

Legislation Regarding Dogs on Motorcycles

Below is a summary of relevant legislation for animal transport in a vehicle as of May 2017. The Pillion Pooch complies with all of these legislations and many more. Please consult the appropriate authority for legislation in your country if not listed below and feel free to notify us of any changes/updates in legislation.

Europe

UK | Highway Code - Rule 57

When in a vehicle make sure dogs or other animals are suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly. A seat belt harness, pet carrier, dog cage or dog guard are ways of restraining animals in cars.

Other European Countries

Legislation throughout Europe varies from country to country. While most follow similar rules to that of the UK, in some European countries, the law does not allow dogs to travel loose in vehicles.

North America

US

Legislation in the US varies state to state with the most restrictive laws requiring dogs not cause distraction to the driver. There is also a movement in many states to introduce restraint laws for animal transport.

Australia

New South Wales | Road Rules - Animals and Vehicles

- A driver, motorcycle rider, bicycle rider or passenger must not lead an animal, including by tethering, while the vehicle is moving.
- Animals should be seated or housed in appropriate areas.
- A driver must not drive with an animal in the driver's lap.
- A motor cycle rider must not ride with an animal between the handlebars and the rider.

Victoria | Road Rules - Animals

- You cannot drive a vehicle with an animal on your lap, while you or a passenger is leading an animal or while an animal is tied to the vehicle.
- There are no road rules about securing animals in a vehicle while driving. But, there may be laws in Victoria, such as those preventing cruelty to animals, which may need to be considered when driving with animals in your car.
- You must not ride a motorcycle with an animal between you and the handlebars (except for working farmers who can ride with the animal for up to 500 metres)

Queensland | Road rules - Road rules for everyday driving - Other common road rules

It is an offence to drive with an animal in your lap or to drive when you don't have proper control of your vehicle. We recommend animals travelling inside your vehicle be restrained in some way for the safety and welfare of the animal and the occupants of the vehicle. The road rules do not specifically require an animal to be restrained while travelling inside a vehicle.

South Australia | The Driver's Handbook - Miscellaneous Rules

- A driver must not drive with an animal or passenger on their lap.
- Neither the driver nor the passenger can lead an animal while the vehicle is being driven.

Western Australia | Ride Safe - Motorcycle Rules and Regulations

Animals must not be carried between the rider and the handlebars. The only exception is if the person who rides with the animal travels a distance of no more than 500 metres on a road for the purposes of a farming activity and that safety is not compromised.

Tasmania | Road Safety Rules - Motorcyclists

No animals between rider and handlebars. Animals can't be carried between the rider and the handlebars of a motorcycle.

Northern Territory | Road Rules for Motorcycle Riders

A motorcycle rider or passenger must not tether or lead an animal while the motorcycle is moving. Animals should be seated or housed in appropriate areas.

A rider must not ride with an animal on the fuel tank.

Australian Capital Territory | Road Transport Legislation - Amendment Regulation 2010

It is an offence to ride a motorbike with an animal on the petrol tank.