

USEFUL RELOCATION TIPS TO REMEMBER

As the spring and summer months are fast approaching, it is time to relocate for many people. These tips may be helpful to cat lovers as more cats are lost during relocations than any other time of the year.

- **While looking for an apartment, search for a pet friendly place.** Visit our website to find pet friendly locations in your area so there will be no surprises once you move in. Visit: animalumbrella.org/links/myapartmentmap
- **The day before moving, board your cat with your veterinarian** otherwise your cat could be accidentally let out, or leave it with family or friends in a well secured area. Avoid places where there are too many people or children as your cat would be accidentally left out of the room where it is staying and could escape outside. Cats get easily scared in unfamiliar places and tend to run out.
- **If this is not possible, place the cat in a large well ventilated carrier** during the move and let him out in a room in your new place once movers have left.
- **Keep the cat in that secured room** so he may be free to roam with his bed, toys, food, water and litter for a few days until all of your boxes are unpacked and there is no place for the cat to hide and possibly escape. Visit him or her often to reassure them everything is okay and they are still loved.
- **Check all screens, windows, doors, holes in walls and ceilings** and other places -- basement, garage of your new home to ensure that your cat cannot escape outside. *Cats are escape artists when they are frightened.*

Once all of this is done, enjoy your new location with your cat and GOOD LUCK!

