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Whether you are camping in an RV or staying in a pet-friendly motel, you'll need to bring along a litterbox for your cat. Your best choice is a covered box to help prevent litter from being scattered around. Make sure your cat is comfortable using a covered box before you pack one for the trip.

Use the same litter you use at home when you are traveling, and don't forget to bring a scooper and plastic bags to dispose of soiled litter.

If your cat enjoys toys and catnip, be sure to pack some of these along, too. Having his familiar pleasures along on the trip will help make him more comfortable. A scratching post is also a good idea, especially if you'll be staying in a motel where your cat might be tempted to claw the furniture.

Some cats enjoy visiting the outdoors when on a road trip, and the safest way to take them outside is with a leash and harness. Get your cat used to wearing a harness before you go on your trip, and use caution when taking your cat outside. "Always put the harness on indoors away from the door, and carry your cat outside," Goodman says. "Never let him walk outside on his own, or he might try to dash out between walks without his harness on."


Bring plenty of your cat's favorite toys to make him feel more comfortable and to keep him occupied.




Play it safe, and make sure your cat is wearing a collar with identification tags that display your address and cell phone number. In the event he should get out, he'll be more likely to find his way back to you.

Road trips with your cat can be a lot of fun, provided your cat has the right attitude and both of you are well-prepared. 🐾

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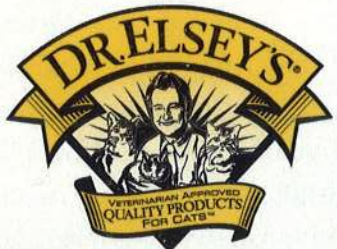
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