

Traveling with Your Basenji

Traveling by Car

Your Basenji should be comfortable traveling by car. Be sure to find out how your hound travels before starting on a long road trip. If your hound gets carsick when you try him in the car, take him on short neighborhood trips to allow him to become used to the car. Consult your veterinarian for medication to help relieve symptoms of car sickness if required.

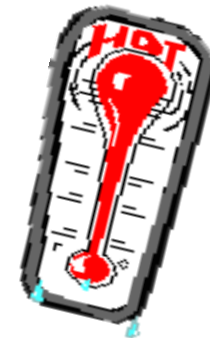


➤ Traveling in a crate is the safest method of travel for your Basenji.

➤ Your dog's chances of surviving an accident are much greater in a crate. A dog riding quietly in a crate is much less distracting than one loose in the car. Leave a leash and collar clipped to the crate. In the event of an accident or fire, you want to be able to take your dog to safety immediately.

- A safety harness is the next best thing to crating your pet.
- Never allow your dog to ride in the back of a pick up truck.
- Don't feed your dog less than two hours before you travel.

Don't leave your dog alone in a parked car. Temperatures can rise to deadly levels (120 degrees inside the car) within five minutes on a warm day.

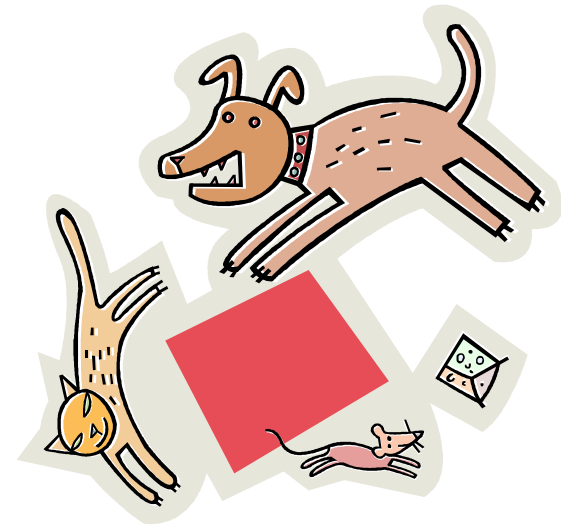


Vacations:

Traveling Responsibly

Although you love your dog, not everyone shares that same feeling. As a responsible dog owner you should never allow your dog to disturb others. Your Basenji should be kept on a leash at all times when not crated. Only take your Basenji along on vacations if he will be welcome at the places you are visiting.

- Whether you are staying overnight or visiting just for the day, make sure that you know the pet policy at your destination.
- Clean up after your dog exercises.
- Motels don't appreciate dog damage in their rooms. Only allow very well behaved dogs to play in the room when you are in attendance. Keep your dog crated while you are not in the room and don't leave your dog in the room unattended at all unless it stays quiet. Basenjis unattended can be destructive and noisy. ***Help keep the motels that are pet friendly stay that way by being responsible.***
- Don't allow your Basenji to run loose.
- Many theme parks and other vacation destinations don't allow pets but do provide boarding facilities to use while you are visiting. Make sure you take a copy of your Basenji's vaccination records with you when you travel.



Recreational Vehicle Travel

Don't leave your pet unattended in your RV. Should your air conditioner or generator fail, or if you have a fire, your Basenji will be defenseless. Keep a leash and collar ready at all times to evacuate your dog.

Air Travel

You will need the following:

- ➡ Reservations are required for your Basenji. Only a limited number of animals are allowed on any single flight.
- ➡ No dogs are allowed to fly during very hot or very cold weather. Be sure you understand the regulations.
- ➡ Health Certificate issued within 10 days of the day you travel are required
- ➡ Rabies certificate and at times, a certificate of acclimation are required
- ➡ Crate rated for air travel and of the size required by the airline for your dog

Airline requirements vary so make sure you check for current requirements.

Travel outside the United States usually requires additional paperwork.

Cups for food and water should be attached to the inside of the crate door and a small bag of food and bottle of water taped to the top of your dog's crate. You should attach your travel itinerary, including phone numbers in case your dog doesn't arrive at his destination. Your crate should be well labeled with name, address and phone numbers.



General Travel Tips

- ✓ Exercise your dog before you travel and give regular potty breaks. Always clean up after exercising your Basenji.
- ✓ Make sure your Basenji is comfortable traveling in your vehicle. A few short trips around your neighborhood are good practice for your pet.
- ✓ Bring water, food and any medication your Basenji needs along with an extra amount in case your return home is delayed. Some dogs tolerate varied water as they travel while others need consistent water from home or purchased bottled water.
- ✓ Carry a photograph of your hound in case he gets separated from you.
- ✓ Make sure you have a leash, collar and your Basenji's ID tags.
- ✓ It is a good idea to have your dog identified by microchip.
- ✓ Keep his vaccination record with you in case you need to unexpectedly board him at a kennel.

Flight Tips

- ✓ If possible, schedule direct, nonstop flights.
- ✓ If a direct flight is not possible, make sure the connection time is at least one to two hours long so that baggage handlers have time to move your pet from one plane to another.
- ✓ When you check in for your flight, and at each connecting flight when you board, notify the airline attendants that you are traveling with your pet and ask them to inform you when your dog is loaded.
- ✓ Your Basenji should travel without a collar to eliminate the risk of strangulation.
- ✓ Make sure you carry a leash and collar with you. When you arrive you will be able to exercise your dog.
- ✓ Don't feed your dog within two hours of shipping.
- ✓ If your trip is longer than ten days, make sure your paperwork is in order for the return trip.

Boarding your Basenji or Using a Pet Sitter

Should you be unable to travel **with** your pet, your veterinarian may be able to recommend a good boarding kennel. Prior to your vacation, tour the facility. Make sure the temperature is comfortable, and ask to see both the outdoor and indoor areas. Both areas should be very secure, clean and odor free. Don't be afraid to ask for references. Be sure to make reservations for your Basenji in ample time or your first choice option may be booked full.

If you don't wish to board your pet, consider a pet sitter for your home. Your veterinarian may be able to recommend one. Ask for references. Make sure your pet sitter can drive in the event of an emergency.

- Notify the kennel or pet sitter of your Basenji's special needs and provide his health history. ***For a boarding kennel, you'll need proof of vaccination.***
- Provide the food and medication your Basenji requires during your absence. ***Supply extra food and medication in case your return home is delayed.***
- Leave a detailed itinerary, including phone numbers where you may be reached in case of emergency.
- Leave your veterinarian's name and telephone number. ***Depending on your vet's office policy, consider authorizing treatment charges for your veterinarian for emergency care.***



Everyday Emergencies

A variety of unexpected events can prevent your return home to care for your pet. It's a good idea to have a trusted friend or neighbor on call to fill in for you. They should have a key for access to your home, be familiar with your pet and its habits and have access to your pet's disaster supply kit (see *next page*).

Evacuating with your Basenji

Depending on where you live, you, your family **and** your hound may need to evacuate your home quickly. Fire, tornadoes, hurricanes and floods can all require immediate evacuation. While there may be times when you have a few hours notice, most times you will have little or no warning.

Being prepared and knowing proper emergency procedures in your area can make a lifesaving difference for you and your Basenji.

Disaster preparedness information can usually be found by contacting your local government officials or dog club.

The Humane Society of the United States and the Red Cross both have information available on their websites (*Search the internet for this information*). With the exception of service dogs, most shelters, including those set up by the Red Cross, do not allow pets.



Disaster Preparedness

Plan ahead to protect your family and your Basenji

Where to go?

Family or friends may be able to provide safe haven during a disaster. If not, locate several hotels in nearby states that accept pets. Make sure you have those phone numbers and driving directions. Keep them in your pet's disaster supply kit. Do not leave your pet behind.

Identify your dog.

Your dog should travel with his ID tags and be micro-chipped in the event that you are separated from him.

Your Pet's Disaster Supply Kit.

- Leash, collar, ID tags (In the event you are separated from your hound during a disaster, you should include information on your prearranged location on adhesive tape on the back of his tag.)
- Medications with instructions, vaccination records and medical history
- Several days food and bottled water for your Basenji (include can opener, and food bowls)
- Crate with bedding and a few dog "toys or chews"
- Photocopy of AKC papers, tattoo or microchip information and photo of your hound
- Paper towels, plastic "pick up" bags to keep things tidy, and towels

This kit should be assembled and reviewed regularly to make sure information is still current and food and medication still fresh.

Additional information on Disaster Preparedness may be found on the websites of the American Red Cross or the Humane Society of the United States. Web addresses should be found beforehand and saved in a safe place.