

# Moving to Vietnam Checklist

## Early research

- ☐ Learn about visa options & requirements
- ☐ Research cities & regions
- ☐ Understand cost of living
- ☐ Join expat / local communities
- ☐ Build a Vietnam resource list

## Income & savings

- ☐ Calculate monthly budget
- ☐ Build 3-6 months of savings
- ☐ Set up international banking
- ☐ Plan income or remote work
- ☐ Understand taxes & obligations

## Documents & legal

- ☐ Passport valid 6+ months
- ☐ Visa / residence requirements
- ☐ Pet passport & vaccinations
- ☐ International driver's permit
- ☐ Copies of important documents
- ☐ Legalize & translate as needed



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## Housing search

- ☐ Decide on location & priorities
- ☐ Research neighborhoods
- ☐ Explore rentals & pricing
- ☐ Confirm pet-friendly options
- ☐ Review lease terms

## Packing & departure

- ☐ Create packing list
- ☐ Declutter & prepare home
- ☐ Book flights
- ☐ Arrange pet travel logistics
- ☐ Notify banks & providers
- ☐ Set up mail forwarding

## Arrival & first 30 days

- ☐ Set up local SIM & internet
- ☐ Open local bank account
- ☐ Register with local authorities
- ☐ Find a veterinarian
- ☐ Stock essentials & groceries
- ☐ Explore & build your routine

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# Moving costs

Plan the cost of getting there and getting settled.

Use USD throughout. Type in the PDF, save a copy, or print and write.

Planning for

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EXPENSE

PLANNED (USD)

ACTUAL (USD)

Airfare for your household

Pet travel: flights and fees

Pet health certificates / quarantine

Visas, documents and legal costs

Shipping, baggage and freight

Rent and utility deposits

Furniture and home essentials

School / family enrollment

Other moving costs

**Total moving costs**

Costs to confirm / who to ask



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# Monthly living

Make room for everyday life, not just the move.

Enter totals yourself. Surplus or gap = monthly income minus monthly living costs.

| EXPENSE                           | PLANNED (USD) | ACTUAL (USD) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Rent                              |               |              |
| Utilities, internet and phone     |               |              |
| Food and groceries                |               |              |
| Transportation                    |               |              |
| Healthcare and insurance          |               |              |
| Pet food, care and supplies       |               |              |
| School and family expenses        |               |              |
| Personal and miscellaneous        |               |              |
| Other monthly costs               |               |              |
| <b>Total monthly living costs</b> |               |              |
| Monthly income                    |               |              |
| <b>Monthly surplus / (gap)</b>    |               |              |



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# Your savings plan

Bring your move, monthly budget and reserve together.

Use your planned figures from pages 1 and 2. All amounts are in USD.

## A reserve for the unexpected

Reserve target (USD)

Months of living costs this covers

Already set aside (USD)

Still to save (USD)

## A savings plan you can follow

Savings goal (USD)

Target date

Save each month (USD)

## Your arrival fund

Moving costs + one month of living + your reserve target.

**Total funds to have ready (USD)**

Your next steps / notes



# Housing Comparison Worksheet

| Feature                               | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Area                                  |          |          |          |
| Monthly rent                          |          |          |          |
| Deposit                               |          |          |          |
| Bedrooms                              |          |          |          |
| Yard / outdoor space                  |          |          |          |
| Pet policy                            |          |          |          |
| Furnished / unfurnished               |          |          |          |
| Utilities included?                   |          |          |          |
| Walkability: shops, parks, essentials |          |          |          |
| School access                         |          |          |          |
| Commute                               |          |          |          |
| Safety: neighborhood / building       |          |          |          |
| Overall impression                    |          |          |          |

## Questions for the landlord

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# Document Preparation Tracker

| Document                      | Original                 | Copy                     | Scan                     | Translate                | Deadline | Packed                   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Passports                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Birth certificates            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Custody / guardianship papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School records                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical records               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vaccination records           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pet records                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Financial proof               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment documents          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing records               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Copies of IDs                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Where is it stored?

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Still needed

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# Emergency Backup Plan

## Emergency contacts

Primary contact

Relationship

Phone / text

Email

Secondary contact

Relationship

Phone / text

Email

## Backup housing

Where pets can stay

Address

Contact person

Phone / text

Notes

## Return plan

How we will return

Transportation arranged by

Route / notes

## Backup funds

Emergency fund location

Access method / account

Amount available

Notes



# Emergency Backup Plan

## Pet emergency plan

If we are separated from our pets

Who will care for them

Where they will go

Notes

## If income stops

First steps we will take

Essential expenses priority

Who can help

Notes

## Medical plan

Veterinarian / clinic

Phone / text

After-hours contact

Pet health notes

## Lost documents plan

Where important documents are stored

How we will replace them

Who can help



# Emergency Backup Plan

**The person who knows  
the plan**

Name

Phone / text

Relationship

They are located

How to reach them

Additional notes



# Packing & Departure Checklist

## Carry-on essentials

- ☐ ID / driver's license
- ☐ Wallet / cards / cash
- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Keys
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Earbuds / headphones
- ☐ Lip balm / hand lotion
- ☐ Tissues / wipes
- ☐ Change of clothes

## Printed documents

- ☐ Government ID
- ☐ Pet health certificate
- ☐ Vaccination records
- ☐ Microchip certificate
- ☐ Boarding / hotel confirmations
- ☐ Travel itinerary
- ☐ Car / rental / transport details
- ☐ Insurance information

## Checked bags

- ☐ Clothing
- ☐ Shoes
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ Hat / scarf / gloves
- ☐ Belt / accessories
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Reusable water bottle



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# Packing & Departure Checklist

## Electronics

- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Laptop / tablet
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Battery / memory cards
- ☐ Travel adapter
- ☐ E-reader

## Pet supplies

- ☐ Food (enough for trip)
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Bowls (collapsible)
- ☐ Leash / harness / collar
- ☐ Waste bags
- ☐ Toys / comfort items
- ☐ Bed / blanket
- ☐ Grooming wipes / brush

## Medications

- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Pain reliever / fever reducer
- ☐ Allergy medication
- ☐ Nausea relief
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Bandages / first aid basics
- ☐ Vitamins / supplements



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# Packing & Departure Checklist

## Travel day tasks

- ☐ Confirm transport / reservations
- ☐ Reconfirm pet boarding / sitter
- ☐ Check weather at destination
- ☐ Charge devices
- ☐ Pack last-minute items
- ☐ Set out of office / auto-reply
- ☐ Download maps / tickets
- ☐ Fill gas tank (if driving)

## Before leaving the house

- ☐ Secure windows and doors
- ☐ Turn off / unplug non-essentials
- ☐ Adjust thermostat
- ☐ Take out trash
- ☐ Water plants
- ☐ Refrigerator check (perishables)
- ☐ Leave house key / instructions
- ☐ Set timers / lights (if needed)

## Last things to remember

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# First 30 Days in Vietnam Planner

## Week 1 · Settle & connect

- ☐ Secure housing & utilities
- ☐ SIM card & internet set up
- ☐ Basic groceries & household essentials
- ☐ Transportation arranged
- ☐ Explore neighborhood & essentials
- ☐ Register address (temporary / permanent)
- ☐ Find a nearby vet & save contact
- ☐ Start a simple daily routine

## Week 1 priorities

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## Week 2 · Establish & organize

- ☐ Complete housing setup & small fixes
- ☐ Stock up on groceries & pet supplies
- ☐ Set up mobile payments / banking
- ☐ Confirm transportation routine
- ☐ School enrollment / family admin tasks
- ☐ Pet vet check-up & records
- ☐ Register pet (if required locally)
- ☐ Build daily routine & meal plan

## Week 2 priorities

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# First 30 Days in Vietnam Planner

## Week 3 · Routine & community

- ☐ Explore local markets & shops
- ☐ Connect with neighbors / expat groups
- ☐ Transportation adjustments
- ☐ Review pet care & routine
- ☐ School / classes / activities
- ☐ Health & wellness check-in
- ☐ Set up home organization systems
- ☐ Plan weekend outings

## Week 3 priorities

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# First 30 Days in Vietnam Planner

## Week 4 · Refine & enjoy

- ☐ Review & refine daily routines
- ☐ Confirm long-term housing plans (if needed)
- ☐ Pet routine optimization
- ☐ School & family rhythm check-in
- ☐ Explore beyond your neighborhood
- ☐ Set monthly budget & goals
- ☐ Plan upcoming month & adventures
- ☐ Celebrate small wins together

## Week 4 priorities

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# First 30 Days in Vietnam Planner

## Important addresses & numbers

Local vet

Emergency vet

Closest hospital

Pharmacy

Police

Fire

Embassy / consulate

Landlord / agent

Internet provider

Other



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# School & Family Questions Sheet

## School & daily life

School name

Tuition / fees

Language support

Enrollment requirements

Commute

Calendar & hours

Childcare options

Nearby healthcare

Neighborhood fit

Family priorities

## Questions to ask

## What matters most to our family?

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# Contact & Verification Log

## Contact record 1

Date

Organization

Contact person

Phone / email

Question

Answer received

Follow-up needed: Yes / No

Reference number

## Contact record 2

Date

Organization

Contact person

Phone / email

Question

Answer received

Follow-up needed: Yes / No

Reference number



# Contact & Verification Log

## Contact record 3

Date

Organization

Contact person

Phone / email

Question

Answer received

Follow-up needed: Yes / No

Reference number

## Contact record 4

Date

Organization

Contact person

Phone / email

Question

Answer received

Follow-up needed: Yes / No

Reference number



# Contact & Verification Log

## Contact record 5

Date

Organization

Contact person

Phone / email

Question

Answer received

Follow-up needed: Yes / No

Reference number

## Notes

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# My Pet's Travel Profile

## Identification

Pet's name

Species

Breed / mix

Sex

Date of birth or estimated age

Weight

Color / markings

Microchip number

Veterinarian

## Current medications

## Allergies

## Photograph of your pet



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# My Pet's Travel Profile

## Medical conditions

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## Behavior / handling notes

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## Food / feeding needs

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# Veterinary Travel Record

## Microchip

Microchip number

Implanted date

Clinic / facility

## Rabies titer test

Sample date

Laboratory

Result

Pass date

## Rabies vaccinations

Date

Vaccine

Manufacturer / lot

Expiration

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# Veterinary Travel Record

## Parasite / flea / tick treatment

Date

Product

Notes

## Veterinary appointment log

Date

Provider / clinic

Purpose

Follow-up

## Health certificate / export paperwork

Issue date

Endorsement date

Expiry date

Document number

Issuing authority /  
veterinarian

Notes





# Pet Relocation Travel Day Checklist

## 1 · Before leaving home

- ☐ Feed pet a light meal \_\_\_ hours before travel
- ☐ Offer water and allow bathroom break
- ☐ Exercise / short walk
- ☐ Final crate setup & comfort check
- ☐ Attach ID tag to collar (if used)
- ☐ Place comfort item in crate
- ☐ Calm pet and keep environment quiet
- ☐ House secured and keys / items ready

## 2 · Airport check-in

- ☐ Arrive early (recommended \_\_\_ hours)
- ☐ Pet relief area visit
- ☐ Check-in counter located
- ☐ Declare live animal at check-in
- ☐ Pay any pet travel fees
- ☐ Security / screening completed
- ☐ Boarding pass & bag tag received



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# Pet Relocation Travel Day Checklist

## 3 · Documents ready

Microchip number

Health certificate (issue date)

Vaccination records (rabies)

Import / export permit (if required)

Airline approval / booking reference

Other required documents

## 4 · Crate check

- ☐ Crate size approved by airline
- ☐ Crate clean & dry
- ☐ Ventilation adequate
- ☐ Bedding / absorbent pad in place
- ☐ Water container attached
- ☐ Food (if allowed) secured
- ☐ Name, phone and destination on crate
- ☐ "Live Animal" / "This Side Up" stickers



# Pet Relocation Travel Day Checklist

## 5 · Flight details

Airline

Booking / confirmation  
number

Flight number

Date

Departure airport

Departure time

Arrival time

Layovers

Special handling notes

## 6 · Arrival plan

Pickup person / contact

Phone number

Pickup point (terminal / cargo  
/ other)

Ground transport

Travel time to destination

Local vet (name & phone)



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# Pet Relocation Travel Day Checklist

## 7 · First 24 hours

- ☐ Pet quiet & safe space prepared
- ☐ Offer water and a small meal (if appropriate)
- ☐ Allow time to settle & decompress
- ☐ Check for signs of stress or discomfort
- ☐ Remove travel crate after settling (if safe)
- ☐ Follow up with local vet if needed

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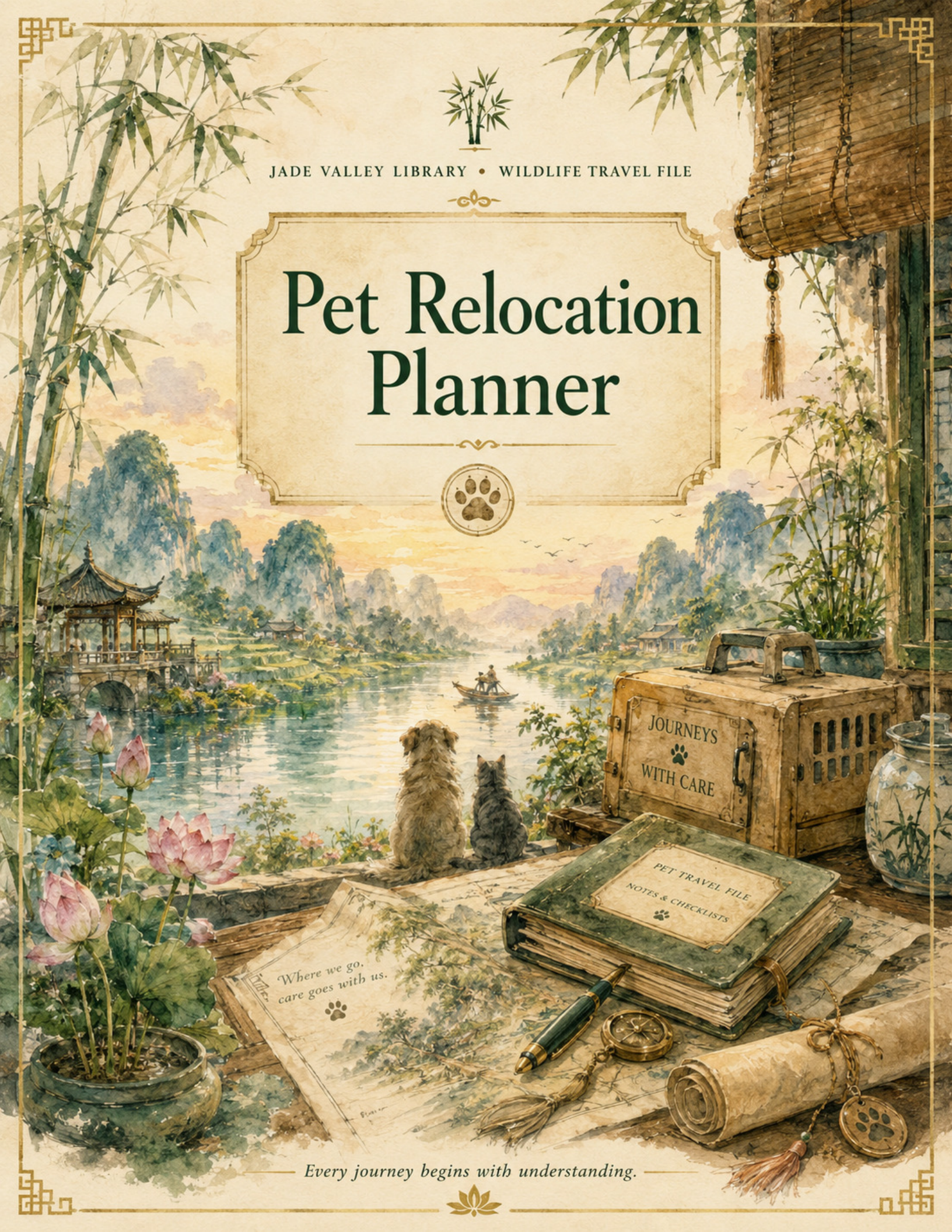




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# Pet Relocation Planner



Where we go,  
care goes with us.



Every journey begins with understanding.

