

Road Trip Checklist: What to Pack for Your Pup



Road Trip!

Chances are those are two of your dog's favorite words; dogs love to go places with their favorite people. Whether it's a day outing or a long-distance journey, here's a checklist of what to take along to ensure your pet's safety and comfort on the road.

Collar and ID: Even if your pet is microchipped, make sure she's wearing a collar with current identification. If she gets lost, it's easier for someone to quickly read a tag than access a microchip reader. If you are going on a long trip, consider adding paper tags to her collar with details of the destinations on your route.

Restraints: Whether you are restraining your dog in a doggie booster seat, using a harness/seat-belt attachment, a zip line system, or a barrier, keep the leash handy so that its easy to clip on to a collar or harness for potty breaks along the way. Pets must be restrained for their safety as well as for the safety of other passengers as well as for the safety of others on the road.

Pet Travel Kit: Make sure you have plenty of water to keep your pet properly hydrated en route. The Homeaway Travel kit is a useful accessory because it contains:

- Travel bowls
- Containers for water and food.

There's also room in the travel bag for other essentials such as:

- Poop bags
- Doggie sunscreen
- Toys
- Documents such as prescriptions and vet certificates which you may have to produce in a hotel

Pet Bed: Consider placing a pet bed on the backseat or the cargo section. You can use it at your destination too.

Medications: It's a good idea to pack medications in a small cool bag. Include a bag of real ice, which you can give to your pet to lick en route too. Consider adding something herbal such as Rescue Remedy to the water bowl if you pet gets over anxious about traveling. There are prescription medications for motion sickness too. Your veterinarian will advise how to administer.

Bone Voyage!