

## Traveling with your pet

### Plan ahead!

- ❖ If traveling for pleasure, will your pet enjoy this trip?
  - Birds and exotic animals may be more comfortable at home with a reputable pet sitter.
  - The young may be too much to care for whereas the older pet may not enjoy all of the commotion.
  - Will s/he be OK if left alone for some amount of time? Not all places will accept pets – zoos, museums, restaurants.
  - How hot will it be? Animals can overheat quickly left alone in a car.
- ❖ Is your pet comfortable in a crate?
  - Is s/he crate trained and is it large enough for your pet to stand up & turn around?
- ❖ Do you know what the requirements are of the state, country you are traveling to or through and your airline information?
  - Check the state, country and airline for their requirements
  - Go to [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)
  - Scroll down under APHIS Service to Find Traveler's Information
- ❖ Is your pet current on exam and vaccinations?
  - If your pet will be in contact with other dogs or cats, s/he may need additional vaccination, such as Bordetella for dogs, Feline Leukemia for cats.
- ❖ Where to stay? Check out [www.letsGOPets.com](http://www.letsGOPets.com) for pet friendly hotels
  - Check out the cities you will be staying in for Daycare or Boarding facilities and their requirements.

### Stuff to bring

- ❖ Medical records, rabies certificates, health certificates
- ❖ Heartworm preventative, flea/tick medication, sedation medication
  - Other medication your pet is on filled for the duration of your trip
- ❖ Food, water, toys
  - Enough food for trip duration
  - Extra bowls and extra leash and collar
  - Bottle of water
  - Extra bedding, towels, litter material
  - Toys, treats, favorite blanket, pillow
- ❖ Emergency Pet First Aid kit
  - Online stores sell this item
- ❖ Emergency Veterinarians, Daycare or Boarding facility information in visiting cities
  - Go online to find information and bring addresses and phone numbers
- ❖ A current photo of your pet in case s/he gets lost