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Our six step guide to taking a pet with you on holiday or leaving it in boarding kennels at home

- Pet passports cost between £150 and £250 and you can get one from your vet
- Some insurance policies include cover for overseas travel but always check first
- Several holiday providers who openly welcome two and four legged guests
- If a friend or neighbours can't do it, a pet sitter costs from £20 a night

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Choose a car hire firm that won't show Fido the boot (extract taken from main article)



Elinor Goodman almost gave up on her trip to the Scottish Highlands with her pointer Flickie because of the difficulties of finding a dog-friendly car-hire company.

Elinor Goodman is currently tramping across the wooded glens of the Trossachs on the borders of the Scottish Highlands with her beloved pointer, Flickie. But Elinor, former political editor of Channel 4 News, nearly gave up hope of taking her four-year-old dog along on her holiday because of the difficulty of finding dog-friendly car hire.

Elinor, from Wiltshire, used the website Rentalcars to search for hire firms happy to take dogs. But after booking with Europcar – one of the suggested pet-friendly firms – she was told by staff at its Edinburgh office that dogs were not permitted.

Many car hire firms have a policy to accept pets but individual offices can apply their own rules. Those that allow pets will also normally impose valeting charges of up to £100 if vehicles are returned with excessive stains or pet hair.

Elinor, 70, had paid £311 for the five-day car hire which she then had to unravel. She finally got through to a rental firm – Thrifty – which confirmed her dog would be accepted.

Mark Bower of car hire insurance comparison service Moneymaxim, says: 'The reason some car hire firms turn down pets is because they lease the vehicles and need to return them in six months in good condition.'

Bower recommends that drivers should use local car hire firms rather than national networks as they will have more discretion over taking pets.

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