

# Doggy Ways

## Car Ready

If your dog has never been in a car or is uncomfortable with it, start by gently lifting him and placing him on the seat and giving him a treat. Don't close the car door or start the engine. Play a short game with a favourite toy and give him treats as you play. Then lift him out of the car and start over. Repeat this routine three times and do two or three sessions a day as it fits your schedule.

After several sessions, if your dog seems relaxed, you're ready to start the engine. Place him in the car, give him some treats, play with him, but don't go anywhere. Just keep the engine running for a few minutes while you happily talk to your dog while feeding him treats inside the stationary car.

Again, when your dog is relaxed while the engine is running, it's time to start moving. At this point, most dogs will be ready to go for a ride. If your dog is uncomfortable when the car starts moving, make the trip short. Gradually add more and more distance to your trips.