

THE PASTA-APPROVED DOG TRAVEL PACKING CHECKLIST

Field-tested with a 65-lb golden retriever across 15+ states.

THE 12 NON-NEGOTIABLES

- ☐ Food, pre-portioned by meal
- ☐ Collapsible bowls (2)
- ☐ Water bottle with attached bowl
- ☐ Leash + a spare
- ☐ Collar with current ID tag
- ☐ Vaccination records (paper + digital)
- ☐ Waste bags (double your estimate)
- ☐ Bed or blanket from home
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ First-aid kit + medications
- ☐ Current photo of your dog
- ☐ One favorite toy

HEALTH, ID & DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Rabies certificate
- ☐ Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (check destination state)
- ☐ Microchip number written down
- ☐ Microchip registry phone number updated
- ☐ Prescription meds in labeled containers
- ☐ Flea, tick & heartworm prevention
- ☐ Your vet's phone number
- ☐ Nearest 24-hr emergency vet, looked up in advance

SLEEP & COMFORT

- ☐ Bed or blanket - do not wash before the trip
- ☐ Crate or travel pen
- ☐ One familiar toy
- ☐ Calming aid (ask your vet in advance)
- ☐ A worn t-shirt of yours

FOOD & WATER

- ☐ Full trip amount + 2-3 extra days
- ☐ High-value training treats
- ☐ Long-lasting chew
- ☐ Slow feeder or lick mat
- ☐ Water from home (sensitive stomachs)

SAFETY & RESTRAINT

- ☐ Crash-tested harness or secured crate
- ☐ Long line (15-30 ft)
- ☐ Reflective or light-up collar
- ☐ Muzzle (if needed - practice at home first)
- ☐ Paw protection for hot or salted surfaces

CLEANUP & GROOMING

- ☐ Waste bags
- ☐ Towels (at least two)
- ☐ Paw rinse bottle
- ☐ Brush
- ☐ Enzymatic cleaner + paper towels
- ☐ Lint roller
- ☐ Wipes

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- ☐ Seat cover or cargo liner
- ☐ Window shade
- ☐ Water jug in the trunk
- ☐ Poop bags in the door pocket
- ☐ 30 min of real exercise before you leave

ADD FOR FLYING

- ☐ Confirm airline pet policy + temperature embargoes
- ☐ Labeled kennel with your contact info
- ☐ Frozen water dish
- ☐ Absorbent bedding
- ☐ Health certificate within validity window

ADD FOR A FERRY

- ☐ Short leash (not a long line)
- ☐ Mat or towel for a defined spot
- ☐ Warm jacket for you - the dog deck is cold
- ☐ Motion-sickness plan

ADD FOR HOTELS & RENTALS

- ☐ Confirm weight limit in writing
- ☐ Confirm unattended-dog policy
- ☐ Crate
- ☐ Enzymatic cleaner
- ☐ Paw rinse station by the door
- ☐ Lint roller

PACKING TIMELINE

2 weeks out	Check destination state entry rules. Book the vet visit. Confirm hotel weight limit in writing.
1 week out	Update microchip registry phone number. Refill meds. Save the nearest emergency vet.
2 days out	Pre-portion food. Charge everything. Do NOT wash the travel blanket.
Day of	Long walk or run first. Water and waste bags within arm's reach. Photo on your phone.

Planning a trip with a big dog?

Custom itineraries, verified dog-friendly stays, and vet contacts along the route.

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