



Discovery Yachting is pet friendly

We in Discovery Yachting absolutely adore our little furry friends, and we understand that our clients as well, would miss their dog, or their cat, or any other pet, during their holidays. For many of us, going on holiday and leaving our pet behind, is like leaving a family member, and we can totally relate to that: our beloved Richie and her cousin Nalla, two little Maltese dogs, loves cruising with our motor yacht, and are true furry sailor. We always plan on where to go and always pay attention to our surroundings to keep them safe, and of course there is always a bit of paperwork to be done, but the happiness on their muzzles, and the constant tail-wagging, really makes us forget any troubles.

Our primary aim is not only to keep our clients happy, but to make them feel like home, and home is always where our pet is. In order for all of us to be prepared for your charter, there are some simple steps we can suggest you follow:



Richie sailing the Ionian Islands 🗟 GR

We will need to know in advance that you intend to bring your pet with you

This way we will know how to properly prepare the yacht, and arrange a special cleaning procedure following your departure. Before travelling make sure that your airline is also okay with your pet travelling with you so you will not face any unforeseeable problems.

Make sure that you have their crate with you

It is possible that in some places your dog or cat will not be allowed outside their crates, so you must make sure that you bring it with you, along with the dog's leash and collars.

Get the required documents from your vet

In order for your pet to travel, it must have done all the vaccinations and test needed. We will also need you to send us the pet's health card, just in case. The pet must be healthy in order to be able to travel, since in case something happens, and there is no vet available, the animal will be helpless.

Your pet should be properly identified

We remind you that it better for your pet to be properly identified, using a microchip for example, or a permanent ID with your name and phone number/contact details. The marina is large, and you will be visiting foreign places, so you will have to make sure that your pet if, in the worst-case scenario, gets lost, you will be able to track it the soonest.

Do not forget to bring all necessary supplies

You may not go into a bay for some days, so make sure that you will be equipped with enough food for your pet, drinkable water, and anything else it might need such as medications, pee pads, pet blankets and beds, or collar.

It would be safer if your pet is friendly

Not all pets feel comfortable around many people, or may feel unease in unknown environments. You can try prepare them for the trip, and when you arrive try keeping them close to you and giving them treats, so they can experience the whole procedure in a positive way, and not feel threatened.

We would kindly request that your pet's nails are clipped before the trip

All our yachts are extremely well-maintained, while others are brand new, and as you can understand we will not be always able to repair scratches all around the yacht on high season. It would be safer for us, and for the yachts, if your pet's nails are clipped so you will not risk being charged for any possible damages and/or scratches onboard.

Remember to try to brush/clean your pet before getting back on board

We all love playing at the beach with our dogs. Our little furry friends however, can bring "tons" of dirt on the yacht, and leave hair all over the cushions. We suggest that you try to brush them off board, and try to clean them as good as possible, especially before re-entering the yacht's interior space.

Potty training is important

Dogs are not like people, and sometimes, due to their age or their feelings, they might not be able to control their needs. We suggest that you make sure that your dog is properly potty trained, plan short sailing trips so the dog can go out for a walk, and as mentioned above, have some dog diapers along. Please note that the dog should not pee anywhere on the yacht, not even on hard surfaces inside our outside the yacht, except on their dog diapers (as an emergency solution). If you bring along your cats, a frequently cleaned cat litter box on the exterior space of the yacht would be enough.



Nalla relaxing on her favorite pillow 🔮

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How to help your pet feel more comfortable and happier?

Select your arrival and departure flights carefully

Try to find early morning or late-night flights in order to avoid extreme heat, since Greece has a quite warm weather during the day.

Prepare your pet for the trip

Give it enough water, take it for a walk, and make sure to give it a light meal. Do not forget to pack his favorite toys or any other comfort item. We suggest that you bring your pet's blankets, something that will make them feel safer and like home. We also recommend to avoid sedatives and we remind you that the blankets we provide are to be used strictly by the clients, and not to be used as carpets for the pet.

Play time

We highly suggest playing at the beach, or when off the yacht. Your pet may not always be careful and may fall off the yacht, or scratch by accident the floors. Having their favorite toys along can keep them entertained when onboard. When at the beach we suggest that you make sure that the other people there feel comfortable with your pet, and that they are not under any risk of attack.

If your pet has never been on a yacht before, make sure that they will be comfortable with the experience.

Maybe another dog of yours really enjoyed it, but each pet is different and has its own personality. Try to see how they would react in a similar situation, so the transition from on situation to another will be easier for them.

Maybe consider ordering a safety net?

Our pets do not always sense all kinds of danger as we do, and we have to take extra precautions to keep them safe and sound. If ordered, we can make sure that a safety net will be in place when you arrive, so you can feel relaxed, while your pet will run around the yacht. Some rubber mats (anti-slippery mats) could also be proven useful on the exterior part of the yacht.

We suggest that you bring along your pet's life jacket.

We know that many pets learn how to swim, but in any unfortunate occasion, a life vest could save their lives, and prevent any bad outcomes.

Keep in mind that a pet may frequently need to go in a cool and shaded areas.

Pets can also get sea-sick, so we must always have cool water available, and keep them away from too much sun, to avoid dehydration or heat strokes.



Richie in action 🐒



You can find may useful information regarding precautions and other suggestions in this link: https://www.iata.org/en/programs/cargo/live-animals/pets/#tab-4

We trust our clients that when bringing their pets, small or larger, they will always respect our yachts, and make sure that no damages will be done. Especially when bringing puppies, we suggest to our clients to be extra careful, since they may probably want to chew everything, and then for us as a company it would be difficult to make it on time and fix any possible damage on time before the next client arrives. We believe that the respect we have for our clients, is reflected to them, and from them to the next clients, since we all want every procedure to go along smoothly.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of you onboard.1

Sincerely (or woof, or meow, maybe?),

Discovery Yachting team



Nalla is waiting to welcome you onboard 🛳 🔔



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¹ Please note that cleaning fee is double when bringing your pet along, due to the extra time and effort that our crew will need to clean the yacht. You can send us an email to confirm final cleaning price.