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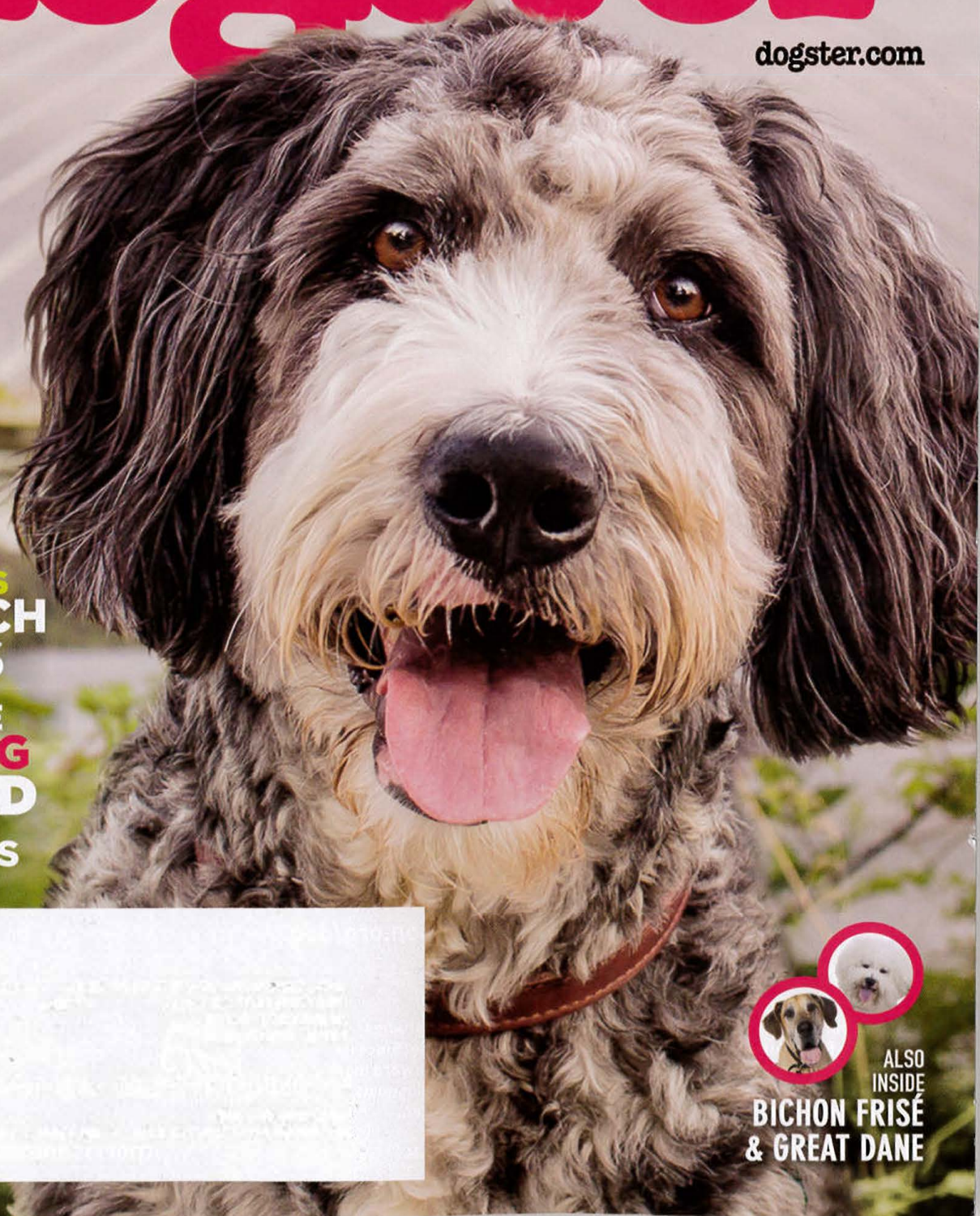
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dogster's TOP

dog Hotels

There's something for everyone on our list of top dog-friendly hotels around the country.

BY AMY BURKERT

Ask any pup, and he'll tell you, "Dogs deserve vacations, too!" They hold down the fort while we're at work all day, and they never shirk their duties when it comes to playing fetch, going for a walk or cuddling on the sofa.

Truly dog-friendly hotels make including your pet easy by welcoming dogs of all sizes, allowing two or more pets per room, forgoing pricey pet fees and providing the essentials — like bowls and beds. Others go above and beyond, offering services like dog walking, grooming, massage and special room service fare.



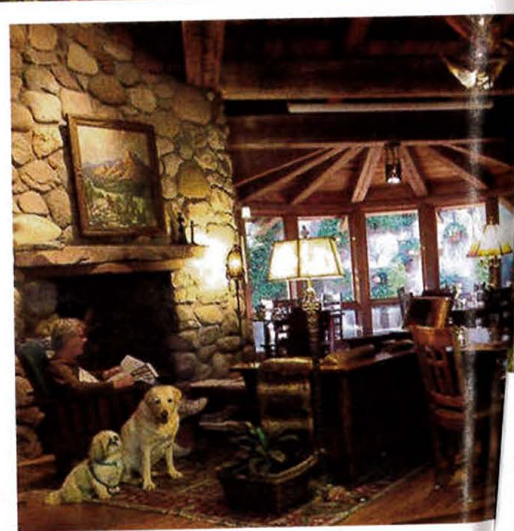
El Portal owner Steve Segner and canine friends



EL PORTAL
SEDONA, ARIZONA;
ELPORTALSEDONA.COM
(from \$299/night)

This 12-suite luxury hotel offers personalized attention for both human and canine guests. In the heart of red rock country, there is no end to the breathtaking hiking and sightseeing to be done. Between adventures, relax in the Jacuzzi, or curl up for a nap on your private patio.

→ Dogs are welcomed with treats, a blanket to be used during their stay and waste bags. Rooms are recommended based on the size of your dog(s), so check with the hotel, or visit the website for more information.



PHOTOS COURTESY EL PORTAL



ENCHANTE BOUTIQUE HOTEL
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA;
ENCHANTEHOTEL.COM
(from \$275/night)

Enchanté delivers a bit of Paris to the Silicon Valley. This French-style chateau has 19 rooms, each thematically decorated with a combination of French antiques and modern décor. Dogs are treated to chef-made organic dog treats and filtered water, plus provided with bowls and a fluffy bed.



Enchanté owner and developer Abby Ahrens

→ Up to two dogs, weighing no more than 80 pounds each, are welcome per room, and the pet fee is \$30 per stay.



HILTON MILWAUKEE CITY CENTER
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN;
HILTONMILWAUKEE.COM
(from \$107/night)

A classic art deco hotel built in 1927, the Hilton Milwaukee City Center now combines Old World elegance with modern conveniences. The best of downtown Milwaukee is easily accessible, including the spectacular lakefront, 115-mile Oak Leaf Trail and pet-friendly paddleboats at Juneau Park Lagoon.

→ Two dogs (or cats) up to 75 pounds are welcome per room for a one-time fee of \$50. What makes this pet-friendly hotel truly unique is the enclosed outdoor courtyard, complete with gazebo, where dogs are invit-



Guests may be welcomed by Millie, the Hilton Milwaukee Canine Concierge.

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INK48

NEW YORK,
NEW YORK;

INK48.COM

(from \$350/night)

Located in the Hell's Kitchen section of Manhattan, a stay at the trendy Ink48 provides stunning views of the city skyline and puts you steps from Hudson River Park for your daily walks. Pets are even invited to a hosted wine hour every evening in the hotel lobby!

→ Like all Kimpton hotels, Ink48 welcomes all pets regardless of number, weight or breed with no additional fees. Dogs get treats, bottled water, waste bags and tips on the best spots to sniff in the neighborhood. A comfortable dog bed and food and water bowls can also be provided for your pup to use during his stay.

**DO
NOT
DISTURB**

If your dog is sensitive to unfamiliar noises in new environments, vacation properties like those found on HomeAway.com or Vacasa.com or nature-based options offered on Glamping With Pets might be just the trick!



PHOTOS COURTESY INK48 HOTEL



Things to

PACK FOR A ROAD TRIP WITH YOUR DOG

BY TERESA TRAVERSE

#1 IDENTIFICATION TAG

Before you leave, get your dog microchipped or, if he has one already, update with both the microchip registration service and your vet. Update your dog's tags, too, and ensure collars fit well and have no tears or other damage.

#2 CRATE

"Even if you're on the most pet-friendly vacation, there may be times when you have to leave your pet in the hotel room," said Heather Hunter, AAA director of public relations and fellow pet parent.

To prevent your dogs from dashing out if a maid or other member of the hotel staff opens the door, place them in a crate when you leave the room. Some hotels even have policies that require you to do so. Check with your hotel about this before you go.

#3 HARNESS

According to a AAA survey, more than half of drivers admit to being distracted by petting their dogs, and the risk of an accident increases when you take your eyes off the road for two seconds or more. Look for harnesses that have been crash-tested.

#4 VACCINATION RECORDS & EXTRA MEDS

Book a pre-trip appointment with the vet if your dogs are due for any vaccinations. Stock up on medications, too. Have your vet's office give you your pets' shot records to keep handy.

#5 FIRST-AID KIT

Pack it with bandages and other essentials, such as scissors, bandages and a thermometer. (Check out *How to Make a DIY First Aid Kit for Dog Travel* on dogster.com.) Also create a list of animal hospitals along your travel route and at your final destination. If any emergency occurs, you won't have to waste time researching.

#6 BOWLS

Hunter uses a collapsible bowl for her trips, but feel free to bring your regular bowls or dog-friendly water bottles.



#7 EXTRA FOOD

"Have plenty of what they're used to. Bring more than what you're used to," Hunter said. If your dog is prone to

carsickness, feed him when you arrive at your destination and not before or during travel breaks.

#8 TOYS

Favorite toys are always great to pack, Hunter said. Little comforts of home can make your pet feel more comfortable. I bring my dogs' favorite blanket.



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We asked, and you told us! Dogster readers recommended:

#1 Grand Ely Lodge in Ely, Minnesota; grandelylodge.com (limited number of dog-friendly rooms, so plan ahead)

#2 Ace Hotel in Palm Springs, California; acehotel.com (pet-friendly patio rooms available/\$25 pet fee)

#3 Tides Hotel in Folly Beach, South Carolina; tidesfollybeach.com (one-time pet fee)



VIRGIN HOTELS CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS;
VIRGINHOTELS.COM
(from \$169/night)

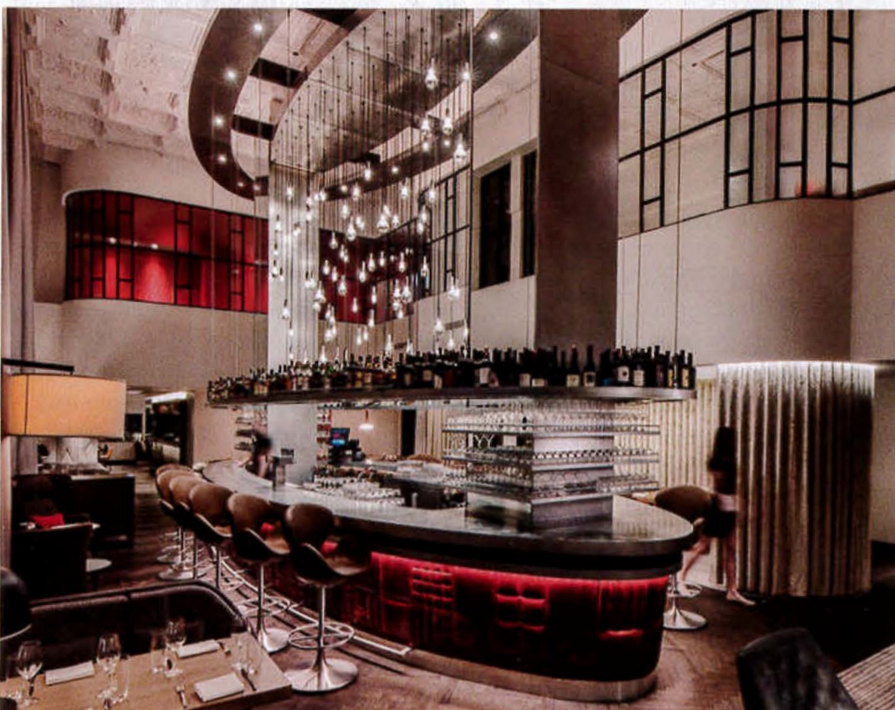
New on the scene, Virgin Hotel Chicago is making a big splash in the pet-friendly hotel pool! They confess to being fans of fuzz and welcome pets with no weight or breed restrictions and no additional fees. (Expansion beyond Chicago is underway, so keep your nose to the ground.)

→ Canine guests can expect a dog bed (every bit as welcoming as their human's), food and water bowls, treats and a stylish bandana. Plus, there's plenty to explore with the Magnificent Mile, Navy Pier and Lakefront Trail at your doorstep.



Amy Burkert founded GoPetFriendly.com, a pet travel website and blog, and travels full time with her husband

and dogs. Follow them on the Ultimate Pet Friendly Road Trip – an epic tour of the most pet-friendly attractions in the United States.



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