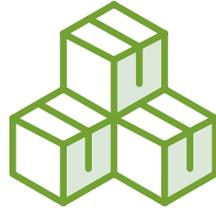


Moving Home With Cats

CHECKLIST



Whilst you load the van

Bed (don't wash their bed, keep it as it is, for maximum comfort)
Water and food bowl (give them a light meal at least three hours before travelling)
Familiar toys (to distract them from the sound of people coming and going)
Litter tray (should they need to go to the toilet, they needn't hold it in)
Travel carrier (enclosed spaces help cats to feel safe and you never know, they might sleep in here whilst you prepare for your move)
Closed doors and windows (stop the escape artists and keep secure in a locked room)
A suitable temperature (keep the room a comfortable temperature, so they feel cosy)
Do not disturb sign on door' (to let people know that your cat is in there and they are to be left alone)





During the journey

	<p>Make sure that the carrier is secured within the car (either wedge them in the foot well or use a seatbelt to keep them fixed in place)</p>
	<p>Bring a bowl and a bottle of water (offer the cat a drink if the journey is a long one)</p>
	<p>Spray the carrier with a feline pheromone spray (about half an hour before travelling - these scents help to relax your cat and feel safe)</p>
	<p>Put the radio on low and talk (if your pet can hear your voice, it's likely they will feel more relaxed as they know you're nearby)</p>



After the move

	<p>Use a cat pheromone spray or plug-in (these devices replicate the pheromones that cat's leave behind, as reminders that a place is safe)</p>
	<p>Take your cat outside on a harness with a lead (walking your cat around unfamiliar grounds on a lead will comfort them)</p>
	<p>Spread some of his litter in the garden (your cat will be able to smell their own scent, which will make them get used to their surroundings quicker and help them to feel safe)</p>
	<p>Update your pet's microchip (even though your cat will be inside for the first few weeks in your new home, it's important to update their information - should they manage to sneak outside)</p>