

Dog Road-Trip Packing Checklist

A good road trip with a dog starts before you leave: **a secured crate or crash-tested harness, ID that works away from home, the right papers for where you’re going, and a plan for the heat.** Tick everything off the night before.

FILLABLE PDF – TYPE ON A COMPUTER OR TABLET, OR PRINT AND FILL IT IN BY HAND.

DOG'S NAME

MICROCHIP NUMBER

HOME VET PHONE

PACK

- ☐ **Secured crate** your dog can stand, turn and lie down in, or a **crash-tested harness** (look for "Center for Pet Safety Certified")

☐ **Plenty of water**, ideally bottled

☐ **Medications** and a copy of the prescriptions

☐ **Rabies certificate** and vaccine records

☐ **ID tag** plus a temporary tag with your cell and destination

☐ **Towel** and grooming wipes
- ☐ **Food**, bowls and treats for the whole trip

☐ **Leash**, spare collar and waste bags

☐ **First-aid kit**

☐ **Health certificate**, if your destination requires one

☐ **Familiar bed**, blanket or toy

☐ **Recent photo** of your dog, in case you get separated

BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ **Short practice drives** first if your dog isn't used to the car

☐ **Destination rules checked** with your vet (each state sets its own)
- ☐ **Microchip details** updated with your current phone

☐ **Light meal** 3–4 hours before leaving, never in a moving car

Never leave your dog in a parked car. A parked car can heat up almost 20°F in 10 minutes, and a cracked window doesn't help. Heavy panting, drooling, weakness, vomiting or collapse can mean **heatstroke**: get to a vet now.

TRIP LOG

DATE	WHERE	WATER • POTTY	NOTES