

## General Dog Travel List\*

A general list of what you need to bring along when traveling with your dog

(This is a general list only – for more information, please check with the relevant customs authorities, destinations, etc. before traveling\*\*)

### Vet Certificates and Identification

**Place all of the following information into clear plastic protective document sleeves – these are available at most office supply stores such as Office Place, Business Depot, etc. (also very useful for all of your other important documents – try to get the thicker, ‘no glare’ type for easier viewing). Put them together in a folder, binder, or envelope, and your documents are ready for travel!**

- 1) Kennel Club registration certificate and/or pet passport (check with the authorities to find out what is required)
- 2) Rabies Certificate - bring original and a copy, with your vet/vet clinic’s name and tel. number – a tag is not sufficient
- 3) Other inoculation records/vet health certificate (for plane travel)– original and at least 1 copy
- 4) Spay/neuter certificate – a copy is usually fine (you probably would not need this, but useful to have if you are thinking of visiting a dog park, etc. that requires one).
- 5) Any ownership documents that would be useful if your dog is lost or stolen (and/or a photo of you with your dog)
- 6) Microchip/tattoo number, and telephone number of the microchip registry company
- 7) Photocopies of the tags on your dog’s collar (sometimes these include a dog license tag with a municipal telephone number and identification number, and/or a rabies tag with your vet’s name and number – if your dog is missing, call and alert your vet and municipality, and also check to make certain that they each have your most recent cell phone number, as well as the contact number for the hotel or home where you are staying)
- 8) At least one recent clear photo (preferably 2-3) of your dog – useful if you need to find your missing dog
  - Minimum: one clear full body picture (of your dog with its current grooming style)
  - Optional but useful: Head/face, and two stacking-style photos that each show a full left and right side

### Basics

- 1) 2 leashes (often helpful to have an extra leash around)
- 2) Collar or harness they are wearing, and an extra collar (flat buckle collar is good if you are participating in dog sports)
- 3) Warm coat or shirt, depending on the climate (if a cold/wet climate, or if sun protection is important)
- 4) Water dish
- 5) Food bowl
- 6) Dog food /treats (but make certain to check on customs requirements regarding these if travelling internationally)
- 7) Potty bags/Pee pads/other waste disposal materials
- 8) Water (bottle)
- 9) Favourite toy (for instance, a soft cloth ball or chew toy)
- 10) Crate/travel crate
- 11) Crate pad/blanket/bed
- 12) Old soft towel (multipurpose, it can be used for bathing, in crate, on bed or floor)
- 13) Any medicines – double-check to make certain that there is enough for the duration of the trip
- 14) Any event rule books, etc. (for Rally, Obedience, Agility, etc.) as well as any show schedules, armband numbers, etc.
- 15) Few small zip-lock plastic bags (useful for dog food, treats, protecting small items from water, etc.)

### Grooming (depending on what your dog requires)

- 1) Plastic rubber bands, and/or small bows or ribbons for hair (or whatever you like to use)
- 2) Shampoo
- 3) Conditioner
- 4) Any other grooming/styling products, as preferred (such as gel, hairspray, etc.)
- 5) Small spray bottle (used to dilute these products)
- 6) Small emergency kit, including Styptic clotting powder (also quite useful for your small cuts and scrapes)
- 7) A few small plastic cups (also used as necessary to prepare/dilute products prior to bathing or grooming)
- 8) dryer (or use your own one for humans/someone else’s)
- 9) Eye pads (same cotton ones used by humans to remove makeup; good for cleaning, especially around dog’s eyes)
- 10) Small cotton balls (to protect ears when bathing dog)
- 11) Brushes
- 12) Combs
- 13) Nail file/Nail clippers
- 14) Scissors
- 15) Trimmer/shaver