



JULY FEATURE

Summer Travel

Hello, Apple Grove Veterinary Care clients! During the month of July, our team at Apple Grove is trying to promote "Safe Travel With Your Pets." Summer always seems to be such a busy time of year and with all of the traveling we know some pets may go along for the ride. My pets are a huge part of my family and I love to travel with them! But, there are a lot of things to take into consideration when planning for a trip with your pet.

Prior to any travel with your pet, it is in your pet's best interest to make an appointment with one of our doctors. A general physical exam and update of any lifestyle vaccines (i.e. Bordetella, Influenza, or Lyme) is highly recommended. Heartworm preventative and flea/tick preventative is highly recommended all of the time, but especially while traveling! Also ask the doctor if your pet needs a health certificate to cross state lines or to enter Canada.

Permanent identification is also something the doctor can do for your pet. I have peace of mind knowing that my pets are microchipped (so they can be identified even if a collar was lost), and have other forms of identification tags on them at all times while traveling.

In order for you and your dog to enjoy traveling together everyone needs to be comfortable. While visiting Apple Grove, tell the doctor if your pet has had any problems with car sickness. There are medications to help with this situation. Another medication that should be discussed with the doctor is anxiety medication. Commonly while on vacation you run into storms or fireworks, and if your pet has anxiety problems with these situations be sure to discuss possible medications with one of our doctors prior to travel.

An additional task I try to complete while traveling with my dogs is to make their stay while on vacation, just as comfortable as home. It is important to pack your pet's food (a diet change shouldn't happen while away from home if you can help it). Also packing your pet's favorite bed, toys, and treats is a must. I also ALWAYS keep my pets on a leash! Even if you think your pet listens well and doesn't need a leash, it is always best to be safe rather than sorry!

Those are a few things I think about while traveling with my dogs. We have many resources at Apple Grove, including "Car Travel Tips For Pets," "Air Travel Tips For Pets," "AAA Pet Approved Hotels and Campgrounds," "Pet 1st Aid Kits" (available for purchase).

We would love to see or hear from you. So stop by Apple Grove, call or email with any questions or concerns about this month's specials. As always we are here to provide every patient with optimum health and wellness by practicing and providing progressive, compassionate, and high quality veterinary care through the educational enhancement of our clients and ourselves.

As always, feel free to call or email with any pet concerns! Thank you so much for your time!

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