

Dog Travel Checklist

Be prepared for a safer, smoother, and more enjoyable trip with your pup.



Food & Daily Essentials

Keep your dog's routine as normal as possible.

- ☐ Dog food (enough for the trip + extra)
- ☐ Portable food containers
- ☐ Water (and a travel water bowl)
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Medications and supplements
- ☐ Feeding schedule/notes (if needed)



Comfort & Cleanup

Help them feel at home, wherever you go.

- ☐ Travel bed or familiar blanket
- ☐ Favorite toy(s)
- ☐ Crate or travel carrier (if needed)
- ☐ Dog seat cover or car hammock
- ☐ Waste bags
- ☐ Pet-safe wipes (paws, face, coat)
- ☐ Towels (for muddy or wet paws)
- ☐ Lint roller (for your car/clothes)



Health & Safety

Be ready for the unexpected.

- ☐ Up-to-date vaccinations (as required)
- ☐ Health record or vet contact info
- ☐ Pet ID tags (with current phone number)
- ☐ Harness and leash (well-fitted)
- ☐ Car safety harness or seat belt
- ☐ Flea, tick, and heartworm prevention
- ☐ Pet first aid kit
- ☐ Copy of any prescriptions (in case of loss)
- ☐ Emergency vet locations (at your destination)



Before You Leave

A quick check to make sure you're ready.

- ☐ Confirm pet-friendly accommodations
- ☐ Check travel rules (airline, hotel, park, etc.)
- ☐ Plan regular potty breaks
- ☐ Pack all essentials (use this checklist)
- ☐ Exercise your dog before travel
- ☐ Make sure your dog has water before departure
- ☐ Double-check leash, harness, and ID tags
- ☐ Check the weather and pack accordingly



For Car Travel

Keep your pup safe and comfortable on the road.

- ☐ Dog seat belt or crash-tested harness
- ☐ Well-ventilated and comfortable space
- ☐ Regular stops for potty breaks, water, and stretching
- ☐ Keep them cool (avoid leaving in hot cars)
- ☐ Secure all gear to prevent shifting



For Air Travel

Follow airline requirements and keep your dog comfortable.

- ☐ Check airline pet policy and size limits
- ☐ Use an airline-approved carrier
- ☐ Add a familiar blanket or toy
- ☐ Label carrier with your contact info
- ☐ Bring health records (if required)
- ☐ Plan for extra time at the airport



For Outdoor Adventures

Be prepared for hikes, parks, and new places.

- ☐ Leash (required at many parks/trails)
- ☐ Waste bags
- ☐ Plenty of water
- ☐ Portable water bowl
- ☐ Towel (for water play or muddy trails)
- ☐ Dog-friendly sunscreen (for nose/ears)
- ☐ Check for local rules and leash laws
- ☐ Be aware of wildlife and plants



Trip Details

Destination:
Travel Dates:
Accommodati:
Emergency Vet (Name/Phone):



Notes / Special Needs

☐ Special diet:
☐ Medications:
☐ Allergies:
☐ Behavior notes (e.g., anxious,
☐ Other:

