

# Traveling with Dogs – Road Tripping

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Leaving your dog behind on vacation is hard for many pet parents. We feel anxious about their well being when cared for by someone other than ourselves. Instead of all of that, choose a road trip vacation and bring your dog along! Beautiful, comfortable, well equipped and furnished pet-friendly rental homes are available in popular vacation locations such as Outer Banks, North Carolina and the Finger Lakes, NY to name a few.



Taking your dog along takes careful planning and consideration for your dog's comfort and safety as well as your own. But how wonderful it is to have them by your side, enjoying the companionship and relaxation they bring to your world!

- 1) **RECORDS:** Bring along current veterinarian records showing all vaccinations, especially rabies. You never know what might come up where you need the care of a veterinarian in the area you are vacationing in. Be sure you have the contact information for your home veterinarian.
- 2) **TRAVEL SAFETY IN THE VEHICLE:** Ensure your dog is "travel safe" by keeping him from roaming freely in the car. Use products like Ezydog's CLICK adjustable car restraint that clicks into your seat belt clip and attaches on his harness, a travel safety vest harness, or a crate. Check out Sleepypod's ClickIt Sport or ClickiT Terrain. These products are to keep him from hurling about loosely in the car should an accident occur and prevents him from jumping out of the car without a leash during potty stops.
- 3) **PLANNING:** Before leaving on your trip, think about safe places to stop along the way to take potty breaks and eat while traveling. Identify pet-friendly eating-places along the way and at your vacation location. Refer to sites like [www.dogfriendly.com](http://www.dogfriendly.com) and [www.bringfido.com](http://www.bringfido.com). Research veterinarians located near your final destination and have their contact information easily available to you, should the need arise.
- 4) **SUPPLIESTRAVEL BAG, FOOD, and WATER :** Pack your own canine supplies travel bag for the road. Include poop pickup bags, human hand cleaner, dog snacks, water and a water bowl, paper towels, baby wipes, urine cleanup spray, and a stocked pet first aid kit. Take along a large beach towel; it could come in handy for lifting your dog or for cleanup. Pack enough food and water for the trip, plus extra in case of a trip delay enroute. If your dog is an anxious traveler, be sure to have natural calming treats in the kit and give them a half and hour before leaving and repeat as necessary.

- 5) **FAVORITE THINGS:** Pack regular foods, treats and supplements. Now is not the time to change the diet up. Include grooming supplies, favorite dog bed, blanket and familiar, favorite toys. Pack whatever will help your dog feel comforted in the vacation house when you are with him or when you leave him there while out and about.
- 6) **TAGS:** Your dog should be wearing an ID tag with your current contact information, rabies tag, and microchip tag. A dog can never have too many ways to identify him or her should he or she get lost.
- 7) **BE A GREAT HOUSE GUEST WHEN YOU'VE ALL HAPPILY ARRIVED AT YOUR DESTINATION:** If your dog likes to snuggle on couches and beds, bring along a couple of blankets to cover them, protecting the items in the house. You know your dog best, so if he or she likes chewing remote controls, place them up out of reach. Notify your rental agency if your dog does damage anything.

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