

10 Tips for car travel with your dog

- 1) Make sure your dog is secure in the car (to prevent injury to the dog or you and to comply with safe driving legislation) with one of the following options:
 - a. behind the back seats with a dog guard in an estate car
 - b. secure on the back seat with a car harness
 - c. Inside a dog carrier (small dogs) or cage which is secured within the car.



- 2) Make sure you take frequent rest stops
- 3) Always have water and a drinking bowl on board



- 4) Avoid feeding immediately before you travel - ideally allow 2 hours between a meal and the journey starting. Take a clean-up kit in case of accidents

- 5) Before setting off take your dog for a long walk so they are tired (and have toileted)

- 6) Make sure there is adequate ventilation and that the temperature inside the vehicle will be comfortable

- 7) Take dog chews but only if you can have a passenger to supervise whilst in the car

- 8) Remember the dog lead, harness, crate, toys, blanket, pet food and medicines (and up to date pet passport if needed) for the duration of your stay

- 9) Take emergency contact numbers including microchip details, insurance and vets near your destination

- 10) Make sure your dog is wearing a collar with an ID tag – including numbers that you can be reached on whilst you are away. There is no point in having your home phone number on there if you are not at home!

