

## Travel recommendations for your new puppy

These are two options I recommend for road trips and it depends on whether or not you plan to stop often and/or have another person to help with the puppy.

1. If traveling alone and/or for long road trips, I recommend setting up an area large enough for them to have a bed and also a litter box to use as needed while you are driving. A kennel 24" to 30" inches [such as this](#)\* should work well. This enables the puppy to potty as needed on his/her own while you are driving.
2. If you plan to stop often or for shorter trips and/or have another person to help, I prefer to have the puppy held and/or sleeping in a small crate when not being held. This would require listening and observing the puppy during the trip. When s/he stirs/whines or cries, he should be taken out as needed to use a litter box outside of his crate. I prefer this option for the best success at potty training. However, for long trips I do like option one.

*\*Please note, I do not recommend using a large crate like this with a litter box inside on a regular basis at home, because they should learn to avoid pottying in their sleeping area. This is only recommended during a long road trip or for temporary situations. At home, I prefer to use a very small crate and have them hold their potty until they can go outside the crate after they are fully crated trained.*

For a travel litter box for one puppy, I use a 6 qt plastic shoe box that comes with a lid from Walmart. I can snap the lid on when not in use and have it ready to go for future trips. It can tip over if the puppy is playing a lot (this is not normally an issue and is more likely to happen when there is more than one puppy). If you have space, I prefer a larger box such as the dishpan linked below.

- [Sterilite 6 Qt. Clear Plastic Storage Box with White Lid](#)
- [The Sterilite 8 Quart Dishpan](#)

During the trip home, please **do NOT set your puppy on the ground/floor or use public pet relief areas to potty**. S/he may not be fully vaccinated and that is a health risk. Also s/he is not used to a collar and leash and using one at this time would be scary and a bad first experience with his/her new people. Putting the puppy on the ground without a leash would not be safe either, in case s/he gets frightened and tries to run away. One person who purchased an adult dog, did set her on the ground to potty at a gas station. She was startled by something, tried to run away and her collar/leash started coming off. The new owner tried to grab her in order to save her which greatly frightened her. This poor girl was traumatized and was afraid of her new owner because of that event for a long time. Please only use a litter box or potty pad inside the vehicle (or in the corner of a restroom stall) during your trip home.

Also please bring Nutrical or equivalent, puppy food and bottled water for the trip home if you have a long drive. I will send a small baggie of the current puppy food to mix with your own.