

# "PET MOVE CHECKLIST" Canadian Relocation Systems

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## **Eight weeks before move:**

Search **Canadian Relocation Systems**, <http://relocatecanada.com>, to find your place!  
Prepare pet resume for prospective landlords. See example on next page.

## **Seven weeks before move:**

Contact moving companies <http://relocatecanada.com/easyrelocation.html> or rental trucks for estimates. If you're moving cross-country and traveling by auto, plan ahead and purchase the best in carriers, supplies, firstaid kits, and more. If you're moving your pet by plane, call the various carriers for their rules and regulations. Then purchase what you'll need. And while you're at it, you might make your plane reservation now. <http://relocatecanada.com/norman.html>

## **Six weeks before moving:**

Make check-up appointment for your pet. Ask for a copy of your pet's medical history. And be sure to ask about vaccination requirements for your new location.

## **Four to Five weeks before moving:**

Consider getting a pet ID now with your emergency telephone number for the trip.  
Give notice to your landlord.  
Be prepared—find the local veterinarians in your new neighborhood.

## **Two to Three weeks before moving:**

If you're moving by auto, start a list of items you'll need. For example, collapsible dishes, auto barriers, favorite toys, etc. If your pet is unused to car travel, try taking a few "practice" jaunts. If necessary, you might ask your veterinarian about "car sickness" medicine.

Whether you're using movers or moving yourself, it's time to decide what to do with your pet, while your stuff's being unloaded and hauled in. (Think about some new toys or catnip.)  
Another great idea is to treat Mitten or Moped to a flea dip before you move into your new digs.

## **One week before moving:**

Time to do what you're going to do with your pets while unpacking at your new place. You might want to lock the cat in the bathroom or perhaps arrange for a sitter and/or vacation in the pet hotel.  
Easy now, you're almost already ready to go.

## **CREATING A PET RESUME:**

Bona fides? For your pet? You bet! You want to put yourself in the best light

and that includes your pet too. And while Mitten doesn't have a college degree, he does have a history of responsible behavior to boast about. Check out these tips and the sample pet resume here.

For more information: <http://relocatecanada.com/apartmentpet.html>

### **Personality**

Since he won't be with you, Mitten needs a bio. Do it honestly, without cute—his age, his size breed, etc. Photos will help.

### **Good Behavior**

Mention obedience school, if any, or special skills like scratching post training.

### **Health and Grooming**

Spot is flea-free and in the pink—say it! Having a spayed or neutered pet is a big plus. Vaccination records will help too. (Again, Purina has the word in health and grooming for cats and dogs.)

### **Resume of Mitten Smith**

Description: Mitten is a well-behaved, friendly cat who enjoys the great indoors. When he's not busy sleeping in the sun, he enjoys playing with his toys, gazing out the window, and watching opera on TV with his owner. He is litter box trained and always uses his scratching post. Mitten has been the beloved animal companion of Mrs Smith for twelve years.

**Health and Grooming:** Mitten is neutered and flea-free. He enjoys regular grooming and is a long-time patient of Dr. Henry Johnson, Mitten's veterinarian.

**Mitten's Owner:** As a responsible cat owner, Mitten's owner cleans and properly disposes of Mitten's litter regularly. When she travels, Mitten is cared for by a professional pet sitter who also brings in the mail, waters the plants, and keeps an eye on their home. Mrs. Smith is willing to pay an extra security deposit for the privilege of having Mitten.

**References:** Our current landlord can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_. Attached are letters of reference from former neighbors, our pet sitter, and health records from our veterinarian documenting that Mitten is neutered, is up-to-date on his vaccinations, and receives regular veterinary care.

Mrs. Smith would be happy for a potential landlord to meet Mitten in his current home and/or in his new home after we move in. Thank you for considering us as members of your community.