

Transporting Your Dog Safely

Preparing to travel with your dog

Start young - Getting your dog used to travelling in a vehicle from a young age will make it much less likely that they become stressed during travel. Short journeys to places like the park and other places they enjoy will make it a more pleasant experience to travel.

Avoid feeding your dog shortly before journeys - may help reduce the likelihood of sickness or other potential health issues.

Take breaks - to allow your dog to stretch its legs, toilet and have a drink.

Ensure your dog is safely restrained in your vehicle - In an accident, an unsecured dog could potentially harm itself and other occupants of the vehicle.

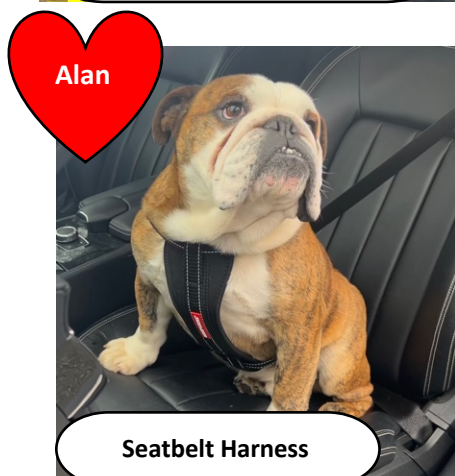
Keep your dog hydrated, cool and well ventilated - vehicles can become dangerously hot very quickly, especially when stationary.

Never leave your dog in a hot car!

Why do dogs need to be restrained in a vehicle?

- Their safety - Help prevent injury to your dog in an accident.
- Your safety - In an accident an unrestrained dog can cause serious injury to other occupants.
- Distracting the driver - Loose dogs can take your mind off the road.
- Insurance - Your policy may not be valid if your dog is not restrained correctly.
- The Law – The Highway Code states that you ‘must make sure dogs or other animals are suitably restrained’.

How can I safely secure my dog in a vehicle?



- An approved, crash tested, seatbelt harness can be used to secure your dog in the rear seats.
- Dog guards help prevent your dog being thrown into the passenger compartment during an accident.
- Tailgate guards secure your dog in the vehicle, even if the tailgate comes open.
- Fitted cages fully contain your dog during transit.
- Front escape hatches on cages allow access to your dog, even if the rear door is damaged in an accident.
- A contact list of relatives, friends and your vet can be a useful addition in case of emergency.