

Pet-Friendly Boating Checklist

Before You Leave:

- Assess if your pet is comfortable around water and boats
- Schedule a few short boat visits to help your pet adjust
- Research local boating and pet regulations

Safety Gear:

- Properly fitted pet life jacket (bright color + handle)
- Leash and harness
- First aid kit (with pet-specific supplies)
- Pet ID tag with up-to-date information
- Photos of your pet (in case they get lost)

Essentials to Pack:

- Fresh water supply and portable water bowl
- Food and treats
- Pet sunscreen (for light-colored or short-haired pets)
- Waste bags or portable potty solution (grass pad, disposable system)
- Towels for drying off
- Favorite toys and comfort items (blanket, bed, etc.)
- Non-slip mat or pet-safe seating area

Onboard Setup:

- Create a shaded, secure 'safe zone'
- Pet-proof your boat (remove sharp objects, secure loose gear)
- Practice 'stay' and 'come' commands
- Set up a cooling area if it's a hot day

While Boating:

- Keep fresh water available at all times
- Offer regular potty breaks
- Monitor for signs of stress, seasickness, or overheating
- Watch closely around wildlife and other boats
- Use leash when necessary to keep your pet secure

After the Trip:

- Rinse your pet (especially after saltwater exposure)
- Check for cuts, ticks, or irritations
- Reward with treats, praise, and plenty of cuddles!

Happy Boating!