

Furry Friend






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It is important that everyone who is involved in the move try to remain as calm as possible.


Your furry friends do pick up on their owner's increased stress level and this can create anxiety throughout and during the moving process


BEFORE THE BIG DAY


-  **Make sure that your animal's inoculations are up to date.**
New yards may contain viruses such as parvo which can lay dormant in the ground for 8 years. Your dog being fully up to date with injections is the only way to ensure that this won't be an issue.
-  **Increase the level of exercise prior to the move big.** This is the best way to reduce anxiety levels in your furry pal.
-  **Ensure that their new environment is secure.**
-  **If you are changing jurisdiction make sure that your loved one is registered with the new council.**
-  **Identify where your closest 24hr vet is to your new location.**

 **Identify any toxic plants around your new home.** Some poisonous plants are but are not limited to:






Cyclamen
Azalea
Autumn Crocus
Kalanchoe
Lilies
Oleander
Dieffenbachia
Daffodils
Lily of the valley
Sugo Palm
Tulips and Hyacinths

 **Check that your pets microchip is working prior to moving and update the address before you move.**










 **Time moving your pets to coincide with the family move so they aren't left by themselves.**

 **Check your local government's requirements for keeping your particular type of animal.**
i.e. chickens or particular breeds of dogs may not be allowed or may have specific regulations covering keeping them as pets.

MOVE IN DAY

-  **Take the time to introduce your pet to its new environment.** Showing them areas of the house that it will be allowed to go.
-  **Continue to increase your pets level of exercise once you have moved into your new home.** This will give your furry pal time to discover and learn about their new surroundings.
-  **Include your pet in as many activities as possible once you move in.** They'll understand that the whole family has moved together and they haven't been moved into a new environment by themselves. This will also help reduce anxiety levels.
-  **Take the time to explore all of the dog facilities in your new community.**
-  **It may take time for your animal companion to get back into a routine.** i.e. toilet training - it is really important to reward your pet when they do things at the right place and the right time.

SIGNS OF ANXIETY

-  **Loss of appetite**
-  **Weight loss**
-  **Hair loss**
-  **Hyperventilation**
-  **High energy levels**
-  **Destructive behaviours**
ie: chewing furniture
-  **Constant barking**
-  **Not being able to settle**
(dogs should be sleeping 18 hours a day)
-  **Diarrhoea**
-  **Tail chasing**
(extreme cases)

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Above all, make sure you pack their toys, blankets, bed and feeding bowl when you are preparing to move and that they are available once they get to their new environment, items that are familiar will help them settle in quicker.