



Safe Travel With Your Pets

Traveling with pets can be stressful for both animals and owners. Planning ahead and following basic safety tips can help keep your dog or cat safe, comfortable, and calm during travel.

Use Proper Restraints

Pets should always travel secured. Use crash-tested harnesses, secured carriers, or crates whenever possible. Loose pets can become injured during sudden stops or accidents.

Never Leave Pets in Hot Cars

Temperatures inside vehicles rise dangerously fast, even with windows cracked. Heatstroke can become fatal within minutes.

Take Regular Breaks

During long trips, stop regularly for water, bathroom breaks, and short walks for dogs. Keep cats safely secured when doors are opened.

Bring Essentials

Pack food, water, medications, leashes, waste bags, bowls, litter supplies, blankets, and comfort items from home.

Update Identification

Make sure collars, tags, and microchip information are current before traveling. Travel increases the risk of pets becoming lost.

Keep Pets Calm

Speak calmly and maintain a routine when possible. Some pets benefit from anxiety aids or veterinarian-approved medications.

Secure the Vehicle

Always double-check doors, windows, and carriers before opening the vehicle. Scared pets may bolt unexpectedly.

Watch for Motion Sickness

Drooling, vomiting, whining, panting, or restlessness may indicate motion sickness. Talk to your veterinarian if this happens frequently.

Plan Pet-Friendly Stops

Research pet-friendly hotels, rest stops, and emergency veterinary clinics along your route before traveling.

Emergency Supplies

Carry a basic pet first aid kit, extra water, and copies of vaccination or medical records if possible.

WHEN TO SEEK HELP DURING TRAVEL

Difficulty breathing
Collapse or unresponsiveness
Repeated vomiting or diarrhea
Signs of heatstroke
Severe anxiety or panic
ACTION: Contact a veterinarian or emergency clinic immediately

Preparing before you travel is the best way to keep pets safe and reduce stress for everyone involved.

Pay It Fur-Ward — Love Without Judgement