

Attachment 2: Let's talk about the microchip:

In a blink of an eye: You and your pets are on a road trip and in a blink of an eye they get away from you. Perhaps someone opened the car door in the parking lot or you opened the door to let room service or the maid in your room, out they go and maybe lost forever.

If your pet becomes lost or stolen and you took the precautionary step of having him microchip, you can safely know that your pet will have an excellent chance of returning home.

A simple microchip the size of a grain of rice can save your pet's life and save you the torture of losing your beloved friend forever.

If you are traveling internationally it is essential for the safety of your pet and in some countries, it is illegal not to have the microchip implanted in your pet.

Two companies are leading the way in microchip implants:

- AVID has a program called PetTrac, which is in place in the United States, England and Mexico and is rapidly being adopted in most of Europe (European Union).
 - Web site: www.avidid.com/pets/ OR www.avidmicrochip.com/products.htm
 - If traveling to Europe it is important to request the "EuroChip" version, as it is the only version that is widely read in Europe and some other Countries.
- Deston Fearing Corporation also manufactures a microchip, called Home Again, that also conforms to Annex A 2.1 of the ISO 11785 that is the new standard issued by the member countries of the European Union.
 - Schering-Plough manufactures a Home Again and for a list of veterinarians that do this procedure, visit this web site:
 - <http://usa.spah.com/usa/search/vets.cfm>
- These chip contains all of the information vital to returning the pet to its owner and the registration information is kept in databases available 24 hours a day at the AKC and at AVID. The version used in Europe even contains the pets' medical records.

BUT whether you are traveling by airplane or by car and especially those owners who travel extensively, the little time and money it takes to have your pet microchip, will ensure your pet's safety and will give you peace of mind.

Pet Travel Checklist

Airline Reservations for In-cabin or Checked Baggage:

- Airline contacted: _____
 - Date: _____ Time: _____
 - Airline Representative: _____
 - Passenger Name Record locator (PNR): _____
(This is your personal record number assigned by the airline)
 - Flight Number: _____ / _____ Date Non-stop Direct
 - Airline confirms that my pet will be authorized to travel:
 In-cabin As Checked Baggage
 - Airline reservations for both passenger and pet is reconfirmed
48-72 hours in advance of travel
Date: _____ Time: _____ Agent: _____
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Preparation for Air Travel:

- Visited Veterinarian: Date: _____ Time: _____
- Health & Rabies Certificate Current within 10 days of travel
- Pet has sturdy collar and two identification tags which includes his name and your name with a 24 hour telephone contact.
- Duplicate copies of the Certificate made
- Pet Carrier or Kennel purchased
- Pet trained in carrier or kennel and pet is acclimated
- Two dishes affixed to the kennel (hard-sided kennels only)
- One dish with water frozen, if you wish your pet to have water during travel.
- Releasable Cable Ties (if required by the airline) - hard-sided kennel
- "Live Animals" and "Arrows Up" Stickers for the had-sided kennel
- Pet's Name and Your Name, Address and Telephone contact clearly marked on the kennel or carrier
- Photograph(s) of your pet and of you and your pet
- For international destinations: Pet Passport, Visa and other documents required by the country you are visiting.
- If your trip is 12 hours or more, plastic bag with a serving of dry food is attached to the topside of the hard-sided kennel.
- You have given your pet plenty of exercise prior to confining him to the carrier or kennel. This includes time to go to the bathroom as well.

General Information for Road Travel

The first step is ensuring your pet's well being is to train them to ride in the car.

For safety reasons,

- ❑ Pets should be confined to the back seat in either a carrier or a harness attached to the car's seat belt.
- ❑ Confinement will prevent the animal from interfering or distracting the driver and also may save their life in the event of an accident.
- ❑ Also, a restrained animal will not be able to break free and run the second anyone opens a door.
- ❑ A small pet should be secured in a soft-sided carrier, i.e. the Sherpa Bag®.
 - ❑ Sherpa Bag®: This premier bag has the construction built in to be safely attached to the car's seat belt.
- ❑ To prevent car sickness, feed your pet a light meal 4-6 hours before departing. Do not give your pet food or water in a moving vehicle.
- ❑ If your pet cannot tolerate riding in a car, let them stay home.

There are some commonsense recommendations:

- ❑ Be sure that your pet is leashed before opening any door, especially the car door.
- ❑ Insure that your pet is wearing a strong, sturdy collar and has appropriate and complete ID information.
- ❑ Carry a picture of your pet with you in the event that he is lost while traveling.
- ❑ When driving, stop every 2-4 hours to stretch your legs and your pet's too. Plan to visit a rest stop at least every 4 hours and let him have a drink and a chance to answer the call of nature.