

Traveling with your dog

It is a good idea to start by taking the dog for short rides around the city. Go to different fun places with your dog. This way the dog will learn that there is a reward after the car trip and will look forward to a ride in the car.

For short trip, remove food at least 2 hours prior to leaving.

For longer trip, do not feed the dog before leaving. Feed after the travel time. Small amount of water can be left in the carrier or not. Plan for frequent rest stops to exercise your dog.

Tips

- your dog may feel more secure if confined in a well-ventilated and sturdy crate;
- exercise your dog before leaving;
- small water bowl can be left in the carrier or not;
- plan on taking frequent rest stops;
- don't forget the food and bring water from home or get bottled water;
- have your dog's general health evaluated by your veterinarian ahead of time;
- ask the vet if there are any diseases, parasites, such as heartworms, fleas, etc., in the area you are going;
- vaccinations should be up-to-date and bring the certificate with you;
- make sure that your dog is wearing **identification tags** at all time;
- **never** let your dog ride in the back of an open vehicle. The dog could bounce or jump from the moving vehicle.

Etiquette

- call ahead to make sure dogs are allowed and ask about pet policies;
- take your dog only in designated or animal-approved areas;
- keep your dog on leash at all time;
- **always** clean up after your dog;
- bring a crate in the room;
- try not to leave the dog alone in the room;
- if you can't take the dog with you, confine the dog and place the Do Not Disturb sign on the door;
- keep your dog quiet;
- you may want to leave a little extra tip for the housekeeper.

What to take

- crate or carrier
- crate pad or bedding
- collar with **ID tags** and a leash
- food and water dishes
- an ample supply of food
- healthy treats
- favorite toy
- bottled water from home
- cooler with ice
- grooming supplies
- first-aid kit