Tips For Traveling Safely with Your Pet This Summer

May 16, 2012 — For families planning on traveling with pets this summer, the professional pet shipping experts at the International Pet and Animal Transportation Association (IPATA) have helpful tips:

- Prepare your pet by getting them accustomed to their crate.
- Do not give your pets sedatives or tranquilizers before they travel!
- Visit a veterinarian and get appropriate shots and medication refills.
- Get an updated health certificate for your pet.
- Summer months are hot! Check with your airline to determine their heat embargo restrictions. This is for your pets’ safety.

“Your pet is a member of your family and you want to make sure they have a safe, comfortable travel experience,” says IPATA President Sally Smith. “Whether you are flying or driving, pets need to prepare for a trip just like a person does. They need a passport, vaccinations and appropriate carriers.”

Visit IPATA online.

About IPATA
The International Pet and Animal Transportation Association (IPATA) is a non-profit, worldwide trade association for animal handlers, pet moving providers, kennel operators, veterinarians and others who are dedicated to the care and welfare of pets and animals during transport. The organization, founded in 1979, now has more than 325 members in 70 countries. IPATA serves its members, the pet transport industry, and the public at large. For more information, or to find a professional pet shipper, visit www.ipata.org.

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