

# America Goes to the Dogs

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Your pooch has the run of your home. And if you travel to one of these five pet-friendly places, he'll have the run of the city, too.



## CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIF.

Carmel-by-the-Sea is home to legendary singer, actress and animal activist Doris Day, who co-owns the dog-friendly Cypress Inn, known for amenities like in-room pet blankets and dog beds. Day's example permeates the community, according to Kelly E. Carter, author of *The Dog Lover's Guide to Travel*. There are doggy menus at upscale restaurants; there's a dogs-only drinking fountain at Carmel Plaza, the city's outdoor shopping center; and dogs can frolic off-leash at Carmel Beach anytime.

## AUSTIN

Everything's bigger in Texas, including the puppy love, according to Carter, who says Austin — the country's largest no-kill city — has "oodles of canine-loving bars, pubs and coffee houses, plus plenty of places to take active pooches for exercise." The city has 12 off-leash dog parks, including one at Zilker Park, home to the Austin City Limits music festival. Dogs can even partake in Austin's famous food-truck culture thanks to Bow Wow Bones, Texas' first mobile food truck for dogs.



## TELLURIDE, COLO.

Not only is the city's Main Street flush with shop owners who line their pockets with treats, but there also are designated areas throughout town where owners can "park" their pups while they shop. Dogs can join you for a hike on wilderness trails, play Frisbee with you at Town Park and even sit next to you on public transportation: Leashed dogs can ride with their owners on the Galloping Goose, a free public bus, while the Telluride Mountain Village Gondola has pet-friendly cabins.



## CHARLESTON, S.C.

When Peter and Lori Nebel left corporate careers in Boston to start their own business, the owners of two Pet Supplies Plus retail stores chose the Charleston area because dogs are welcome almost everywhere. The city's best assets, Peter says, are its dog-friendly beaches — including Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island, which allow dogs to roam off-leash during designated hours — and King Street, where dogs are welcome inside stores and at restaurants with outdoor seating. During the summer, check out Yappy Hour, a pet-inclusive happy hour with live music and drinks, at James Island County Park.



## ST. LOUIS

The travel website Reward Expert gave St. Louis a spot on its 2017 "best cities" list because of its 81 pet-inclusive tourist activities — including the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, which has more than 700 original works of art. Take your pup to Purina Farms, a 300-acre farm featuring canine performances and events like the annual Petapalooza fair with activities for families and pets.

