



AMERICAN  
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# DRIVE SAFELY WITH YOUR DOG!

**Crack your windows** if you want fresh air while driving, but don't open them wide enough to let your dog hang its head out the window. Allowing a dog to hang its head too far out a car window and exposure to wind, dust and flying debris can cause dehydration, conjunctivitis, and ear infections.

**Consider securing your dog** in a crate or with a seat belt extension for dogs (available from pet supply catalogs) when traveling by car.

**If you have a truck**, drive with your dog in the cab or safely secured in a crate or harness designed for pickup trucks (available from pet supply catalogs.) Jumping or being thrown from the back of a truck when you swerve or come to a sudden stop can cause your dog to be hit by another car, as well as broken bones, deep abrasions, and head/chest trauma.



*Never leave your dog in a parked truck or car during the heat of summer.*

## PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR DOG DEPENDS ON YOU TO PROTECT ITS SAFETY!

For more information, visit the American Kennel Club web site

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)