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## Pack Up Your Pets?

It's time to plan the family vacation. Everyone's excited. Wherever you go, whatever you do, it will be great fun for the whole family. Or will it? What about the furry member of the family? Will it be fun for him?

It may be hard to imagine a family trip that doesn't include your dog or cat. But here are a few things you should think about. Getting to and from vacations can be tricky. Planes, trains, and long car rides are tiring and can be stressful for pets. Not all hotels and campgrounds welcome pets. Pets are also not allowed on many

beaches and in other vacation spots. Will Scruffy end up waiting in a strange hotel room all day? There, unfamiliar sounds, smells, and noises may frighten him.

Pets are often happiest at home. It may be better to leave your pet with a responsible friend or professional petsitter. You could also ask your veterinarian to recommend a boarding kennel.

Whether you decide your pet will be happier joining you or staying home, plan ahead. Planning will make your vacation safe and fun for all members of the family.

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1. What would be another good title for this story? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What's the main point of the article? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What should you consider before traveling with your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are some alternatives to taking your pet with you? How might they make your vacation time more enjoyable for you? Your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What other things, not mentioned in this article, might you have to plan for when traveling with a pet?

