

The 1998 edition of *Bon Voyage, But...* includes the names of insurance companies that may address your specific needs.

Regulations for Pets

If you are planning to take your pet overseas, call the host country's embassy or consulate in Canada well in advance of your departure to obtain information on all the necessary requirements. At a minimum, your pet will need vaccinations and a detailed health certificate. Your pet may also be required to undergo a period of quarantine before entering another country. When you are planning to return home, you may need to follow similar procedures and present a certificate stating that the pet was vaccinated for rabies within the preceding three years.

For more information, contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at (613) 759-1572.

Practical and Financial Issues

Money Matters

Before you leave Canada, make sure that you will have enough money with you to get properly settled. Although some compa-

nies may provide a settlement allowance, keep in mind that it may be several weeks before you receive your first pay cheque. Consult a bank or a foreign currency agent to find out the most appropriate currency to take with you. Canadian currency and traveller's cheques in Canadian dollars are not always accepted. Traveller's cheques in U.S. dollars are often the safest and most convenient option.

Be aware that your bank machine card or credit card may not necessarily be usable or honoured in another country.

Planning Your Finances

Before leaving Canada, make sure that you have settled all your financial obligations or make arrangements to do so while you are working abroad. This may involve setting up automatic payments from your Canadian bank account to cover outstanding or ongoing commitments. You should advise your bank that you will be working overseas and supply your new address. Most banks can provide a variety of services to assist you in managing your finances from outside Canada.