

Bring your Dog to Baja California, Mexico.

1. Dogs are welcome more places than not. Be bold and bring your dog anywhere with you and you will probably be surprised. If you frequent a place and your dog is well behaved, he will be as welcome as you are. The locals know you would rather go where he is welcome and many times go out of their way to welcome your dog.



2. Don't forget he or she adds to the bill if you buy him a quesadilla. I suggest you order something for him and the next time you come they will look forward to the larger bill.

3. It has been our experience, at The Baja Experience; in the Northern Baja (Ensenada north mostly) that only one in five guests bring their dog. This amazed us since we bring our dog on each and every trip to the Baja.



4. If you rent a house in Punta Banda, the first thing you will see is people walking their dogs on the beach. Leashes are optional on most beaches in Mexico. Use your knowledge of your dog to determine if he or she needs one. If your dog gets along with people and other dogs don't bother with the leash and let them run and play. Most dogs on the beach will not have a leash on. Think of it as one big dog beach. When we say the word Mexico our dogs perk up and wag his tail. It is his vacation too.



5. The law says that you must first get a "Health Certificate" on your dog before you can travel into Mexico. This Certificate must be done within 10 days of travel to Mexico. The average Vet uses this as a profit center. I am sure that there was a lobbyist involved in Washington to pass this law for the Vets. They charge up to \$50.00 for this Certificate. If you shop around, you can get this for as low as \$15.00. Remember, this is so you can get your dog back into the States. The idea is that they will ask you for this Certificate when you try and come home. There is a booming business of Mexican Vets on the road back to the border from this fear. The threat is that you will not be able to bring your dog home. In all the trips we have made in the last ten years, no Border Patrol Agents have ever asked us for this paperwork. I will not tell you to ignore the law, but I know many who do successfully. You should also have your dogs Vaccination records as well. This



we have only been asked for twice and they did not even take it from me. The Border Agent said, “Just wanted to make sure you had it”.

6. Keep in mind that dogs in Mexico are small. Our dog is very large and unlikely a Mexican Dog. We believe that this is the reason they have never asked. You will probably never be asked for this certificate, but make sure you have your vaccination records. You are more likely to be asked questions if you have a small Mexican type breed. There are those that try to rescue Mexican dogs so the Border Agents are looking for it.
7. Remember when shopping in the local shops to bring your dog on a leash. The shop owners will assume you are a local and that will mean better discounts on the hope that you will visit the shop more often.



In this guide we tried to help you through decades of discovery to make your trip to the Baja less exploratory and more enjoyable. These rules apply to most of the Baja. If you pay heed to them your trip will be far less complicated. If you find another Dog truism that is not listed here please contact us with it to help future Baja Guests. Thanks.

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