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## How to Live in Two States Successfully with Pets

Suppose you plan to move to a new state permanently, but you still have a primary residence elsewhere. If you're still trying to learn the ropes of what it's like to live in multiple states at once, especially when you have pets, here are some handy tips from [Friends Involved in Dog Outreach](#) on how to do it successfully.

### Make sure your pet is comfortable

If you're the typical American, chances are you probably have a pet or two you want to take with you to reside in two residences, too. In this case, you'll want your pet to be as comfortable as can be, especially if you do plan on going back and forth quite frequently. For example, you may decide to stock up on double the [pet essentials](#), such as extra toys, an additional dog bed, a harness, etc., so that your pet is comfortable wherever they may be. Before you do end up splurging on those products that are sure to delight your pet, be sure to read up on trusted reviews from industry experts such as veterinarians to ensure the products you are buying are up to scratch and are worth the money you're spending for it.

## Cutting down on expenses

If you don't want to be paying double for everything, then now might be the ideal time to look into areas that you can save on. For example, you should weigh up your options when it comes to health care insurance and even pet care insurance to see which state offers more affordable premiums. Furthermore, you could reduce your household expenditure by opting for live-streaming instead of having to pay monthly for cable times two. The same applies to reducing your energy bill when you're not at either of your residences by [unplugging electrical appliances](#) and devices when not in use, fixing any leaky faucets, making sure all ducts are sealed as well as making sure that [your thermostat functions correctly](#); this can go a long way in reducing your energy bill. The same applies to reducing your food bill by [stocking up on non-perishables](#) and freezing consumables that can be frozen until a later date.

## Interesting stats about states you want to know about

- The cost of living in [South Carolina](#) is lower than the national average, which means it is an affordable option if you are planning on investing in a home here.
- The cost of storage in Texas is an excellent option if you want to store items safely in a self-storage unit for the time being. There are [storage options in your community](#) for as little as \$58 a month for a 5'x5' storage unit.
- Pet care services are excellent in Portland, as you're likely to find plenty of [affordable pet sitters](#) to watch over your pets for you while you take care of errands.
- If you're looking for home repair services, then North Dakota has plenty of reputable handymen to repair the odds and ends in your home.
- [Massachusetts](#) is another state where you'll find top-notch healthcare.

In the end, if you are swapping and changing between states, then it's always a good idea to do your homework regarding where you're likely to save the most as well as where you'll likely to live the most affordably. To help support pets and their owners, volunteer with or donate to [Friends Involved in Dog Outreach](#) today!