

## Dog days of summer: Road trips with Buster entail unique risks, PropertyCasualty360.com, August 5, 2021, by Louie Castoria, Esq.

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Americans are hitting the road for summer trips in record numbers. For many, the specter of contracting COVID-19 is seen fading in the rear-view mirror, not looming ahead. The open road calls more alluring than confinement in a large metal tube at 30,000 feet with sneezing strangers. The family road trip is back, despite high gas prices, and the family dog is often along for the ride now that many hotels are dog-friendly. The dog days of summer are here.

Is it safe to take Buster in the family sedan for the long drive along with the kids, luggage, and sunscreen? Driving a dog anywhere exposes the owner to some risks beyond those to the upholstery and carpet. Laws are on the books in many states to protect dogs from danger and dog owners from liability. Preparing for a trip with the dog requires more than opening the car door and saying, "Hop up, Buster!"

What could possibly go wrong? Dogs and dog owners can create three kinds of risk during a road trip, long or short: dangers to the dog, dangers to the driver and other passengers, and dangers to others.

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