

## It is August

It is August, it is hot, humid and nasty. You return from your nice refreshing holiday and step out of the airport and immediately this wet blanket covers you for a "warm" welcome, brrr....

Still it is nice to be back and soon your pet will arrive as well.

Scary though since most pets, and especially dogs, can not regulate their temperature enough in the intense heat and surely not in the pet carrier in which he/she travels.

Therefore please obey the following rules when travelling with pets.

1. Book a night (flight) arrival time for your pet in order to prevent direct exposure to the sun (or if leaving this country book a night departure time )
2. do NOT EVER sedate your pet since this interferes even more with thermo-regulation leaving him/her more at risk
3. Book via a well known pet carrier
4. Make sure all the papers are correct and stick a copy of them on the carrier so the authorities have these papers all these papers available for their immediate use.
5. Consider using expert help by booking via a pet travel relocation agent, your pet is surely worth the extra costs and you will have a more relaxed trip.
6. Try to avoid making your pet travel between half of June and beginning of October due to the extreme heat and humidity and the holiday related extra busy airports.



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