

Benefiting animals in need at the Humane Society of Missouri

# PREPARING FOR YOUR PET'S HAPPY VISIT



## Before You Leave Home

- -Make sure your dog is hungry. He'll be getting lots of yummy treats today!
- -Pack a bunch of very small (1/4 inch) treats, a couple of your dogs's favorite toys, and his brush (if he likes it).
- -Take your dog out to potty.
- -Make sure he is comfortable with the car or get him used to it before your appointment day.



#### The Car

- -Use a crate or dog seat belt to keep your dog safe and secure.
- -Play calming music and keep the temperature comfortable.
- -Make sure your dog is relaxed during transport.
- -If you need tips on getting your dog comfortable with car rids, let us know.



### When you Arrive

- -Give your dog a treat after you've parked the car.
- -Use a regular/non-retractable leash.
- -Offer your dog treats when approaching the building.
- -Give more treats when entering AMCMA.
- -Check in at the front desk.



#### In Our Clinic

Our goal is to make our veterinary clinic a fun and relaxing place:

- -Let your dog sniff the lobby, but avoid other people and pets.
- -Let your dog explore the scale.
- -Toss treats on the scale and give treats if he climbs on it.
- -In the exam room, offer treats.
- -If he wants to play, play!



#### What You'll Notice

Our team is specially trained to make interactions with your dog as pleasant as possible. You will notice we:

- -Avoid eye contact with your dog.
- -Turn sideways, allowing your dog to approach us.
- -Move smoothly and calmly.
- -Use a slow and soft tone.
- -Offer your dog lots of encouragment.

For more fear free tips, visit: www.AMCMA.org