

CAR ISSUES THAT DOGS EXPERIENCE

Dogs with car issues can often feel conflicted and may run with excitement to the car

Car sickness / motion sickness can trigger anxiety which can add to your dog's car issues. Your dog may also be sick due to anxiety or stress. Remember it could be both.

Your dog may show motion sickness in the car

Your dog may be anxious in cars

Anxiety may exacerbate motion sickness

A loop can occur which is very difficult to break



As dogs age, they can be unable to jump into cars like they have in the past. Older dogs or dogs with injuries may need a ramp or stairs to get into the car

Dogs can seem fine with cars for a long time before suddenly seeming to be afraid of them.

All it requires is ONE bad incident and your dog can get a negative association. It could be as simple as hitting a leg while getting in, or getting startled while in the car

Some dogs only get a car ride when they are going to a place they associate as a negative experience like the vet clinic, groomers or boarding facility.

SIGNS YOUR DOG MAY HAVE CAR ISSUES:

- Whining / pacing
- Excessive drooling
- Lip licking
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy / stiffness



WHAT YOU CAN DO



Take time to load your dog into the car and toss treats in for them. Don't go anywhere, just get some treats in the car then get out.

Use a frozen kong toy and give it to your dog so they are less focused on the car itself and engaged with the toy.

Take your dog to random places, park in the parking lot and just hang out, giving your dog yummy snacks before going home again.

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