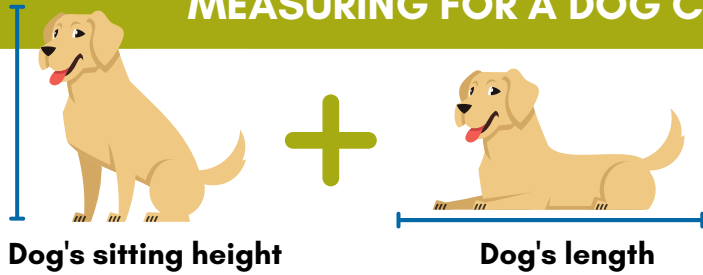


CAR TRAVEL SAFETY for dogs

We recommend that your dog/s are securely fastened via a **harness** in the **back seat** of your car (preferably passenger side) or placed securely in a **crate** in the **boot** of your car

MEASURING FOR A DOG CRATE:



Then **add 5 - 10cm** to ensure their crate allows them enough room to travel comfortably

A dog guard on the boot is not enough; your dog should **also be secured with a harness or pet carrier** to provide optimum comfort and safety

THIS WILL PREVENT A FEW POSSIBLE DANGERS:

Your dog being **knocked around** if any sharp bends or sudden stops

Your dog being **thrown from the car** if an accident occurs



In the event of an accident, confused or afraid **dogs may run** into traffic, other dogs or wildlife if they're **not properly restrained**



RULE 57 OF THE HIGHWAY CODE

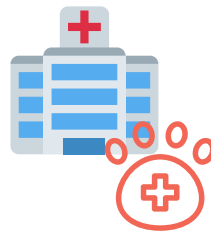
'When in a vehicle make sure dogs or other animals are suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly. A seat belt harness, pet carrier, dog cage or dog guard are ways of restraining animals in cars.'

FOLLOWING THIS RULE PREVENTS A FEW POSSIBLE DANGERS:

Your dog distracting you whilst driving and causing an accident



Your dog seriously injuring themselves, or you, in the event of an accident or a sudden stop



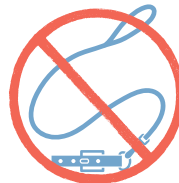
Possibility of your insurance becoming invalid due to your dog not being suitably restrained



We **do not advise** allowing your **dog to travel in the front seat** of a vehicle, even if restrained, because of the **potential distraction** this can cause you when driving, however, if you are going to do this please **ensure the passenger air bag is deactivated**



Turn on child locks for the rear seats' windows and door handles



Neck collars with a lead are not advised, as sudden stop can cause irreversible harm, and even death



In the unlikely event your dog becomes free of their harness, it will **protect them from accidentally opening doors or activating electric windows** that may put them in danger



Harnesses spread the support across the entire upper torso, limiting the likelihood of injury

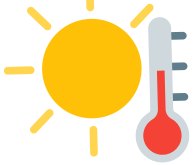


TOP TRAVEL TIPS FOR DOGS

NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG IN A HOT CAR

At 22 degrees outside, a car can heat to an unbearable 47 degrees within an hour leaving a dog unable to reduce their body temperature by panting

HEATSTROKE
CAN BE FATAL



AVOID LEAVING YOUR DOG ALONE IN A CAR WHATEVER THE TEMPERATURE

Reports of **dog theft** have soared in 2020, so leaving your dog alone in a vehicle could make you a target of this heartbreaking crime

VEHICLE ACCLIMATISATION

We recommend training your dog to get used to vehicles from the **earliest possible age** with vehicle acclimatisation and **short journeys initially**

Some dogs are unable to, or are uncomfortable with, jumping into a car. In those situations a **dog ramp** can help your beloved pet climb safely and comfortably into your vehicle



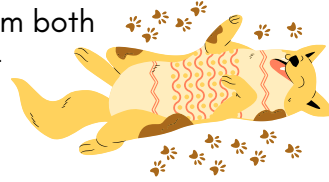
PREPARING THE CAR FOR YOUR DOG

Window shades (like the kind bought for babies) can be used to protect your dog from excessive sunshine and heat

Back seat protection or a double-sided boot mat can save your car from both damage and dirt

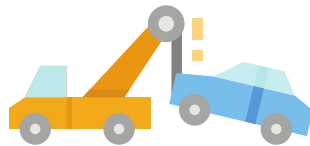


Ensure the area in which your dog will be travelling is set to a **comfortable temperature**



BEFORE TRAVELING

Where possible **exercise** the dog **before** travel to tire them out



Check your **emergency breakdown cover** to find out how your dog would travel in the event of a vehicle recovery



Take a **favourite toy or bedding** to help the dog feel relaxed



Have some **food/treats** with you in case of a breakdown



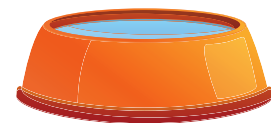
Avoid feeding your dog within the **two hours before** a long journey to **avoid travel sickness**



Keep a **towel** in the car for wiping **muddy paws**

WHILST TRAVELING

If planning a long journey, ensure you allow time for **comfort breaks** for your dog to **let them stretch** their legs and **go to the toilet**



Either provide your dog **access to water** throughout the journey with a **non-spill water bowl**, or ensure you have **enough water** to offer them at **every comfort break**

