

Car Safety

An unrestrained dog in the back of a car, in the event of an accident is like an armed missile waiting to be fired. The effect of momentum under hard breaking conditions upon an average sized dog will have disastrous consequences causing injury to either the dog or those seated in the front of the vehicle. There is therefore a responsibility upon the owner to ensure safety whilst travelling. There are several means available to ensure safety.

Car Harness

A correctly fitted car safety harness can be fitted on the dog before getting into the car. A special attachment is connected to one of the cars safety belts once in the car. The action of the tensioner in the seat belt acts in the same way as it does for a human. Car harnesses are usually padded across the chest area to give added protection.

Dog-Guard

There are a whole variety of dog guards available on the market today. I would suggest that a valuable purchase would be a dog guard designed for the make and model of the car. There are universal dog guards available, however a dog with an ounce of athleticism also easily breaches the bars that can be easily extended.

Car Cage

This is an ideal and sure means of transporting a dog. A dog cage that is correctly fitted in the hatch of the vehicle adds security and protection to the dog whilst travelling. Many cages are fitted with a lockable rear gate also allowing the tailgate to be let open or ajar when the dog is left in the car for a short period with relative security. The cage must however be fixed to the car to avoid the cage being removed, with dog inside, by any potential unscrupulous thief.

Basket / Boxes

Some people transport their animals in small animal carriers. Correct restraint whilst travelling is essential for both the animals and passenger safety

