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MOVING YOUR PETS

Moving into your new home is very exciting, for your entire family!! But did you know that introducing your dog or cat (or birds, hamsters, etc.) into a new home can be incredibly stressful for them? Fortunately, there are a lot of things that we can do to make this transition easier, which in the end makes it easier on us!



When moving, if possible, it's a good idea to leave the dog or cat with a friend it knows. This will keep your pet out of your way when you are moving furniture, and decrease the chance that any accidents may happen. You can also leave the dog in the backyard while you move, as long as it is fully fenced and they cannot escape! Can't do either? Well then, the last option is to crate your dog or cat while moving the furniture into the home. Make sure the crate is large enough that they can stand up, turn around and lay down comfortably, and be sure to give them access to water and let them outside to 'do their business' every few hours. Doors will be left open, items will be dropped, there will be a lot of commotion, and the best way to keep your pet safe during this time is to keep them out of the way!

During the packing process, you can actually plan ahead to make this a smooth transition. Instead of trying to cram the packing into one or two days, pack over a longer period of time to the stress on your pet (and probably yourself as well!). Make sure that you pack their water and food bowls, toys, and blankets/beds in a separate box that will be easily accessible once you are in your new home. Dogs and cats do not like change, just like people, so the more familiar the setting, the better!

Houstraining is always a big issue, and even well-trained dogs and cats may not know where to 'go' in a new home. When you bring them to your new house, make sure that they are taken into the back right away, where they can 'do their business' or shown the kitty litter box. It may sound silly, but it's always a good idea to reward them with praise, so that they know they did something good! You will want to keep an eye on them to make sure that they are able to find the door to the yard whenever necessary.

For puppies, the rules need to be modified slightly. You still want to show them where the door is, and give them lots of praise when they go where they should. Be sure to let them outside as often as possible, especially immediately after they eat, wake up, and every 10-15 minutes during playtime! There will be accidents, no puppy is perfect (adorable yes, perfect no!), so be patient and keep it positive!

Another point to keep in mind is that a puppy can 'hold it' for approximately 1 hour for every month they are old. For example, a puppy that is only 2 months old, can generally 'hold it' for approximately 2 hours at a time. This may not apply to every puppy, as they are just as different from each other as we are from other people, but it does give you an idea of what to expect.

For other great tips on housetraining your pet, please visit [The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#) or [The Humane Society of the United States](#).

Some other great links for advice on moving with your pet include:

[Hawaiian Humane Society](#) – for building that accept pets on Oahu

[Hawaiian Ag Dept](#) – for Hawaiian quarantine laws

[Pet Realty Network](#) – full of moving info for cities around the country

[Pets Welcome](#) – a great website for finding pet friendly hotels, for those long distance moves

[Air Animal](#) (pet movers) – for the really, really long distance moves



This is the aerial photo of the proposed Dog Park in Hawaii Kai. Contact [Hui "Ilio](#) for information on how to get involved to make this park a reality. I donate a portion of every commission I earn on real estate sales to this non-profit group.