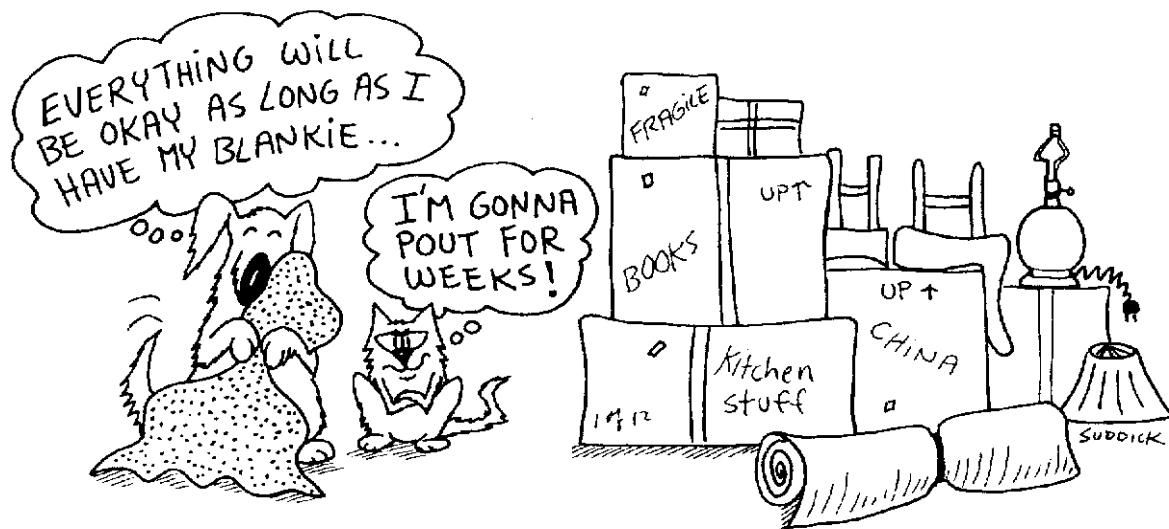


When You Move



Moving to a new home can be just as stressful on your pet as it is on you. So help your pet through this change of address by—

- Knowing beforehand if your pets will need medication for nervousness or car sickness.
- Listing the supplies your pet will need during the move—food, water, medications, bedding, toys, medical records. The familiar scent of their belongings will comfort them.
- Keeping your pet away from all of the moving-day activity by confining her to a room, your car, or her crate. It's hard to pack, move furniture, and keep an eye on your pet who, if frightened, could bolt out the door unnoticed.
- Moving small animals—like birds, hamsters and lizards—in their covered (with a light-weight fabric, like a sheet) cages, but remove the water, food, and any other objects that might fly around and hurt them. And remember that these animals need the temperature to remain constant in order to survive.
- Unpacking and settling in a bit at your new home before turning your pets loose in the house. Set out their food and water bowls, bedding, and other toys.
- Orienting your pets to their new surroundings. Walk your dog around the house, yard, and block. Sit quietly for few moments and pet your cat. Don't be surprised if your cat hides for few days until the noises and smells become familiar.

Simply be patient and reassuring with your pets, and they'll adjust quickly to their new home.



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