

HOW TO SAFELY TRANSPORT YOUR DOG

Read our basic safety tips on safe ways to transport your dog, whether it's a trip to the country or to visit us at the vets.

IN CRATES



Your dog should be transported in a purpose built crate or carrier. It should be:

- Large enough for your dog to move around comfortably
- Not so large that the dog can be tossed around in the crate
- Well ventilated to allow the free movement of fresh air
- Comfortable - line the floor with a 'vetbed' or a sturdy blanket



IN CARS



In the car, dogs must be restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving:

- Travel crates must be secured in the back seat
- If a crate is not an option, then use a dog specific seat belt
- AVOID putting your dog on the front seat of the car
- If that's not possible, make sure the front airbags are turned off

ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Public transport can open up new adventures for you and your dog:

- Check your local carriers' policies on animals on their vehicles
- Try taking your dog for a short ride on a quiet day to see if it's for you
- Avoid escalators and ticket barriers in favour of more dog friendly options
- Don't forget to pack water, treats, poo bags, sanitiser & meals if necessary



ON BIKES

On bikes, small dogs can be carried safely, but...

- You'll need a pet specific carrier
- Larger dogs need a specially adapted bike trailer
- You'll need to familiarise your pet with the experience, somewhere quiet & safe, before venturing out onto the roads



If you need any specific advice, then please do call the practice and we can talk you through any dog transportation questions you might have.