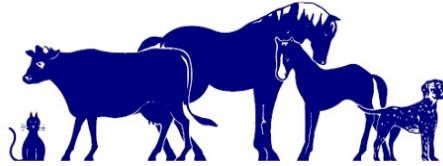


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## Is your pet holiday ready?

### A guide for North East Victorian pet owners

Holidays are meant to be a time for relaxing, so let us help you get one part of the preparation sorted – your pet. Whether you are taking your best mate with you, or boarding them in a cattery or kennel while you are away, there are some things you need to do to be properly prepared.

#### General Travel tips:

- Stop frequently to offer water, a stretch of the legs and the opportunity for toileting
- Have your lead in the car and clip it on BEFORE you let your pet out
- If your pet gets travel sickness or anxiety your vet can discuss methods for counterconditioning or medications to make their travel much more enjoyable
- Remember some small snacks or treats (if they don't get car sick)
- Look into in-car safety harnesses in advance; there are a lot of good options for safe travel



#### Boarding kennel/cattery:

- Contact your kennel/cattery and check what vaccination they require your pet to have
- Contact your vet clinic and check whether your pet is up to date
- If needed, book in to have a booster vaccination. Ideally at least 2 weeks before they need to be boarded.
- Get a vaccination certificate from your vet to give to the boarding facility.
- If due (every 3 months) give a worming tablet
- Apply a flea preventative (your vet can provide you with this)
- Pack your pet's favourite bed, toy, blanket and lead.
- If your pet is taking any medication make sure you have enough for your holiday and go through the instructions with your boarding kennel/cattery owners.
- Make sure you pack their food especially if they have special dietary requirements.
- Give lots of cuddles, love and attention – you'll miss each other while you're away!

#### Holidaying with your pet:

- Contact a vet clinic in the area you are travelling to and ask what sort of protection your pet needs in that region (for example tick or heartworm).
- Contact the place you are staying to check any requirements they have for your pet
- Contact your local vet with the list to arrange for the necessary preventatives ideally at least 2 weeks before you leave. Follow any instructions for continuing prevention during your holiday.
- While you are on the phone to your vet, check your pet is up to date with their vaccinations for and if necessary book in to have a booster

- Get a vaccination certificate from your vet to satisfy boarding kennel requirements
- If due (every 3 months) give a worming tablet
- Apply a flea preventative (your vet can provide you with or show you how to do this)
- Ensure your pet has a microchip as well as a collar with a tag with your phone number on it in case they get lost on holiday.
- Pack your pet's favourite bed, toy, lead and blanket as well as a brush.
- Pack your pet's food and water bowl – have these handy in the car to use during the trip and can help keep them comfortable in new environments.
- If your pet has special dietary requirements make sure their food is packed and ready
- If your pet is taking any medication make sure you have enough for your holiday
- Don't forget to carry some poo bags too.

And finally – enjoy your fantastic holiday!!!

You might like to print the following checklist to help in your preparations:

#### Pet packing checklist:

- Vaccination certificate
- Lead & harness/halti
- Car travel safety harness
- Bed
- Toy
- Blanket
- Water and feed bowls
- Food
- Water
- Poo bags
- Litter and litter tray
- Medication
- Cage/crate
- Treats
- PET!!!