



THE KENNEL CLUB
Making a difference for dogs

Information Guide

Road travel with your dog



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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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.



Visit www.thekennelclubshop.org.uk

- **It is highly recommended that your dog is microchipped and registered with Petlog**, the largest pet reunification scheme in the UK owned and managed by the Kennel Club, as this can prove extremely effective in locating a lost pet. 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, SMS text message 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
0844 4633 999 or visit
www.petlog.org.uk to find out more.

- 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 NEW Kennel Club Healthcare Plan** 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.
- Ensure your dog is in good health before travelling. With pet insurance, you can provide your dog with the best possible treatment if an accident or illness occurs wherever you are. **The Kennel Club Healthcare Plan** provides peace of mind for you and the best possible care and protection for your dog.



**THE KENNEL CLUB
HEALTHCARE PLAN**



For more information call
0800 369 90 90 or visit
www.kcinsurance.co.uk

- 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 **0844 4633 980**
visit **www.gcds.org.uk**
or email **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.





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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.

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.

Whatever your dog's needs, the Kennel Club is here to help and support you. Find out more by contacting us on 0844 4633 980, or visit our website at www.thekennelclub.org.uk and sign up to regular news and features about the wonderful world of dogs.

Additional guides on a wide range of subjects are also available to download from our website at www.doginformation.org.uk:

- Asthma and your dog
- Breeding from your bitch
- Choosing and bringing home the right dog for you
- DNA profiling and parentage analysis services
- Do you know dog law?
- Do you know how to look after your dog in its senior years?
- Do you know what to do if you lose your dog or find a stray?
- Find a rescue dog
- Health screening and the Kennel Club
- How to breed dogs using artificial insemination
- 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
- Kennel Club endorsements
- Moving house with your dog
- So you are thinking of working with dogs?
- Thinking of showing your dog in the UK?
- Thinking of using your dog as a stud?
- Travelling abroad with your dog