

PCS With Pets

CHECKLIST

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Free PCS road trip planner

As Soon as Orders Drop

Vet Appointments	Documentation	Lodging
Schedule vet appointment for health certificate	Verify microchip registration is current	Book pet-friendly lodging along your route
Confirm all vaccinations are current (rabies especially)	Research pet import requirements if OCONUS or Hawaii	Check on-base lodging availability at gaining installation
Print physical copies of vaccination records	Get physical copy of any prescription medications	Check TLE options at gaining installation for pets

If You're Flying With Pets

Airline Policy	Booking	International
Check airline in-cabin pet policy (weight limit, carrier size)	Book pet reservation directly with the airline	Get USDA-accredited vet to sign health certificate
Confirm cargo restrictions for your breed	Confirm carrier meets airline dimensions before purchasing	Confirm ISO microchip requirement for destination country
Check for summer heat embargoes on pet cargo		Check rabies titer test requirements and timelines

Paperwork

Required Documents	OCONUS Only	Contact Info
Health certificate issued within 10 days of departure	USDA APHIS import paperwork	Vet contact information saved and accessible
Physical copies of all vaccination records	Country-specific health certificate	Recent photo of each pet saved on your phone
Microchip number and registry information	Rabies titer test results if required	Pet insurance information if applicable
	Breed documentation if applicable	

Packing for Your Pets

Gear	Food & Supplies	Records
Carrier or crate (airline-approved if flying)	Enough food for the trip plus a few extra days	Copy of vet records in your go-bag
Familiar blanket or worn clothing item for carrier	Any medications or supplements	Any prescription medications with dosage instructions
Leash, collar, and ID tags with current cell number	Waste bags or disposable litter box for cats	Pet insurance card if applicable
Portable water bowl	Litter in the same brand your cat uses at home	

Travel Day • Hotels • Arrival

Travel Day	Hotel Nights	At Your Destination
Light meal only before departure	Check room for escape routes before opening carrier	Find a new vet before you need one
Exercise dogs before loading up	Set up litter box before letting cats out	Update microchip registration with new address
Put familiar blanket in cat carrier	Put out water and food on arrival	Update ID tags with new contact information
Load pets last before departure	Let pets come out of carrier on their own	Check fences and screens before letting pets roam
Plan stops every 2-3 hours	Put Do Not Disturb sign out	Give pets a quiet room to decompress first
Never leave pets in a parked car	Don't leave anxious pets alone in the room	Re-establish routine as quickly as possible
Keep cats in carriers while driving		
Confirm pet-friendly hotel before arriving		