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We understand that relocating off-island can be stressful, especially when it involves your pets. Before considering surrendering your pet to the shelter, we urge you to explore these options to keep your pet together with your family and to make your transition easier.

Research Airlines & Make Reservations

- Research airlines and pet transport services in advance
- BOOK EARLY! Airlines often have limited space and blackout dates
- Airlines and other carrier services have unique requirements for travel (triple check!)

Prepare Documentation

- Consult your veterinarian to obtain the necessary health and vaccination certifications necessary for air travel (note that airlines may have different time requirements for the health certificate)
- Microchip information must be up to date
- Always have extra copies of necessary paperwork

Prepare Your Pet for Travel

- Acquire an airline-approved travel crate that provides enough space for your pet
- Familiarize your pet with the crate in advance using positive reinforcement
- Plan for your pet's comfort during travel, including providing water and any necessary medications

Day of Travel

- ARRIVE EARLY! Ensure a smooth journey for your pet by arriving at the airport or carrier location to complete check-in procedures
- Provide/confirm clear instructions to the airline for your pet's needs
- Monitor your pet through provided airline or carrier tracking services

Other Considerations

- Most airlines do not provide pet travel during the summer months. Be sure to consider the weather for your pet's comfort and safety.
- Research pet quarantine regulations for your final destination



Never abandon your pet. We are here if you need to bring your pet to a shelter.

For more information and resources, visit HawaiianHumane.org/moving