

PET CARRIER AND TRAVEL

Etiquette

CARRIER

Pet carriers must be large enough for the rabbit to comfortably lie down and turn around in with room for hay. The carrier should be secure so the animal cannot escape or be injured. There should always be something on the floor of the carrier to help stop them from sliding around and helps make them feel more stable. The carrier should not be so big that they can roll around in it and get injured if a corner is taken too quickly. No matter how long the drive is, it is always recommended to keep hay in their carrier and if you'd like you can give them lettuce as well. If the drive will be several hours it might be necessary to have a bottle of water attached to the carrier.



FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS!

Make sure the carrier's are safely secured in the seat by putting the seatbelt through the carrier handle and clipping them in. Pull the seat belt tight to make sure they won't be moving.

TO THE BACK SEAT!

It's important to put your pet in the back seat of the car. If an airbag deploys while your pet is in the passenger seat (even in a crate), it might injure your pet.

WEATHER WARNING

Keep an eye out to see what the weather will be like when travelling with your furbaby. Temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly rise or fall to levels that could cause your rabbit to suffer or even die.

DON'T LEAVE ME!

A quick stop may feel like no time at all to you but it's too long to leave your pet alone in a car. Heat is a serious hazard, when it's 72°F outside the temperature inside your car can heat up to 116° within only 1 hour. On an 85°F day, even with opening the windows a little, the temperature inside your car can reach 102° in just 10 minutes. Even if you're certain of your timing, you can get held up — in just 30 minutes, you could return to a 120° car and a pet suffering irreversible organ damage or death.

I'M STRESSED

Car rides can be stress inducing for rabbits and so it is important to get them where they need to be and then straight back home to their comfortable environment.