



Automobile Club d'Italia



DRIVING IN ITALY: INFORMATION FOR VISITING MOTORISTS

TRANSPORTING ANIMALS - ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ANIMALS

Only pets can be transported on vehicles. It is necessary to place pets in a way to ensure safe driving.

If transporting more than one pet, motorists must place them in appropriate cages or containers, or in the rear seats as long as they are separated from the driver's seat by a net or any other suitable means authorized by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport. In case of non-compliance, the sanctions provided for in Article 169 paragraph 10 of the Italian Highway Code apply. In the event of an accident involving animals, you must stop and help rescue pets (e.g. dogs, cats), livestock or protected animals. In case of non-compliance, the sanctions provided for in Article 189 paragraph 9-bis of the Italian Highway Code apply. Anyone involved in an accident causing damage to one or more animals must ensure prompt assistance. In case of non-compliance, the sanctions provided for in Article 189 paragraph 9-bis of the Italian Highway Code apply.

Traveling with pets - Tips

- Give your pet the time to get used to traveling by car. Start by letting your pet get into the car a few times when the engine is off so that it can get acquainted with the new space. Afterwards, you can start taking your pet out for short trips
- limit travel time. In case your travel is long, remember to make frequent stops, give your pet fresh water to drink, if possible and if your pet is willing to, let it move out of the car
- allow outer air inside the car. Remember to leave the rear window open to allow air change
- choose the most appropriate safety system. Different pets may require different safety systems. Choose the most suitable system depending on your pet's characteristics.