



Moving: How to Move Your Pet Safely



If you and your pet are getting ready to move, follow these recommendations to keep your companion safe on moving day.

- **Plan ahead.** Advance planning will make your move less stressful on you and your pet. Pack over a period of time, and try to maintain your pet's normal routine.
- **Invest in a high-quality, sturdy pet carrier.** If you have a dog or cat whom you want to keep safely confined on moving day, get a carrier ahead of time and gradually accustom your pet to spending time in it.
- **Purchase a new ID tag for your pet.** As soon as you know your new address, get a pet ID tag that includes your new address and telephone number(s). (Or obtain some other visible form of pet identification such as a collar with ID information imprinted on it or an identification band that attaches to the collar but does not dangle like a traditional tag.) An up-to-date ID tag is a lost pet's ticket home.
- **Keep your pet secure.** On moving day, place your pet (whether in the carrier or not) in a safe, quiet place, such as the bathroom, so that he or she cannot escape. Place a large sign on the door that says, DO NOT ENTER, and be sure that friends and professional movers are aware that the room is off-limits.
- **Make your car trip safe.** If you're traveling by car and your dog enjoys car travel, you may want to accustom him to a restraining harness. Because most cats aren't comfortable traveling in cars, it's best (for their safety as well as yours) to transport them in a well-ventilated and securely placed carrier. Never leave pets alone in a parked vehicle during warm weather as the temperature rises quickly and can injure or kill them. In any season, a pet in a parked vehicle is vulnerable to being harmed or stolen. Never put an animal in the trunk of a car, the open bed of a pickup truck, or the storage area of a moving van.
- **Talk to your veterinarian.** If your pet doesn't enjoy car rides, consult your veterinarian about behavior modification or medication that might lessen the stress of travel. Depending on your destination, your pet may also need additional vaccinations, medications, and health certificates.

- **Find hotels in advance.** Listings of animal-friendly hotels will help you find overnight lodging during your move. Our online information on Finding Animal-Friendly Hotel Accommodations will point you toward some useful resources and get your planning on track.
- **Plan ahead for air travel.** Check with your veterinarian, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the airline if your pet will be flying. Also be sure to check out our online tips for traveling with your companion animal. You will need to take precautions to ensure your pet's safety, so give yourself ample time to work out all the arrangements.
- **Prepare your new home.** Take with you all the familiar and necessary things your pet will need from day one in your new home: food, water, medications, bed, litter box, food and water bowls, and health records. Also have on hand a recent photo of your pet, for use if your pet becomes lost.

**Everybody and their Dog Walk Hosted by Citizen Canine
Beaver Lake Park near the Elk Lake Drive main entrance.**

Come out and have some fun and Meet some of the folks at GVAC !!!

Date: Sunday May 4th between 10 – 1
 9am: Citizen Canine's Walk Registration Table
 10-2pm: CKC CGN Program
 Between 10 and 10:30: Non-profits booths; businesses; TheQ
 10:30 - 11: Dog walkers register for the walk
 11am sharp: Walk begins
 11:30: First of the speedy walkers arrive back
 11:30 - 1pm: Dog demos (agility, free-style dancing, fly ball)
 11:45 till closing: Hotdog lunch by donation (benefiting That'll Do Border Collie Rescue)
 1pm: Walk is officially over
 2pm: CGN is officially over (though this may be extended)

This event is a great way to bring in Spring for all dog lovers.



New Monthly Segment *Coming Next Month!* *"Ben and Charley's Excellent Adventure"*

Ben and Charley are two GVAC adopted dogs who would like to "hit the road" and tour all over Victoria and share with you all the fun places for you and your dog!

Glimpse of what is to come.....

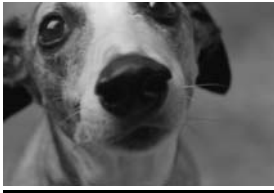
Recently Benny O'Cooper and Charley O'Chaplin were spotted out and about swinging their shillelaghs and drinking green beer!!! These fella's definitely have the luck o the Irish!!!

They hope you had a Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



Ben must have had a busy night hiding all those eggs!!





JANUARY STATISTICS

Cat Spay	Cat Neuter	Dog Spay	Dog Neuter	Other
33	20	4	2	84
Total:				143

"CRITTERS IN NEED UPDATE"

Maxx



Maxx was a puppy mill puppy. Kept in a small metal box. Maxx requires leg surgery and then leg braces in order for him to live a normal and happy life.

Maxx is waiting for his leg braces which are being made specially for him now and then going to be shipped. Once he has his leg braces surgery will be scheduled on his leg. After Surgery with the support of the leg braces Maxx should be able to have a better chance at a "running" start at life !!

Please make a donation today towards Maxx's Leg Surgery and new leg braces.

***Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders
PO Box 5541 Station B Victoria BC V8R 6S4***

Tax receipts will be issued

***** Please note any donations above and beyond the care for these animals will go to help another animal in need***

Sebastian & Molly

Sebastian and Molly are still in foster care and having a great time playing with all the other kitties. They both aren't too keen on getting the cream in their eyes and after it is done they are sure to smooch their entire face on the foster mom's in attempt to get rub it off. They are scheduled for their eye surgery in June so in the meantime they are playing, happy, and are very much loved.



Remember that sponsoring an animal can be done all year around!
What a perfect Gift for any occasion! Call 381-4744 or email
gvac@shaw.ca

GVAC Urgently needs Cat & Dog Foster Homes !

It is one of the most rewarding things you can do ! Just providing a safe place will give them time to find a forever home and get them off the street.

To Foster Cats: Email Pamela at gvac@shaw.ca

To Foster Dogs: Email Cora at c.timothy@shaw.ca

Check out Who we have up for Adoption ! GVAC has all our animals up for adoption on

www.animalcrusaders.ca

Check us out!



PO Box 5541, Station B, Victoria BC V8R 6S5 474-5581

I support Animal Crusaders fight against overpopulation, abandoned & abused animals.

Membership: Single \$10.00 __ Family (two or more) \$17.50 ____
Senior \$6.00 __ Life \$100.00 _____ Student \$6.00 _____

I wish to make: "One Time" donation: _____ "Monthly" donation: _____
__ \$15 __ \$25 __ \$50 __ \$75 __ \$100 Other _____

** I would like the monthly deducted on: 1st of Month ____ 15th Month ____
** For monthly automatic withdrawal from your account please mail in a voided Cheque.

I wish to charge this to my Visa MC Amex
Card No.: _____ Exp _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(for receipt) _____ Phone: _____

Email address _____

(Email Address's will be used for memberships to save on postage and to send you our monthly newsletter)

Something you want to see in our News Letter??

Email any story or topic suggestions to the email below.



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