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Whether it's a weekend road trip or a big move across the country, traveling with your dog can be a fun and rewarding experience — if you plan ahead! Here's what you need to know to keep your pup safe, comfortable, and happy on the go.

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Before You Travel

- **Visit your vet:** Make sure vaccinations are up-to-date and ask for a copy of health records to take with you.
- **ID and microchip:** Ensure your dog is microchipped and wears a collar with up-to-date tags.
- **Practice runs:** If your dog isn't used to car rides or carriers, try a few short trips first.

Packing Checklist

- Leash, harness, and collar
- Food and water (with bowls)
- Bed or blanket that smells like home
- Favorite toys or chew items
- Waste bags and cleanup supplies
- First-aid kit

Traveling by Car

- **Use a crate or dog seatbelt:** It's safer for both of you!
- **Take breaks every 2-3 hours:** Let your dog stretch, go potty, and hydrate.
- **Never leave your dog in a parked car:** Even on mild days, cars heat up quickly.

Flying with Your Dog

- **Check airline policies:** Every airline has its own rules about pets.
- **Use an airline-approved carrier:** Your dog should be able to stand and turn around comfortably.
- **Book a direct flight:** It reduces stress and risk of mishandling.

Staying in Hotels or Rentals

- **Confirm pet-friendliness in advance:** Not all listings allow pets, and some have restrictions.
- **Bring your own bedding:** It helps your dog feel more at ease in a new place.
- **Respect the space:** Keep your dog leashed and clean up after them.

"The journey is better with a four-legged co-pilot."

— Unknown

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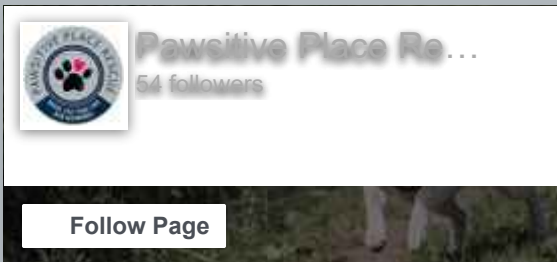


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