

Pet Travel: Restraint Boosts Pet Travel Safety

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Road trips with your dog - whether to your local grocery store or on a cross-country vacation - can be some of the best, most memorable times you'll enjoy together.

However, an unrestrained dog can be a serious threat to you and your passengers, distracting you or impairing your ability to drive.

Also, without restraint, your dog can get seriously injured during quick stops, sharp turns, and collisions. For your mutual safety, your dog should be restrained or confined at all times while riding in your vehicle. Thankfully, keeping your dog safe in your vehicle is as simple as selecting a restraint that fits his size and preferences, as well as your budget and vehicle characteristics.

For the best protection, we recommend restraining your dog in a [travel crate](#), or a specially designed [car seat or harness](#). Most dogs will become accustomed to these quickly. However, if your dog simply will not accept being physically restrained, vehicle barriers also work extremely well. Whichever restraint option you choose, never let your dog ride in the front seat where he can be injured by airbags.

Once you've selected a restraint, you're almost ready to hit the road! Regardless of the length of your journey, you should outfit your dog with a [collar](#) and [ID tag](#), should he accidentally get away from you, his name and contact information can bring him home much sooner.

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