

## Tips for traveling with pets

### Preparation

- Go on some test drives if your pet isn't used to being in the car.
- Watch for motion sickness, veterinarians can prescribe medication.

### What to Bring

- Pet food, water and dishes from home. Don't forget the can opener if you use canned food.
- Medications and the vet's number.
- A cooler with ice. Experts say ice is easier on a pet's stomach than large amounts of water.
- Something to cover the car seats and hotel furniture.
- Leashes and/or harnesses.
- Toys.
- Plastic bags and a scoop.
- Make sure your pet is wearing identification including cell phone numbers.

### On the road

- Find somewhere shady and roomy to stop every few hours.
- Put the leash on before you stop.
- Obey leash laws and don't forget to clean up after your pet.
- Don't leave your pet in the car without air conditioning, even with the windows partially open. Temperatures can rise to more than 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes in the summer.

### When you arrive

- Pay attention to pet policies. Some hotels require damage deposits and damage fees can be steep.
- Check leash laws in town, on beaches and in parks. Some areas won't allow pets at all.
- Bring drinking water. Saltwater can upset a pet's stomach.