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Many dog owners like to travel with their pets and take them along when they go out to eat.

To address the needs of this growing group, gopetfriendly.com was launched to provide up-to-date pet policies of thousands of hotels, restaurants and parks. And consumers can use the site to trade stories about where they and their four-legged friends felt particularly welcome.

They'll also tell you which businesses accept cats and large dogs.

Take along proof of your pet's vaccination and health records. Also carry your veterinarian's number and the number for the National Animal Poison Control Center, (888) 426-4435.

Here are a couple of other tips from GoPetFriendly.com for your upcoming road trips with pets:

"¢ Bring along a few rolls of paper towels for whatever messes occur and to wipe off muddy paws.

"¢ Wherever you are, dispose of pet waste properly with a supply of bags you have brought along.

Make sure you know and obey local leash laws.

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