

## SAFETY TIPS

Have fun and keep your furry friends safe with these road trip tips from the **Better Cities For Pets**™ program.



It's no surprise we want pets with us all the time! They make us laugh, keep us active and give us companionship so we don't feel alone.

Taking our dogs and cats with us on vacation means we get more quality time together and don't have to worry about leaving them behind.

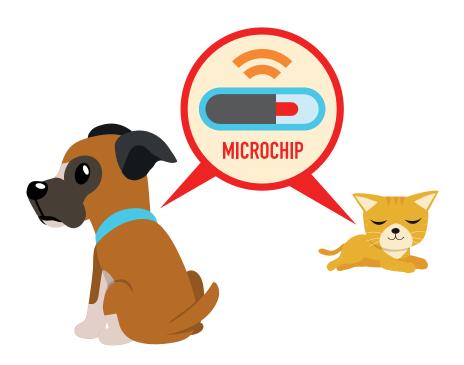
But road trips can come with risks for pets.

They might get lost, be uncomfortable or even get hurt in unfamiliar surroundings.

Use these tips to plan ahead and help keep your furry best friend safe and happy...



Before you go, be sure your pet is microchipped, the chip is registered and that the contact info for the chip is up to date.



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Check with your vet before travel, too, to discuss any issues that might come up and how to be prepared. For example, different regions of the country may have different pests or greater heartworm incidence.



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Keep a secure collar on your pet at all times, and especially when you're traveling. Make sure your phone number is clearly readable on the tag.





Use a harness or kennel while in motion so your pet is secure if you have to brake suddenly. This also helps make sure your pet isn't a distraction while you drive.





Don't let pets hang out the window. They could fall, leap out to chase something they see, or get dust, debris or insects in their eyes or nose from the wind.





When you stop for breaks, always put your pet's leash on before opening the door. You never know if there might be a squirrel or other temptation right outside.





Never leave any pet alone in a car. The temperature inside can rise almost 20 degrees in just 10 minutes, even with the windows cracked.





Carry a photo of you and your pet. If you get separated, it will help with the search and be proof of ownership.



## **BONUS TIP:**

## The Benefits of a Pet Emergency Card

Make sure your pets will be cared for in times of need with a pet emergency card.

If something happens to you, a wallet card can alert authorities that you have a pet at home.

If something happens at home when you're away, a window card tells first responders that one or more pets are inside and need help.

Download cards at bit.ly/PetEmergencyCards



## Thanks for checking out our tips. Have fun on the road!

Your friends from Mars Petcare

When pets are welcome and it's easy to bring them along, people and pets can enjoy all the benefits of being together. The **Better**Cities For Pets<sup>™</sup> program from Mars Petcare aims to help with tools and resources for cities and pet parents. Find out more at BetterCitiesForPets.com.

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