

Business Travel Made Easy with Pet Friendly Corporate Housing

More and more business travelers chose to travel with their pets and most corporate housing providers are able to accommodate them. With a little homework and pre-planning, traveling with your pet can be a rewarding experience. Organizations like the Humane Society, veterinarians, breeders, and your corporate housing provider can be useful resources for mapping out a successful trip.

Here are a few things to consider before traveling with animals:

- **Make Reservations Well in Advance**
 - Ask questions about pet restrictions, requirements, and fees. It is important to ask these questions of everyone involved in your travel plans (airlines, car rental agencies, hotels, your corporate housing provider, etc.). Each agency may have different restrictions, requirements, and fees.
 - Common requirements and restrictions: use of travel crates, proof of immunization, animal size/weight, and number of pets.
 - Commonly restricted breeds include Chows, Doberman Pinchers, Huskies, German Shepherds, Pit Bulls, and Rottweilers.
 - Pet fees can be refundable and/or non-refundable. Check with your employer to learn if any pet fees are an allowable business expense.
- **Visit the Veterinarian**
 - Ensure your pet is healthy enough for travel.
 - Ensure your pet is up-to-date on all vaccinations and that you have the proper documentation of those vaccinations.
 - Ensure you have any health certifications that may be required for plane travel, car rental, crossing state lines, and/or crossing international lines.
 - Request references for veterinarians along the route and at your destination location. Make a copy of their phone numbers and keep them in a handy location.
- **Pet Identification**
 - Consider a pet identification chip. Talk with your veterinarian to learn if this is a good option for your pet.
 - Ensure your pet is wearing a collar with a legible tag and a current rabies tag.
 - Ensure the id tag has your cell phone or valid contact information. It will not help to list your home phone if no one is there to answer the call.
 - Carry along a photo of your pet.
- **Housekeeping**
 - Crate your pet while the housekeeping or maintenance staff is in your suite. While Fluffy may not hurt a flea while you are there, he may behave very differently while you are gone. Crating your pet keeps both the staff and Fluffy safe.
 - Be courteous. Clean up animal waste right away.
 - Each facility may have different rules governing animals. Learn and comply with their rules. Common rules include excessive barking, leash laws, and use of designated pet-friendly locations.

With a little pre-planning, traveling for work with a pet can be an enjoyable experience. A pet can be an excellent companion on a lonely business trip, and it is always nice to come home to a friendly face at the end of the day.

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