

The Dog Days of Summer

Nation-wide vacation packages that ensure no pet will be left behind

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Summer vacation includes spending time with your friends. So why even consider leaving your best buddy at home just because he has four legs and is covered in fur?

Traveling with dogs has become so popular you can't throw a stick without hitting a hotel that caters to jet-setting pets. So hit the road with your precious cargo in tow and join your pooch in drooling over these pet packages and amenities.

New Tricks

Loews Hotels offers "canine curriculum" that will have your dog soaring above and beyond fetching and rolling over.

It will be so apropos for your dog to record his first album in Music City. In Nashville, Tenn. stay at the **Loews Vanderbilt Hotel**. After a grooming session and massage, your dog will be driven in a limo to a recording studio to howl along to a karaoke song or accompany a musician to make an unforgettable tune.

For a little fun in the sun, check out **Loews Coronado Bay Resort** in San Diego, Calif. Equipped with doggie board shorts, your dog can hang loose with surfing lessons from **Coronado Surfing Academy** at **Coronado Dog Beach**. You'll get a copy of **The Dog's Guide to Surfing** so you can continue to ride the waves with your best friend after your vacation ends.

If getting fit is on your list of to-dos this summer, visit **Loews Denver Hotel** in Denver, Colo. and send your pooch packing on a two-hour on-and-off leash-guided hike with a personal trainer. Also included are healthy dog treats, limo pick-up and drop-off and a web photo gallery that captures your dog's adventures. If Spot prefers the indoors, this hotel also offers group playtimes, supervised swimming and Reiki sessions. www.loewshotels.com

Roam If You Want To

Eight grassy acres beckon your dog's free spirit at the **Hotel Valley Ho** in Scottsdale, Ariz. Your pal may run in the sun and frolic off the leash before settling in your room to enjoy freshly baked dog biscuits. A pet bed, food and water bowls and a "pet in room" sign come free with your stay, and no deposits are required. www.hotelvalleyho.com

The Kind of Chain Your Dog (or Cat) Will Love

Kimpton Hotels all over the nation welcome any type of pet you have, with no fee or special deposit required. Your pet will be in the lap of luxury with treats, bowls, toys, a bed, hotel identification tags, frisbees, raincoats and access to many other perks such as acupuncturists, animal psychologists, dog-walking and maps to local dog parks.

He may not come from a political background, but you can still make Fido your First Dog at **The Hotel George** in Washington DC. Take him to make a splash in an

aromatherapy bath at **Doggie Style Pet Spa** where he'll also be treated to a massage and styling and indulged in an entire day of play.

Also in DC is the **Topaz Hotel** where you can calm the beast within — and the one next to you — with a stay in a specialty yoga room equipped with mats for you and your dog. Tune into the in-house yoga channel and howl, or "Om," your way to serenity. You'll also get a copy of the book *Doga for Dogs* to maintain your Zen-approach to life on the home front.

Your dog can get in touch with its inner puppy in Portland, Ore. at **5th Avenue Suites Hotel** where, once your pooch is finished with his rawhide chew and copy of *Dog Nose News* provided by the hotel, you can take him to a free psychic pet reading, offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Learn what he's thinking when he chases his tail. www.kimptonhotels.com

Your Pet will Never be Tame After this Walk of Fame

When in Beverly Hills, it's safe to assume even pets get the star treatment. At **Raffles L'Ermitage**, pet-friendly equates to pet-worship. At your pet's paw-tips are private dog walkers, an on-site veterinarian and gourmet room service. When you order Grilled Filet of Beef with Organic Rice and Brown Gravy or Osetra Caviar with Hard Poached Eggs off the Pet Companion Menu, try to remember it's for your pet and not you! www.lermitagehotel.com

Strip Search

Sensory overload is in store for your pooch as he enjoys a complimentary walk down the Vegas Strip by a staff member of the **Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas**. In this hotel's tradition of excellence and pampering, even your pet's amenities are top notch. **Evian** water will fill their bowls and secret recipe dog biscuits made by the head chef will spoil him further. If you want to try your luck on the town, a pet sitter on staff will stay in your room and entertain your dog or cat until you bring home the bacon. www.fourseasons.com

Canine Companion

You'll find the second most handsome dog in the West (aside from your own, of course) at **The Peninsula Beverly Hills** hotel. **Billy Bean Beagle** is The Resident Pet Correspondent and author of a column in the in-house *The Peninsula Beverly Hills Magazine*. In addition to bumping noses with this scholarly hound, your dog will enjoy a suede dog bed, food and water dishes and access to services including training and massages. Doggie delicacies of numerous varieties are available via room service, and a monogrammed foot towel with your dog's name makes for the perfect parting gift. www.beverlyhills.peninsula.com

Relax, It's a Vacation

The word "kennel" causes canines to cringe and felines to flee. Try "villa," "condo," "resort" or even "home sweet home" and leave your pet in a state of bliss that may rival your own vacation and sends you packing with peace of mind

Applewood Pet Resort

No need to worry about leaving your dog in the infamous Arizona summer heat. Applewood boasts a dog bone-shaped swimming pool for your pooch to dive in and keep his cool. The resort is fully air-conditioned, and frozen "Pupsicle" treats are enjoyed after playtime. Lodging two doggies? They're welcome to bunk up together in one of the suites to snuggle up on plush bedding and dream of cooler days. www.applewoodpet.com

Aunt Tobi

Dr. Dolittle has nothing on Aunt Tobi, who does a lot with each and every house call. She'll make sure your pet is cared for, entertained and loved while you're away, allowing your pet to remain in its home environment. Aunt Tobi also provides overnight services, dog walking and medication dispensation. She works with a wide range of pets, including birds, and her dedication to animals makes her the kind of auntie everyone wants a visit from. By referral only: 310.271.2343.

Cat Hotel

A private condo with a velvet pillow perch... a queen villa with cable television... a dimly lit enchanted forest filled with natural cedar trees designed for climbing, pouncing and hiding... no dogs allowed... privacy, peace and quiet... this may be your cat's wildest dream, but it is also reality at the Cat Hotel. Tell your cat that you understand she rules the universe by letting her reign supreme at this kitty kingdom. <http://home.earthlink.net/~cathotel/>

America Dog & Cat Hotel

There's no gamble on whether your pet will enjoy its stay at this 11,000-square-foot haven. Employing the Vegas lingo, the staff refers to hotel guests as "dog babies" and "kitty babies." For kitty babies, luck is a Mediterranean stucco village of 13 luxury, three-story villas complete with television and private kitchen and bathroom. Dogs are invited to run wild in the indoor grass courtyard and will be entertained by "play pals" who brush and frolic with them, so missing mom and dad never crosses their minds. www.doghotel.com