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### **ANIMAL HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISORY**

#### **Take Care of Pets During Solar Eclipse**

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Pet owners planning to travel to experience the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, should plan ahead to keep their animals safe and comfortable.

Areas of Indiana where the eclipse will be the most intense (a line, roughly, from Knox County in the west to Randolph County to the east) can expect to see a high volume of vehicular traffic from visiting spectators trying to experience the eclipse. Traffic conditions may delay entering or leaving viewing areas; those accompanied by pets should be prepared for their animals' comfort.

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) offers the following guidance:

1. Leave pets at home, where they would be safer and more comfortable—especially if pets will be in crowded areas, around other animals and unfamiliar people. They may become stressed and behave unpredictably.
2. Be sure to keep pets under your control at all times—safely indoors, on a short leash, or in a crate or carrier.
3. Pack everything you need for your pets' comfort, if you decide to bring them with you (food, crate, leash, meds, toys, water, medications, litter handling, etc.)
4. Be prepared with supplies in case you need to stay a few days extra.
5. Be sure your pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccination—it's Indiana law.
6. Travel with a current certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) if you are coming to Indiana from out-of-state. CVIs must be issued by a veterinarian within 30 days prior to entering Indiana. See the BOAH website for more details: <https://www.in.gov/boah/indiana-entry-health-requirements/>

More details about the total solar eclipse in Indiana are online: [www.eclipse2024.in.gov](http://www.eclipse2024.in.gov)

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