



# Policy Regarding Car Safety & FSD Dogs/Puppies in Personal Vehicles

**Department:** Volunteer and Puppy Development

**Description of Task:** To ensure the safety and well-being of all FSD puppies and dogs during transportation, this policy outlines personal car travel guidelines for volunteers. Following this Policy helps prevent accidents, injuries, heat-related risks, etc. supporting our shared commitment to providing safe, responsible care at all times.

**Policy:**

1. When traveling with an FSD puppy or dog, staff and volunteers must adhere to following guidelines:
  - a. If a dog is not crated in the vehicle, all passenger and backseat windows must be completely rolled up with the child lock on. No cracked windows.
    - i. The driver's window can remain cracked or unrolled at your discretion.
    - ii. If you prefer to have the windows cracked or down during travel, the puppy or dog must be crated inside the vehicle.
  - b. No puppies or dogs are allowed to sit or ride in the front passenger seat at any time.
  - c. No puppies or dogs are allowed to ride in , or remain unsupervised in the bed of a pickup truck at any time.
  - d. Seatbelts, harnesses, or other pet tethers intended for vehicle use are an alternative option that may be acquired by the volunteer—they will not be provided by FSD. FSD approval is required before usage of any alternative vehicle restraint method.
  - e. Puppies and dogs should never be left alone in a car under any circumstances.

**Procedure:**

Failure to follow the above policy may result in the removal of the puppy from the raiser/sitter home and/or termination from the Volunteer Program.