



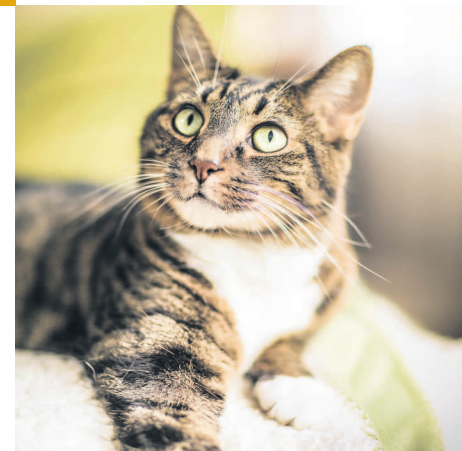
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Start your pet out on shorter trips to see how he or she handles the car.



7 Tips for Traveling with Your Pet

Many pet parents choose to include their four-legged companions in their travel plans. Bringing pets along can reduce the hassle of finding a pet sitter or a boarding service. Traveling with pets in tow also can be enjoyable for the entire family, including pets. Perhaps that's why a recent study from AAA and Best Western International found that more than half of American pet owners take their cats and dogs with them when they travel.

Traveling with pets can be fun, but it means taking some extra steps when planning a trip to ensure pets are safe and content. Before anyone hits the road or soars into the sky, consider these tips.

- 1** Acclimate the pet to the car. Conduct a trial run with your pet in tow to gauge how he or she handles a car ride. Start with shorter trips and build up. Assess how the pet reacts so you can make adjustments if necessary.
- 2** Get a wellness check. Visit the vet prior to departing, particularly if you will be traveling far or abroad. Pack an updated copy of health and immunization records, as well as proof of ownership of the pet. Some countries require pet passports. Investigate if the destination country requires quarantine of the animal.
- 3** Buy a quality pet carrier. Be sure to have a secure and comfortable pet carrier for your dog, cat or small animal.

This can make travel safer for the animal. If flying, you may need to purchase an airline-approved crate. Mark the crate with identification information and contact numbers.

- 4** Pack a pet-friendly kit. The ASPCA suggests bringing along food, a bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and first-aid, and any travel documents. Pack a favorite toy or pillow. Bring along bottled water as well. Drinking unfamiliar water can upset pets' stomachs.
- 5** Book direct flights. A direct flight reduces the likelihood a pet will be kept on the tarmac or spend even longer times in the baggage hold of the plane. A pets-only airline might be a good choice as well. For example, Pet Airways offers climate-controlled cabins outfitted with individual crates, and a flight attendant checks on the animals every 15 minutes. After landing, pets are given a bathroom break.
- 6** Reserve pet-friendly lodging. Many hotel and motel chains now offer pet accommodations. For a fee you can have your pet stay in the room. There may be specific requirements, such as restricting the pet to a crate when unattended.
- 7** Make sure microchip data is current. Log into the service that coordinates with the pet's microchip. Check to see that your address and phone number are current. Consider adding temporary travel contact data so the pet can be reunited with you if it gets lost at your destination.

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Bringing a new puppy home can be an exciting time that's full of challenges. Change also is part of welcoming a new puppy into the family.

Puppies rely on their owners to meet all of their needs, and it can take weeks for a pup to acclimate to a new home and adapt to a routine.

My Puppy has Worms! Now What?

New puppy parents may be surprised to learn their puppy - particularly one rescued from a shelter - has parasitic worms. This is a common occurrence. According to a report published in the journal *Animals*, the prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in shelter dogs is typically higher than in owned dogs. This is due to the combination of daily admissions of dogs from diverse backgrounds and the difficulty of preventing environmental contamination with infectious parasitic developmental stages. Shelters provide favorable conditions for the establishment and spread of GI parasitic infections.

Worms are transmitted in various ways, and many result from pups walking through the infected waste of other dogs. Some dogs ingest contaminated feces or develop infections after being in an environment where there is a buildup of waste and poor sanitation. The American Kennel Club says worms also can be passed from an infected mother to her unborn puppies in-utero or through nursing.

By and large, worms are not something that should be terribly concerning. With the right treatment and preventative care, most parasitic worms, like roundworms, hookworms, heartworms and whipworms, can be treated effectively. However, if left untreated, worms can compromise the health of a puppy, potentially contributing to anemia, low weight/poor growth, diarrhea and inflammation.

Some symptoms of worms include:

- pot belly appearance
- vomiting
- coughing
- weight loss
- diarrhea
- abdominal pain
- visual confirmation of worms in stool

A veterinarian can walk new pet parents through deworming their young dogs. Medications produce results in a matter of hours and will immobilize worms in the digestive tract before they're soon expelled. It may take a few treatments to get a handle on the problem. In addition, vets will likely want to examine stool samples on an ongoing basis to ensure all immature and fully formed worms are gone.

To prevent future outbreaks, clean up pet waste in the yard frequently and administer a monthly heartworm medication with a generalized deworming agent for other parasites.

Learn more about worms and new puppy care at akc.org.

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How to Keep Your Pets Safe Around the House

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation reports that more than 80 million households in the United States include companion animals.

Pets are a big responsibility, and responsible pet owners recognize that the work begins even before pets come home. Pet proofing a home protects pets from accidents and injuries as they grow acclimated to their surroundings. Here are some pet-proofing tips to keep in mind:

- Install childproof latches. Much like children after they learn to crawl and then walk, young

pets tend to be curious, and that curiosity can put them in precarious positions. Pet owners should install childproof latches on low drawers and cabinets, especially those beneath sinks where potentially harmful cleaning products are typically stored. Curious pet paws may be able to pry or pull open cabinets and drawers, but childproof latches can make that considerably more difficult if not impossible.

- Close toilet lids. While images of puppies drinking from toilets may elicit some laughs, the nonprofit organization American Humane warns

that chemicals in common toilet cleaners can be deadly to pets. In addition, small puppies or kittens can drown in toilets. Keep all toilet lids closed when toilets are not in use.

- Keep potentially harmful items out of pets' reach. Household cleaners beneath the kitchen sink are not the only items around the house that can be harmful to pets. Medications should always be stored on high shelves where pets cannot reach them. In addition, make sure all laundry room items, including detergent and dryer sheets, are stored out of pets' reach.

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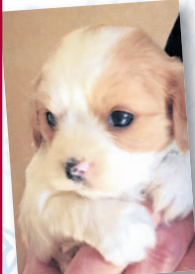
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He was a rescue dog who likes to sleep on the kitchen table, and is terrified of flies.

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PANCAKE



BEAU



Beau is 12 years old and a former show dog. Unfortunately, at a young age he became blind and needed a new way of life. He now lives in a Retirement Community where he is spoiled and dresses up for Halloween to bring smiles to the residents.

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Just as you would with small children, you need to take extra precautions with pets to keep them safe in your home.

Discuss human foods that might be harmful to pets with a veterinarian and make sure such foods are not left out where pets can reach them when you are hosting friends or family members. If necessary, make sure all foods are served on dinner tables or kitchen counters that are inaccessible to pets.

· Conceal all wires. Today's homes are more connected than ever before, and that often translates to more wires around the house. Make sure all wires are bundled together and out of the reach and view of pets, who may be tempted to chew on them. Even wires

that are out of reach may tempt pets if they can see them, so pet owners should make concerted efforts to conceal wires.

· Move or remove potentially poisonous plants. Plant lovers may not have worried if their plants were poisonous when they had no intention of welcoming pets into their homes. But prospective pet owners should research each plant in their homes to make sure they're not poisonous. Move potentially poisonous plants to places where pets cannot access them. Remove any poisonous floor plants from the home before purchasing or adopting a pet.

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At the dog park

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BUDDY



Buddy is a hound dog who knows how to work those puppy dog eyes!

CHEESE



I came from Qatar Found in a sandpit, but now I love my new life

MARLA POOCH



CARLOS & ROXY



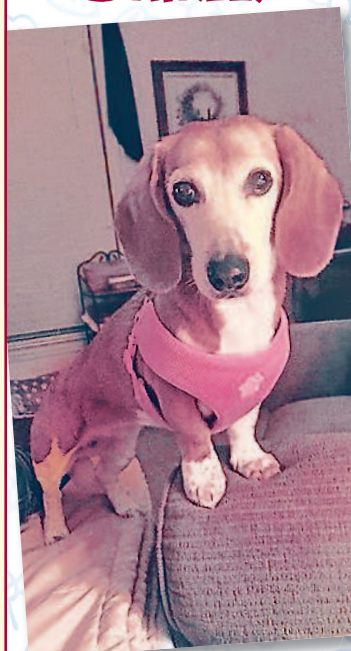
Carlos is a 9 year old pug with chronic kidney failure and Roxy is just a very good girl!

CHARLIE



He's super snuggly, loves ice cubes, and howls when he hears sirens.

SHIRLEY



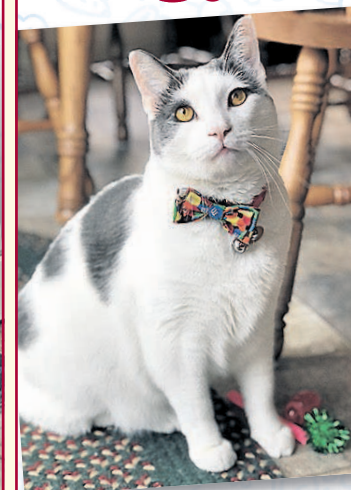
Hi, I'm Shirley!

HOPE



Hope on her 3rd Birthday. Hope is a party animal and enjoys celebrating with family & friends!

Bo



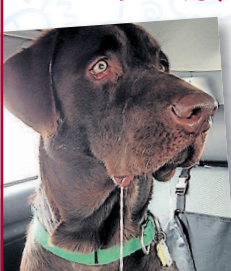
He is two years old. He spends his days taking long naps, watching birds fly around outside, and playing with his toys. He has also learned how to sit for his treats.

GUS



Gus likes cuddles & cucumbers.

LEROY



#DROOL

The Pet Poison Helpline, a licensed animal poison control center dedicated to preventing poison-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities to pets, offers this room-by-room breakdown to help existing and potential pet owners find items around the house that could pose a threat to their furry friends.

Attics and basements

- Mothballs
- Rodenticides
- Insecticides
- Paint

Laundry rooms

- Fabric softener
- Bleach
- Detergents, including detergent pods
- Dryer sheets

Bathrooms

- Medications, including prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs

- Caffeine pills
- Drain and toilet cleaners
- Ammonia
- Bleach
- Inhalers
- Lime and rust removers
- Cough drops

Living room

- Plants
- Liquid potpourri
- Devices, including smartphones
- Batteries, such as those inside remote controls

Garages and garden sheds

- Automotive fluids, including antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, motor oil & gasoline
- Ice melt products
- Lawn and garden products, including weed killer, grub and snail bait and rodenticides
- Paint
- Glue

- Mothballs
- Fertilizers
- Bone, blood and feather meal
- Plants
- Insecticides
- Compost

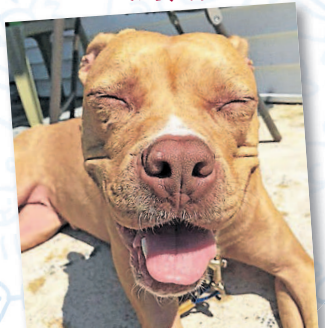
Kitchen

- Chocolate
- Macadamia nuts
- Grapes, raisins and currants
- Onions, garlic and chives
- Caffeinated products, such as coffee and tea
- Chicken bones
- Fatty scraps
- Unbaked yeast bread dough
- Alcohol
- Table salt
- Kitchen cleaning products

More information about protecting pets is available at petpoisonhelpline.com

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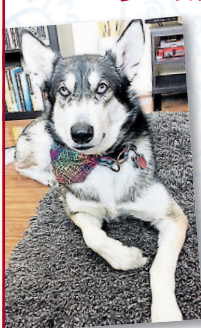
MYA



OLLIE



PENNY



I like breakfast, horses, and playing hide-and-seek (I'm not very good at it!)

ASPEN



An extremely Good Boy

ANA, BEAU & EMMETT



RILEY KRUIS



RUSSELL DOMMEL



Russell's 1st Easter! 8 weeks old!

SAMANTHA DAE HENDERSON



This little Diva is 15 years old and going strong!

JETER



This is Jeter, a nine year old schnoodle. He thinks he is the sheriff of our street and leaves all the neighbors know it by watching and barking at everyone from the front picture window or the back yard.

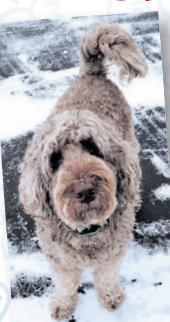
REAGAN



I am a 1 1/2 year old Bernedoodle who loves everyone including my dog walker.

SPIKE

A ferocious fluffdoodle who relishes guard duty, stealing socks, and playing power volleyball.



TYLER & TESS



Tyler, age 14 & Tess, age 10

ZOEY



2 year old cockapoo



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