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Traveling with Your Pet

Road trips with your pets can be a lot of fun! While planning a trip for you and your pet you'll want to find pet-friendly places to visit and stay. We recommend PetsWelcome.com where you can find listings and reviews for over 25,000 pet-friendly hotels, B&Bs, campgrounds, beaches, and more! The website also has a road trip planner that will help you find pet-friendly places along your route.

Car trips can also be potentially hazardous to your pet. Not securing your pet while traveling can be problematic. A sudden stop or accident can send your pet flying. Also a loose pet in a car could escape by jumping out of an open door before you have them secured. To avoid this, you can purchase a harness for dogs that connect to the seatbelt and the cat-carrier can be secured to the back seat with a seatbelt.



Many dogs and cats do not travel well in a car. Consider speaking with your vet about tranquilizers and motion-sickness pills.

Leaving your pets in a hot car is dangerous as they could suffer a heatstroke. With their fur coat and inability to sweat, your pet could be overcome with heat quicker than you may have thought.

Elapsed Time	Outside Air Temperature (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138

If you must leave your pet in the vehicle for a short amount of time, leave at least two windows open slightly to provide a cross draft of fresh air. You might consider a solar powered fan that will fit in the window. However, we strongly recommend that you DO NOT leave animals in the car in hot climates or during the warmer months as even a short time in a hot vehicle can be injurious to your pet.

It is also a good idea to have access to your pet's vaccine and medical records while you travel. If you will be on a plane, train, bus, or boat, check with the service company what their requirements are for pet travel. Rabies vaccinations are a must for all travel abroad and returning to the United States. Depending on where you're traveling you may need more documents. Be sure to give Caring Hands Animal Hospital a call so we can help you determine your travel needs.



It's a Pet Friendly universe out there...So why not explore it?!?