

# HOW TO TEACH YOUR CAT TO LOVE CAR RIDES

## INTRODUCTION

Hello, to you fellow explorer!

We are Julie, Daniel & Nala from  
@Purrfectbuslife.

The three of us have been living on the  
open roads of Australia in our Vintage  
Mazda Bus since October 2020.

Nala, our rescued Cat was your average  
yet content house cat with no prior  
training before jumping into buslife with  
us & now she is a true explorer!

We document our travels as we love  
sharing Nala's progress & journey from a  
skittish shelter cat to the professional  
explorer she is now but also to share the  
knowledge we learned the hard way  
about buslife with a cat in Australia &  
encourage all pet owners to be the  
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## HOT TIPS TO PREPARE FOR THIS TRAINING:

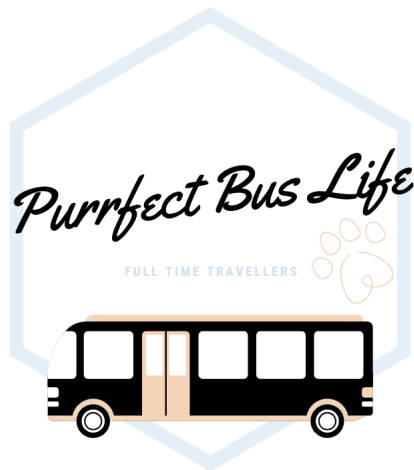
🐾 One way to avoid your cat being hyperactive while you're on  
the road is to play with your cat before the adventure.

🐾 Avoid feeding your cat before hitting the road to be less likely  
to have your Kitty have motion sickness.  
Your veterinarian can also help with some calming medication  
or a pheromone spray, but that is something to discuss with a  
professional.

🐾 For longer rides make sure you have a regular break to  
ensure your cat stays hydrated.  
Ensure your cat stays at a good temperature.  
Be prepared for bathroom breaks, you can even use a portable  
litter box.

⚠️ We recommend getting your Cat Car Trained at a time when  
you are not due for any Veterinary visits, especially if your cat  
doesn't like the Vets.  
This is so your Cat does not associate the two as the same one  
thing.

🐾 Never leave your Cat in the car unattended!



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## 1: INTRODUCTION 🐾

- Take your Kitty to your car, first keep the doors open so your cat can come in and out of it (either have your cat on a leash while doing so or in an enclosed garage to avoid any escapes). Allow your cat to explore the car and sniff around.

- Leave your Cat backpack/ carrier in the car (only if your Kitty knows this 🐾 is a safe place).

Encourage your Cat to get in the backpack by making it feel homey.

Don't forget to give your cat all the encouragement needed whether it is with positive reinforcement or treats.

## 2: MOVE IN 🐾

- Get in the car with your Kitty & close the doors. Play with your Cat in the car (this will distract your kitty from what is happening), give pets & use rewards for being cooperative. Slowly increasing the amount of time spent in the car.

Keep doing that until your Cat is at ease in the car.

- Another good thing to do, is without moving the car just turn it on, to familiarise your cat with the sound (especially if it is a diesel engine), again do not move the car unless it is a step your cat is comfortable with and your cat is safely positioned in their carrier or seat belt harness.

## 3: LET'S ROLL 🐾

Once your cat is comfortable with the car and its sound it's time to roll.

Ensure Kitty is safe either in the carrier or in the seat belt harness (to avoid your Cat becoming a projectile in case of an accident) then you can slowly roll on.

Start with really short rides, in & out of the driveway or around the block for example.

Like with the previous steps slowly increase the amount of time spent driving each time & reward your Cat for being cooperating.

## 4: CONSISTENCY IS 🐾

Ride often, don't let your Kitty forget all the progress made. So take your best friend with you as often as possible.