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Military families can adopt for free this weekend

The following are recent highlights from the updated-daily pet blog at RGJ.com/blogs/mostlydogs.

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The Nevada Humane Society hosts a Memorial weekend adoption event from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Monday with dogs and cats \$25 for the general public and free for active-duty military, veterans and their families.

When this was posted online, some folks expressed concern about making it so easy for active-duty military to adopt

NHS ADOPTION INFO
an animal when they can be transferred or shipped out, to the detriment of the animals.

I asked Bonney Brown, NHS executive director, about this and she had a few responses.

First, she said, "We've been revamping our adoption policies to ask: 'If you move, what will you do with your pet?' This will help us better screen and to get people thinking about what they'll do (in the event of a move)."

Next, she said that not everyone in the military abandons their pets when they move and no one should assume they will.



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Finally, she said, that any military folks who must leave and who are concerned about their pets can contact the Nevada Humane Society, which will work with them to place pets in long-term foster care until they get back.

She added, "And, in the worst case scenario, we would take the animal back and adopt the animal out to another family."

Travel products

We got a press release on a couple of new pet travel products that looked interesting:

■ **Kurgo's Auto Zip Line** (seen in photo) features a tension cable that attaches between the two rear passenger side handles, creating a tether run for the dog.

■ **The Backseat Barrier** by Kurgo is a divider that attaches behind the driver and passenger's seats and restricts dogs from moving between the front and back seats of the vehicle.

Travel tips

The press release also contained good travel tips by veterinarian Karen Halligan, author of "Doc Halligan's What Every Pet Owner Should Know." Here are some of her tips:

1. Pets should be wearing a current, legible ID tag at all times.

The tag should include your pet's name; your name, address and phone number; and the name, address and phone number of an alternate person to contact in case you can't be located. (Note: I'm guessing this must mean she suggests three tags.)

2. All pets should have a complete physical exam prior to traveling. No doubt your pet will be stressed when traveling, so you want to make sure she's healthy. This is the time to obtain medication, flea, tick or heartworm preventative as well.

3. Book lodging ahead of time. While there are hundreds of hotels opening their doors to pets, those accommodations fill up quickly. Be sure to check on any restrictions as many hotels have weight limits for dogs.

4. Pack plenty of water and your pet's normal food. Always bring more food than you think you need, as well as plenty of water in case reliable water sources are not available. Never let your pet drink from unknown sources.