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SAFE TRAVELS WITH YOUR PET

Quick Guide

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About this guide

Volvo Trucks North America and the Center for Pet Safety have teamed up to support drivers and their four-legged co-pilots on the road. This quick guide shares simple, science-based tips to help you travel safely, comfortably, and confidently with your pet—wherever the journey takes you.

Safety first

Keeping your pet restrained or contained is essential. Pet travel products are not required to be crash-tested, which is why the Center for Pet Safety (CPS) created the first independent safety standards after testing hundreds of products.

Pet travel tips

Long trips require breaks every 2-4 hours for stretching, water, and bathroom needs.

- Keep vaccinations and flea/tick/heartworm treatments up to date.
- Microchip your pet and use a collar with ID tags.
- Pack essentials: extra collars, leashes, toys, bowls, food, treats, and bottled water.
- Bring waste bags and clean up after your pet.
- Plan exercise stops. Use **BringFido.com** to find dog parks and pet friendly rest areas along your route.
- Follow local leash laws.
- Carry medical records, medications, and photos of you with your pets. **Free Vet Record Booklet:** [Download here](#)
- Bring a pet first aid kit. **Free First Aid Kit Guide:** [Download here](#)
- Never leave pets in hot cars—heat stroke happens within minutes.
- Locate a veterinarian near your destination before you travel.



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HOTEL TIPS

- Bring a lightweight soft crate to keep your pet secure.
- Potty pads and belly bands help prevent accidents or marking.
- Familiar blankets and comfort items ease stress in a new environment.
- Avoid hotel treats. Stick to your pet’s usual food and snacks to prevent GI upset.

SEASONAL TRAVEL TIPS

Winter travel essentials

- Blankets and towels for warmth and drying.
- Paw wipes to remove salt and brine.
- Potty pads for bad-weather stops.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times.



Summer travel essentials

- Fresh water and a portable bowl.
- Avoid shared public bowls.
- Shade and cooling gear such as cooling collars, mats, or damp towels.
- Watch for heat stroke signs (heavy panting, drooling, vomiting, lethargy).
- Protect paws from hot pavement.
- Never leave pets in hot vehicles.

What to avoid

- ✓ Extension tethers (“pet seatbelts”) and zipline-style products increase the risk of serious injury.
- ✓ Keep heads inside. Open windows can lead to eye injuries from road debris.



Distraction prevention vs. crash protection

- 1 Some harnesses only prevent distraction, while others provide true crash protection. Choose carefully.
- 2 Pets can cause distracted driving. Always secure your pet in the back seat.
- 3 For real crash protection, select a **CPS Certified®** harness, crate, or carrier.

First aid kit basics

The basic supplies for a first aid kit are:

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| ☐ Scissors | ☐ Antiseptic spray or wipes |
| ☐ Tweezers | ☐ Antibiotic ointment (Neosporin) |
| ☐ Cotton balls/swabs | ☐ Rubbing alcohol |
| ☐ 2 rolls of gauze (one can be used to tie a muzzle in a pinch) | ☐ SalinesSolution |
| ☐ Flexible bandage tape | ☐ Hydrogen peroxide |

Other items

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| ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries | ☐ Muzzle (or use gauze if needed) |
| ☐ Bottled water | ☐ Latex gloves / nitro gloves |
| ☐ Light blanket | ☐ Paint stir sticks (they make great splints) |
| ☐ Extra leash | |



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