

TEACHING YOUR DOG TO RIDE IN THE BIKE TRAILER

TIPS & TROUBLESHOOTING

FIRST STEPS:

- Allow your dog to check out the new bike trailer at his own pace. Don't force him to get in if he is nervous.
- Encourage your dog to get in the bike trailer while it is detached from your bike. You can use food to lure in, or have them follow your empty hand if they know that trick! Repeat until your dog can hop in and out of the trailer smoothly.
- Ask your dog to lay down in the trailer. Reward with a treat tossed into the trailer. Repeat until your dog is laying down and relaxing easily.
- Option: Take the wheels off of your trailer and put it in your living room and encourage your dog to use it as a bed for a while!



MOVEMENT

- Add this at your dog's pace!
- Start with pulling the trailer, then walking the bike, then slowly riding, etc.
- Pick the safest/quietest routes until your dog is comfortable!

OTHER IDEAS:

- If your dog needs something to do to keep them calm while riding, pack their favorite chew, bully-stick, or stuffed Kong toy.
- A tired dog is a happy trailer-rider! We often have our dogs run beside the bike for a bit, and then put them in the trailer when they get tired.

