



Camping with your dog

Checklists for your next adventure with your four-legged friend

Depending on the age of your dog and your own travel preferences, there are different things to consider when planning your journey. These checklists take that into account, so that you and your dog can enjoy your holiday without any worries.

Before starting your journey – when travelling abroad

The Golden Five – Who is allowed to join?

You are not allowed to take more than five pets on private trips. Additionally, the animals must be at least three months old.

It does not matter if you only travel through a country or if it is your holiday destination. The country-specific entry regulations for dogs always apply.

- Check entry and transit regulations for dogs in Europe

Microchips and tattoos

Dogs born in 2012 or later need a chip to be allowed to travel in Europe. Dogs born before 2012 are allowed to travel with a tattoo and the European Pet Pass.

- Is my dog microchipped and/or tattooed?



Your dog's health



Puppies and vaccination

According to EU regulations, puppies are not allowed to enter most countries until they are between 12 and 16 weeks old. This is due to the vaccination against rabies – young dogs may only be vaccinated against rabies at the age of 12 weeks at the earliest. However, the vaccine protection is only fully effective developed three weeks after the vaccination itself.

In some countries, such as Austria, there are exceptions. You need a pet passport and a declaration from a licensed veterinarian that the puppy was only kept at the place of birth (rabies clearance certificate). If the puppy is still dependent on its mother, the mother must be taken along and also fulfil all entry requirements.

Puppies are only allowed to enter the following countries with a full rabies vaccination (12 + min. 3 weeks): Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the UK

- Is my puppy vaccinated?

Rabies and leishmaniasis vaccination



In Europe, multi-year rabies vaccinations are recognised (EU Regulation 998/2003). Depending on the manufacturer, the vaccine protection of long-term vaccines is said to be effective for three to four years.

- Check rabies vaccination

When travelling to southern countries, dogs are at risk of being bitten by sand flies. These bites can lead to a disease called leishmaniasis. Luckily, there is now a vaccination against it. The basic immunisation consists of three vaccinations, which are carried out at three-week intervals. In the following countries, among others, there is a risk of infection through sand flies: France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Turkey, ...

- Is my dog protected against leishmaniasis?



Checklist for planning your journey

Basic information before you start your journey

Heat and long distances are hard on dogs of advanced age and animals with long and/or dark coats. It's time to ask yourself the right questions before planning your trip.

Which climate zone is suitable for my dog?

How far away is my travel destination? Is the distance reasonable for my dog?

How many breaks are necessary during the journey?

Before the start of your journey

Absolutely necessary

- Parasite prophylaxis such as a tick collar or spray
- Pet passport (vaccination certificate)
- Dog poop bags

Arrival by car or recreational vehicle

- Sun protection in the car
- European Pet Passport
- Hygiene set and poop bags
- Towel for your dog's paws
- Dog seat belt and harness
- Short leash and collar
- Your dog's favourite toy
- Cleaners
- Dog blanket
- Dog crate
- Water
- Dog food



When you are on the road or hiking

- Water bottle
- Food bottle and treats
- Poop bags (possibly an odour-proof container / hygiene set if no waste bin is available where you are)
- Towel
- Blanket
- First aid kit (tweezers, gauze bandages, small scissors, disinfectant spray)
- Pet tag, dog collar tag with name and phone number of the dog owner
- European Pet Passport
- Muzzle (compulsory in some countries, e.g. in Austria)



At the campsite

- Travel shower for dogs
- Blanket
- Collar and leash
- Dogsitter and storm peg
- Folding dog crate
- Food and water bowl
- Toys
- Towels
- Treats and chew toys
- Dog food
- Tick tweezers
- Brush



Additional online information

on entry regulations in the EU can be found at the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMLE)

<https://www.bmel.de/> → [artgerechte Tierhaltung](#) → [Haus- und Zootiere](#) ...

on travel diseases and holidays with dogs can be found at the Federal Association for Animal Health (BfT):

www.bft-online.de → [Presse](#) → [Kleintiergesundheit](#) ...