

Survey: Dogs Distract Drivers

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According to a new survey from AAA and pet travel product maker Kurgo, dog-owning drivers do some pretty unsafe stuff behind-the-wheel, such as feeding and petting a dog or allowing a mutt to sit in their lap.

Of dog owners surveyed, 31 percent admitted to being distracted by their dog while driving, and 59 percent said they have participated in at least one distracting behavior while driving with their dog.

Officials point out the importance of restraining your pet when driving. It's estimated that an unrestrained 10-pound dog in a crash at 50 mph will exert roughly 500 pounds of pressure, while an unrestrained 80-pound dog in a crash at only 30 mph will exert 2,400 pounds of pressure.

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