

Burmese are usually great travelers especially if they have travelled regularly as kittens. Regular small trips initially are a fantastic way to get your new kitten familiar with car travel.

We have a number of clients that have motor homes and caravans that have done extensive trips with their Burmese. We also have clients that fly their Burmese with them to their holiday home. (Please note that not all airlines accommodate for traveling pets see further info below).

Where possible I recommend that a new owner tries to spend a minimum of 36 hours at home with a new kitten to settle them in regardless of the travel circumstances required to get the kitten home. (If travel is required please see the "IMPORTANT" note towards the bottom of this page). If you need to leave the home within this 36 hour period try to keep the time you are away to a minimum. Establishing your house rules early is essential and there is more information on doing this in your kittens folder provided and in the User Menu that you can access when you login to our website.

There are a few things to keep in mind when travelling with your cat...

1. If your traveling in a car - do you have a **litter tray** option that you cat can access when you stop? Something like the modkat is Fantastic as the enclosed unit is going to limit the spill factor and contain the mess better. The liner is also easy to clean if required.
2. BY LAW: Domestic **pets MUST BE CONTAINED** while the car is in motion. Don't let your cat sit on your lap or walk around the car. This is extremely dangerous and illegal.
2. Taking small **plastic contains with lids for food and water** is a great idea for your cat. This give your cat the opportunity for a snack break when you stop for a break yourself.
3. Offering your cat **access to water every 2 hours** is essential for car travel.

4. Cats traveling by air are cared for by ground crew and confined in temperature controlled holding areas but may need **access to food and water upon collection**. Please ensure you have suitable containers of food and water for this to occur.

5. Cats traveling by air are often Zip-tied into their carry boxes for extra security. Please ensure you **take scissors** to the airport with you to cut off any zip ties.

6. If you expect your cat may not have access to a litter tray for an extended period of time (eg long haul flight) I would recommend you consider the following....

- Use a travel mat (see My Store - Travel Mat) for further information.

- take **a new clean carry box with a clean town in the bottom** of it with you so you can swap the cat into it if required.

- Alternatively invest in some **baby wipes/wet ones and take some spare towels** so you can clean up any mess and start fresh. A

plastic bag

to put any soiled items in will be necessary.

If you intend to fly your cat to a destination we have information on this topic under the FAQ menu "Kittens to interstate and O.S" Qantas does have pet transport services and you can also call AAE to find out additional information about what is required. You may also chose to use a pet transport service such as Jetpets.

Once you have your kitten settled in I would recommend you **don't do big trips** for the first **month** (small car trips to and from the vet etc are fine and recommended for cats that will need to travel down the track). Let

your kitten settle in to their new home and become familiar with that environment and those rules before travelling with them to a different location with different rules. Traveling can cause tummy upsets and can be a little stressful for some animals especially air travel where they are often confined to areas with other stressed animals (incl. barking dogs).

IMPORTANT: Please also consider that if you intend to fly your kitten or take your kitten to a location where other animals reside you will need to consider the health of your new kitten and the health of the animals the kitten will be residing with upon arrival. Please also consider the health of the animals that they may be travelling with (eg on a flight). Your kitten may be sitting on a flight next to a cat with cat flu and if your kitten is not fully vaccinated this **WILL PUT THEM AT RISK!** Similarly even if you already own a cat that appears perfectly healthy there are numerous diseases, viruses and ailments that can be passed onto any kitten that isn't fully vaccinated. Stressed animals are more likely to shed certain virus.