



Road tripping with your best friend

Decided to take your pet with you on holidays? Fantastic! Taking your pet on holiday with you can be a great way to build your bond and a sure-fire way to ensure your break is spent with your best friend by your side. Still, it's important to take some time and prepare for your trip so that your holiday is safe and relaxing for both of you.

Check out our easy-to-follow checklist below to help ensure your adventure together is memorable for all the right reasons.

Before heading off

- Ensure that your pet's microchip and council registration details are up to date and they are wearing identification tags with contact details
- Pack a first aid kit for your animal
- Ensure any accommodation booked is pet friendly
- Be aware of any specific pest or health concerns related to your destination

On the road

- Contain your animal during travel, in a carrier, crate, or on a harness
- Take regular breaks and allow pets to exercise, eat, drink and relieve themselves
- Ensure your pets have plenty of cool fresh air

When you arrive

- Ensure that in the excitement of your new destination you do not neglect or ignore your pet
- Spend some time reassuring your pet that everything will be fine in your new surrounds - play a game, or simply give them a little affection.
- Be sure that your pets are secured and supervised at all times.
- Check that all fences and gates are secure at your holiday destination.
- Do not leave your pets alone in a strange environment, or with unfamiliar people.

Checklist - what to pack

- > Your pet's regular food and treats (don't forget a can opener if your dog eats tinned food).
- > Familiar bedding and/or a travel crate to sleep in.
- > A vehicle restraint to keep your pet secure. These are widely available and can usually be attached to both your dog's harness or collar and an existing seatbelt in the car.
- > Food and water bowls. Always carry enough bottles of fresh water in case you can't find a tap.
- > Collar/harness and lead.
- > Your dog's favourite toy(s).
- > Grooming equipment including a towel in case your dog gets wet.
- > A 'pooper scooper' and plastic bags to clean up after your dog.
- > Any required medications and a first aid kit.