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Best

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FIDO*Friendly*
proudly presents
50 Fido finds
beyond compare.

BY Carol Bryant



We've turned 50—issues, that is. In dog years though, we're still puppies at heart. The roads and skies we've traveled over these past ten years have been adventurous, curious, enlightening and never boring. We've truly left no dog behind in our travels as we took to the highways, byways and even the skyways. Narrowing down our 50 favorites in the *FIDO Friendly* world was no easy task, as we laboriously retreated to our doghouses and poured over the finalists. Check out our top 50 and then surf on over to our website for even more *FIDO Friendly* semi-finalist fun. We raise our water dishes to you, our loyal fans, as we celebrate and point our tails onward to the next 50. Cheers!

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HOTEL VINTAGE PLAZA

PORTLAND, OREGON

The Fido-friendly package includes a doggy gift box (including local retail services voucher), doggy truffles, overnight valet parking and a bottle of local wine. Official dog greeter, Georgie, ensures all guests feel welcome. Send an e-mail to Georgie, Diva of Pet Relations, at georgie@vintageplaza.com, for a bark back! Extras like bowls, treats, waste bags, water, mats, toys and loaner leashes give us the warm fuzzies when staying here. No pet fees, no limit on number and no breed restrictions add up to extra “bone-us” points at Hotel Vintage Plaza. vintageplaza.com.



DELAMAR GREENWICH HARBOR GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

Each pet checking in receives a VIP amenity basket. No weight or breed restriction. With balconies overlooking gorgeous Greenwich Harbor, water gazing is a must. Nearby Greenwich Avenue is ripe for walking, shopping and a few Fido al fresco restaurants. Within 0.2 miles of the Delamar is Bruce Park. During cruise season, Fido is welcome to a 30-minute harbor cruise on weekends. Ahoy matey! delamargreenwich.com.

FESS PARKER DOUBLETREE HOTEL SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

All sizes are warmly welcomed on this 24-acre, Fido-friendly landscaped property. Check-in package includes *FIDO Friendly* magazine, *pawrific* pet menu for in-room dining, tennis ball and dog treat. On-site concierge assists with Fido-friendly beaches, places to visit as well as veterinary or pet sitting needs. We love the close proximity of the grassy lawn to guestroom doors for easy access. fessparkersantabarbarahotel.com.

HEATHMAN PORTLAND PORTLAND, OREGON

The Pampered Pet package includes deluxe overnight accommodations for two guests and their dogs, continental breakfast for two, walking guide, beverage credit, “Bark of Sleep” pet bed menu for Fido and “Art of Sleep Bed Menu” for humans, goodie bag and several other amenities. Zelda the famous bulldog stands guard at the hotel entrance. The Pampered Pet package waives the pet fee with no limit on breed or size. portland.heathmanhotel.com.

RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Everything is tailored to guest wishes and requests for dogs. Some of the special requests have included plush beds, ceramic bowls for food and water, organic gourmet treats, toys, Burberry coats for rainy days, booties for dog paws, dog walking services, pet grooming services and arrangement for pet sitters as well. Located directly across from Central Park, dogs are treated like royalty and red carpet treatment is the norm. ritzcarlton.com/centralpark.



THE RESORT AT PAWS UP GREENOUGH, MT

A first class resort on 37,000-acre allows Fido in vacation homes. Not to be missed is the annual WINE & BITCH event. pawsup.com.

MOUNTAINTOP INN & RESORT CHITTENDEN, VT

With 350-acres and a “dog in residence,” a warm and welcoming environment awaits. mountaintopinn.com.

LAZY L B&B LEWES, DE

Conveniently located near Atlantic Ocean beaches, the Lazy L offers a lighted dog run, play area with gazebo and outdoor shower lazyl.net.

LAZY DOG INN CHOCORUA, NH

Between the Lake Region and White Mountains, no breed or weight limits. A full country breakfast and doggy daycare. lazydoginn.com.

BARKWELLS MILLS RIVER, NC

Gated porches, dog doors, fenced yards and plenty of swimming for water-faring Fidos. A gorgeous vacation retreat. barkwells.com.

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