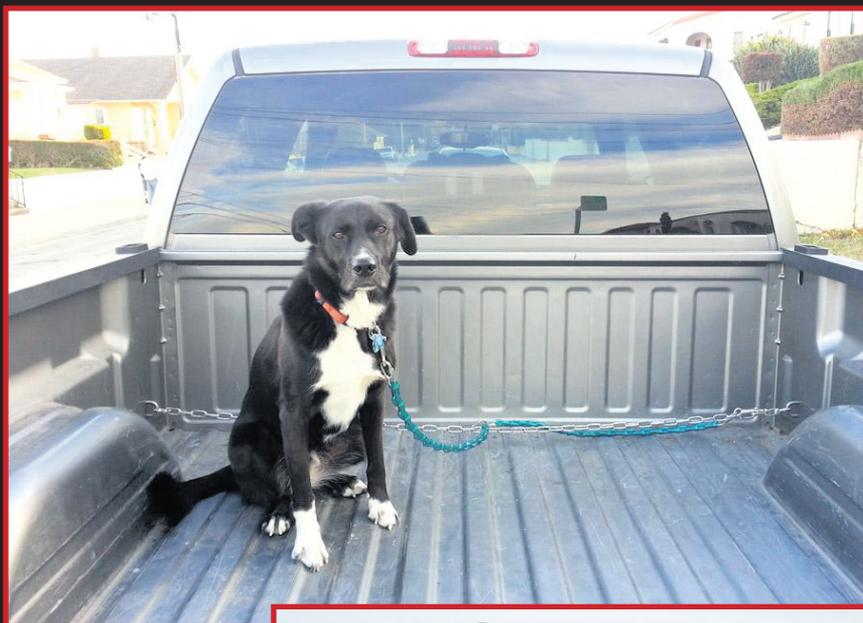


DANGER!

Transporting your dog without proper restraints can be deadly!



Warning:

Your dog can be thrown from your truck when you make a sudden stop, lane change or swerve quickly. An estimated 100,000 dogs are killed annually in pickup-related accidents. Don't let your dog be one of them!

Motorists who don't hit your dog could veer away, causing further accidents and injuries. If your dog survives, he could be injured and lost – many motorists report they didn't even notice their pet missing until they arrived at their destination and discovered an empty truck bed.

Road dirt and debris such as gravel and insects can lodge in your dog's ears, eyes and nose. Even the rushing wind can cause blindness over time because dogs don't have tear ducts. On warm days, the metal or rubber on the truck bed can burn your dog's paws.

**PETS ARE PRECIOUS CARGO.
PROTECT THEM IN TRAVEL.
THEIR LIVES (AND THE SAFETY OF
OTHER MOTORISTS) DEPEND ON IT.**

Let your dog stay home where it's safe and comfortable, or let him ride in the cab with you. If travel in the truck bed is unavoidable, use a cross-tether dog harness. A regular leash won't prevent your dog from falling over the bed's edge, and he'll be strangled or dragged behind your truck. Alternatively, secure a dog crate so it can't slide around or tip over. *(Remember, crates can get unbearably hot on warm days.)*

RCW 16.52.080

Any person who wilfully transports or confines or causes to be transported or confined any domestic animal or animals in a manner, posture, or confinement that will jeopardize the safety of the animal or the public shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Transporting your dog unrestrained in the back of your truck carries a \$250 fine in Washington, further enforceable through Bellingham and Blaine city ordinances (Section 7.16.010-E & Section 6.16.010-E).

For more information or to report cruelty call (360) 733-2080 x 3017.



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