerous considerations you should take into account when deciding to travel with your pet.

If you are taking your pet across state or international borders, a health certificate as well as other documentation may be required. The health certificate must be signed by an accredited veterinarian after examining your pet and determining that it is free of infectious diseases and satisfies all requirements of the receiving state, territory or country. It is important that you bring all required travel documentation with you to your appointment to be completed by the veterinarian.

All of the following are important to contact when making travel arrangements with pets:

- The airline or travel company
- The accommodations: hotel, motel, park, camping ground or resort
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Inspection service, Veterinary Services: [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs) or call 800-545-USDA (8732) and press #2 for State Regulations
- Foreign Consulate or Regulatory Agency (if travelling to another country)
  - If you are travelling to another country (or even Hawaii) there may be quarantine or other health requirements
  - If travelling out of the continental United States you should contact these agencies at least 4 weeks in advance
- Your veterinarian

Other helpful tips to keep in mind while travelling:

- Make sure your pet has identification tags with up-to-date information.
- Make sure your information on your pet's microchip registration is up-to-date. If your pet is not microchipped talk to your veterinarian about having this simple procedure done at your next visit.
- Bring a current color photo of your pet with you while travelling.
- Bring a current copy of your pet's medical and vaccine history with you including any medications your pet is on.
- If your pet is on medication make sure you have enough to last your entire trip.

Travelling can be stressful for both you and your pet, but if you plan ahead and keep the above tips in mind you can eliminate the stress and worry and have safe and happy travels.