

Spring Tips for Car Travel with your Dog



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Spring is in the Air

Time for getting outdoors, planning vacations, perhaps taking long drives down the coast with your favorite furry family member/s enjoying beautiful days and creating great memories.

Planning ahead for our furry kid's safety and well being is just as important as planning for ourselves.

L.A.dog expert Jaime Van Wye, founder of the [Zoom Room](#) – the first dog agility training franchise in the world. offers the following six tips to ensure pet safety this spring.

If your planning to travel by car, anywhere, not just on a trip

1. **Buckle up your Dog/s**– Humans don't drive without a seat belt and that same mentality should be applied to pets. 30,000 car accidents a year are attributed to unrestrained pets in cars that distract the driver.

Zoom Room recommends the [Clix Car Safe Harness](#) and is available at any one of their many locations.

It was developed to provide safety with comfort while in the car and walking. Simple to use and can click right into the seat belt socket, allowing them the freedom to roam while restrained. If you do not have a Zoom Room close by you can find them via Internet.

1. **Plan ahead** – Contact all hotels in route to make sure they allow pets. Make sure to map out all emergency vet clinics that are along the way and at the final destination. You never know what may happen and you want to be prepared and not panic in the time of need. Make sure their identification tags are up to date and easy to read.
2. **Keep 'em entertained**– Make sure to take their favorite toy/s, blanket's, any type of chew bones they like or those great treat holders that they have to work at to get to the goodies.
3. **Is your pet on medication**– If your pet is on any type of medication, or supplement program, make sure to have enough for the trip and a list with all the details from the prescription bottles with you in case of refill needs.
4. **Bring home with you** – Car sickness inflicts pets and neither you nor your furry friend will be happy with the aroma of dog vomit while driving. Make sure to try and keep everything as normal as possible. Bring their normal food; even consider filling jugs with drinking water from home. Bring their regular bowls. Anything that is important to them everyday should travel with you. Even a dog that does not normally suffer from car sickness can show signs of discomfort when their routines are changed. Discuss your options with their Vet before you leave and try it out prior.
5. **Train for the trip** – Is your dog well trained, do they listen to you on command. When we take them out of their comfort zone, behavior can change.

Zoom Room provides dog owners with last-minute obedience tips so that your spring break trip can be accident – and headache – free. To schedule a private session, contact your [local Zoom Room location](#).

I want to thank Jaime for reminding us of a few things to keep in mind while we begin our travel plans.

Happy Spring: Enjoy every moment