# INSTRUCTIONS

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# **PET TRAILER - PTP**





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### How to habituate your dog to the trailer

Please take enough time and choose a quiet place so that you can train your dog without any disturbances, which might get him distracted or alarmed. Furthermore it is important to choose an even surface like e.g. an asphalted place. The dog should wear a harness; the rear door should be opened while the front door should be closed. If possible take a second person to assist.

To accustom the dog to the bicycle trailer the training will be ideally carried out in 3 steps:

Step 1: The dog becomes acquainted with the bicycle trailer

- Your assistant safes bike and trailer during the entire training and avoids the trailer's waggling. Lead your dog through the rear door inside the trailer and safe him with the short lead.
- Now close the rear door and open the front door. Then praise the dog properly and give him some tasty treats.
- Close the front door again and open the rear door. Praise and reward your dog and let him get out on command.

Step 2: The dog becomes acquainted with the trailer's motion

- The assistant safes again bike and trailer while you guide the dog into the trailer. Attach the short lead to the dog's harness.
- Close the rear door again and reward your dog by giving him some treats through the front door.
- When the dog sits still the assistant slowly puts bike and trailer into motion. Walk alongside the trailer and praise your dog properly.

- If the dog becomes anxious please stop the trailer. As soon as the dog has calmed down, reward your dog with some treats and stop the training like it has been done in step 1.

- If the dog keeps calm stop the training - like it has been done in step 1 - after 2 minutes of a slow ride.

Step 3: Driving with bike and trailer

- The assistant safes again bike and trailer while you guide the dog into the trailer and attach the short lead to the dog's harness.
- Close the rear door and reward your dog by giving him some treats through the front door.
- When the dog sits still the assistant slowly starts to ride the bike with trailer. Walk alongside the trailer and give your dog tasty treats.

- If the dog becomes anxious please stop cycling, Wait until the dog gets calmed down again and give him a tasty treat while standing still. Now the trailer will be gently put into motion again (see step 2) and after a short time the training will be closed like in step 1 or step 2.

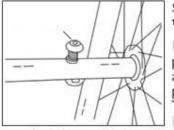
- If the dog keeps calm stop the training like described after approx. 2 minutes.

In case that the dog stays calm you can extend the ride time step-by-step and cycle without any escort.

Repeat step 3 if necessary until your dog gets used to driving in the bicycle trailer for dogs.

Good ride!

## Assembly



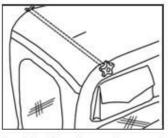
Step 1: Attaching the wheels

Insert the male portion of the whee axle into the female portion of the axle. The wheels are locked in place when

you feel them click into the spring lock on the axle tube. The wheels can be removed simply by pushing the button on the spring lock mechanism on the underside of the axle and pulling them out of the axle tube.

#### Step 2: Deploying tow bar

The trailer is shipped with the tow bar locked in the 'storage' position underneath the trailer. Unlock it by removing the cotter pin from the swivel joint. Put the tow bar into 'towing' position by swiveling it 180° and snapping it into place in the saddle of the swivel joint. Now lock the tow bar into place by re-inserting the cotter pin.



Step 3: Erecting the cabin

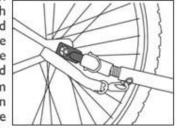
With the wheels resting on the ground, rotate one side panel into a vertical orientation. Position the support

rod inside the trailer so one star knob can be inserted through the grommet and frame on the side of the trailer and into the threads on the end of the support rod. Repeat with the other star knob on the other side of the trailer, and fully tighten both star knobs.

#### Step 4: Connecting to bicycle

The tow bar connects to the bicycle via the included quick-connect hitch. Attach the hitch to the left side of the rear bicycle wheel by removing the axle nut, positioning the hitch on the axle, and retightening the axle nut. If your bicycle has a quickrelease wheel, remove the quick release pin from the axle, insert it through the hitch, then re-

assemble through the axle. The hitch should be installed with the male connector piece facing back and angling away from the bicycle. Position the trailer behind the bicycle so that the



female connector on the tow bar can slide over the male connector on the hitch. Lock these connectors in place with the cotter pin. Loop the black safety strap around the bike frame and attach the snap swivel to the D-ring on the tow bar.

#### Step 5: Securing of the pet

Load and unload pets only through the rear door, with the front door closed and the trailer attached to the bicycle. Have someone hold the bicycle firmly in an upright position, or lay the bicycle on its side. With the pet inside the trailer, snap one end of the (included) safety leash to the pet's collar and the other end to the D-ring located inside the trailer. Adjust the length of this leash so the pet cannot exit through the front window when it is open. Always close the rear door before riding.

#### Advice:

The trailer is equipped with reflectors at the front and rear of the cabin and on each wheel. There is also a reflective strip across the top rear of the cabin. When riding in low light conditions, use a battery powered light on the trailer.

Never tow the trailer without the hitch and hitch safety strap correctly connected.

Carefully check the connection of the trailer to the bike before riding.

Be aware that riding with the trailer increases your braking distance and may affect your Safety Instructions:

• The trailer/stroller is intended to carry pets only. No human passengers!

• Always stroll or jog with the rear door closed. When riding, your pet should always be secured with the safety leash adjusted to the correct length.

• Do not exceed the recommended weight capacity 30kgs.

• Check tire inflation before each use.