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*Making a difference for dogs*

## Information Guide

# Road travel with your dog



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### Always

- Consider the weather and your journey in advance, especially if you don't have air conditioning in your car. Think about whether the journey for your dog is absolutely necessary.
- Make sure your dog has plenty of space in the car and isn't squashed or forced to sit in direct sunlight.
- Always make sure there is shade provided, even in an air conditioned car a dog can become too hot if in full sun.
- Make sure plenty of stops are taken with lots of water available to drink.
- Take cold water in a thermos rather than a plastic bottle so it stays cold rather than being luke warm. Ice cubes are helpful in a thermos for cooling too.
- Always remember to clean up after your dog in a public place.
- Ensure your dog is kept on a lead in all public places.

### Never

- Leave a dog unattended in a car, even with the window open and water available. Take them out of the car and leave them in a secure, cool place with access to shade and water.
- Let your dog take part in unnecessary exertion or stand in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.



## Recommendations

- Gradually accustom your dog to car travel by first taking your dog on short journeys.
- Make sure your dog wears an identification collar tag with your current contact details written on it. The Control of Dogs Order 1992 advises that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it, or an identification tag. Your telephone number is optional. The Kennel Club can provide these tags.



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- Take a photograph of your dog so that you can accurately describe it should it go missing, as well as giving you an up to date image you could use on lost pet posters.
- Train your dog not to bark or move around excessively whilst your vehicle is moving, as this can be very distracting to the driver.
- Transport your dog safely, preferably by using a special dog guard, dog cage or canine harness.
- If your dog does go missing you'll be glad to have proper insurance which can help with the costs of advertising and, if the worst happens, you'll be able to recover the purchase price of your dog. **The Kennel Club Pet Insurance** empowers you to choose cover and benefits to suit you which includes optional cover such as holiday cancellation when you register your new puppy with the Kennel Club.
- **Kennel Club Pet Insurance** is an affordable lifetime pet insurance policy proving peace of mind for you and the best possible protection for your dog.



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**PET INSURANCE**

- **It is compulsory to have your dog microchipped AND ensure your contact details are kept up to date. Petlog** is the largest pet reunification scheme in the UK owned and managed by the Kennel Club. The **Petlog Premium service** can also alert local vets and dog wardens when an owner reports where their pet was lost. **This can be done by telephone or via the Petlog website.** However, it is vital to the effectiveness of this service that people keep their records up to date, including holiday and emergency contact information.



Contact Petlog on  
**01296 336 579** or visit  
**[www.petlog.org.uk](http://www.petlog.org.uk)** to find out more.



- Ensure your dog is sociable and obedient. This can be done through **the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme**, which is a fun and enjoyable way of training your dog and provides essential advice on responsible dog ownership.



For more information call  
**01296 318540**, visit [www.gcds.org.uk](http://www.gcds.org.uk)  
or email [gcds@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gcds@thekennelclub.org.uk)

- Check your breakdown cover to ensure that dogs can be carried by the relay service in the event of a breakdown.



**A TRAINED DOG IS A HAPPY DOG WITH  
THE KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME  
TRAINING CLUBS CAN BE FOUND ALL ACROSS THE UK,  
FIND YOUR LOCAL CLUB AT [WWW.GCDS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.GCDS.ORG.UK)**

Travelling by road can be a stressful experience for dogs and it is important that they feel safe in this environment.

There are many hazards on the road that you should take into account before starting your journey.



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The Kennel Club works to protect and promote the health and welfare of all dogs in the UK. We want happy, healthy dogs living long lives with responsible owners. All profits from the organisation go straight into funding the many programmes run in the best interest of dogs and dog owners and to support the Kennel Club Charitable Trust to re-invest into a wide variety of welfare and health programmes.

Anyone can register their dog with the Kennel Club. By registering you will demonstrate your commitment to your dog's well-being and to the health and welfare of all dogs. You can register online today at **[www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dogregistration](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dogregistration)**.

Whatever your dog's needs, the Kennel Club is here to help and support you.

Find out more by contacting us on **01296 318540**, or visit our website at **[www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)** to find out more about the wonderful world of dogs.

**Additional guides on a wide range of subjects are also available to download from our website at [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk):**

- Breeding for health
- Breeding from your dogs
- Choosing and bringing home the right dog for you
- Common canine poisons in the house and garden
- Do you know dog law?
- Do you know how to look after your dog in its senior years?
- How to get involved in fun activities and competitions with your dog
- How to get started with dog training
- How to register your dog with the Kennel Club
- Introducing dogs to children or babies
- Kennel Club endorsements
- Managing your dog's weight
- Moving house with your dog
- Pet Insurance Guide for dog owners
- Puppy Socialisation
- So you are thinking of working with dogs?
- Thinking of showing your dog in the UK?
- Travelling abroad with your dog
- Why should I Microchip my pet?