



Bed, Bark & Breakfast

Fido-friendly B&Bs for memorable heart-to-barks.

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Nothing beats a day at the lake. A Dachshund takes a spin on a kayak at The Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, Connecticut. BELLOW; The Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, where private dog trails abound. LEFT.

No bones about it. Your dog would rather be with you, sniffing new paths, touring countryside and nibbling gourmet treats than waiting by the door, tapping his paw, wondering what the heck's taking so long—and bed and breakfasts know this. In fact, a growing number of B&Bs are catering to the four-legged crowd, creating special packages, customizing itineraries and making homemade doggy treats. At *BnBfinder.com*, Fido-friendly inns can be easily found using the Advanced Search box. Here are 10 inns worth howling about.





Soak your worries away at The 1900 Inn on Montford Bed and Breakfast in Asheville, North Carolina. **LEFT:** The deck by the private pond is a "popular" hangout among four-legged guests at The Irish Inn in Ozark, Illinois. **ABOVE:**

Cape Cod's Lamb and Lion Inn

BARNSTABLE, MASSACHUSETTS

How about a peek at a whale with that morning biscuit? At the Lamb and Lion Inn, guests receive custom itineraries for self-guided tours with their pups. Adventurous pairs won't want to miss the doggy-and-me sunset whale watch adventure. Fido-friendly beaches, pet-welcoming waterfront cafés and shops with gourmet treats are all included. If you're wiped out after your day trip, dine under the stars at a nearby historic tavern, where the wait staff will bring out a bowl of water for your pup along with your Chardonnay. Or kick back with your pooch and relax with a pool-side BBQ at the inn. 2504 Main Street Rt. 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630; (800) 909-6923; (508) 362-6823; BnBFinder.com/LambAndLion.

1900 Inn on Montford Bed and Breakfast

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Complete with doggy trundle beds, a pet welcome basket and several nearby restaurants taking reservations for you and Fido, the 1900 Inn on Montford Bed and Breakfast is a destination in itself. Among the many details is a garden statue of a little dog with a built-in motion sensor that "sprinkles" each time you and your pet walk by—usually catching real dogs completely off guard. The Urban Trail, a 1.7 mile walking tour through the streets of downtown Asheville, is dotted with stops fit to make an art-lover drool. Nearby, historic Grove Arcade or "dog alley" features Fido-friendly restaurants and shops. 296 Montford Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina 28801; (800) 254-9569; (828) 254-9569; BnBFinder.com/Montford.

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DOG PAW BED
SHEET LETS
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SIDE-BY-SIDE,
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Whale-watching and fun adventures await at Cape Cod's Lamb and Lion Inn in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY 1900 INN ON MONTFORD; (LEFT); RICHARD MUNROSE (IRISH INN, LEFT INSET); LAMB AND LION INN, (ABOVE).

Fox Hill Bed & Breakfast and Cottage Suites

FAIRFIELD, VIRGINIA

More than three dozen acres of roaming space, endless fields for playing Frisbee, friendly horses and a spring-fed stream are just a few of the things that make the Fox Hill B&B a little slice of heaven. The inn also features an outdoor doggy washing station, in-room refrigerators, private entrances and plenty of breathing space. If you get lost on the massive grounds, Ellie, the resident Collie mix, will quickly help you find your way. Nearby, you and your pooch can catch a drive-in movie, arrange for a private canoe trip or tour vineyards together. If you need tips on how to better connect with your pet, ask the innkeeper, who doubles as a professional animal communicator. 4383 Borden Grant Trail, Fairfield, Virginia 24435; (800) 369-8005; (540) 377-9922; BnBFinder.com/FoxHill.

The Homestead at Rehoboth B&B

REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE

Situated on two acres just outside Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, The Homestead at Rehoboth Bed and Breakfast is known as the place "where pets bring their parents on vacation." The cozy farmhouse is minutes from pet-friendly beaches and restaurants (and plenty of tax-free shopping). In fact, the inn has put together "Bone Appétit," a special list of restaurants so that you and your pooch know where to munch. Upon return to the inn, cuddle up together in bed. A special dog paw bed sheet lets you and your pup sleep side-by-side, just like at home. 35060 Warrington Road, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971; (302) 226-7625; BnBFinder.com/Homestead.

Lodge at Sedona

SEDONA, ARIZONA

This luxury bed and breakfast surrounded by calming waterfalls and gardens is a natural oasis for pets and owners seeking serenity in the beautiful Red Rocks. Well-behaved pups are warmly received with a doggy bag full of pet essentials including a comfy bed, blanket, towel, food, water bowl and a resource guide listing nearby Fido-friendly shops, hiking trails and services. Adventure-duos will want to book a doggy-and-me Hummer tour for a scenic, albeit bumpy, ride through Sedona. Back at the inn, guests may enjoy complimentary afternoon snacks and milkbones. The Lodge at Sedona whips up special breakfasts for both you and your pooch each morning. 125 Kallof Place, Sedona, Arizona 86336; (800) 619-4467; (928) 204-1942; BnBFinder.com/LodgeAtSedona.

Tranquil and calming pathways offer Fido a much-needed break at the Desert Rose B&B in Cottonwood, Arizona.



The Irish Inn

OZARK, ILLINOIS

If you and your pet are looking for a wee bit of Europe closer to home, The Irish Inn is the way to go. Deep in the Shawnee National Forest amid stars, canyons and streams, this Fido-friendly inn features a pond and plenty of open space where your pooch can run and play. The innkeepers have arranged various self-guided and Fido-friendly day tours. The most popular includes a trek along a historic Cherokee trail, a visit to Garden of the Gods, an Ohio River cave and Fido-friendly wineries. Back at the inn, the deck and log hearts are top doggy hangouts. 600 Soloman Lane off Trigg Tower Rd, Ozark, Illinois 62972; (618) 695-5683; BnBfinder.com/IrishInn.

The Interlaken Inn

LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Tucked in the beautiful Litchfield Hills of Connecticut amid private pet walking trails and paths is The Interlaken Inn. This country resort features beautifully appointed Fido-friendly guestrooms and a world of sophisticated ambiance. Among the offerings at Interlaken is the PUPS amenity option that includes a VIP (Very Important Pet) gift basket filled with bottled spring water, ceramic water bowl and organic treats. The inn's Petaway Package bundles midweek accommodations, dinner and in-room pet-sitting services, along with complimentary wine, local cheeses, pet treats and a discount certificate to a local doggy boutique. An onsite lake and the nearby Appalachian Trail are four-legged favorites. 74 Interlaken Road Route 112, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039; (800) 222-2909; (860) 435-9878; BnBfinder.com/Interlaken.

Hofsas House

CARMEL-BY-THE SEA, CALIFORNIA

Brimming with Fido-friendly places, Carmel is one of the most pet-friendly cities around. Small and artsy and loaded with dog-friendly perks, pups here can frolic leash-free on beautiful Carmel Beach and splash in the dog-only "Fountain of Woof" at Carmel Plaza.

The nearby Hofsas House welcomes you and your dog with even more fringe benefits. Some of the inn's rooms feature fireplaces, private balconies and wet bars. The innkeeper is always ready with recommendations for Fido-friendly dining, shopping and activities. Pet owners can soak in downtime at the inn's heated swimming pool, then hit the European-style saunas or watch the sunset on the deck. *San Carlos Street between Third and Fourth Avenues, Carmel-by-the Sea, California* 93921; (800) 221-2548; (831) 624-2745; BnBfinder.com/Hofsas.

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Garden and Sea Inn

NEW CHURCH, VIRGINIA

Quiet and peaceful, the Garden and Sea Inn is a beautiful five-acre estate close to Chincoteague Island. Made up of three houses, porches, walkways, ponds and a little forest, leashed dogs are allowed everywhere on the property except in the outdoor heated pool and restaurant. Among the guestrooms, two share a screened-in porch and one features a private fenced-in yard. Complimentary snacks

and beverages are available to all. The inn also offers pet-sitting and an onsite kennel. There are two Fido-friendly beaches nearby, one with a view of wild ponies. 4188 Nelson Road, New Church, Virginia 23415; (800) 824-0672; (757) 824-0672; BnBfinder.com/GardenAndSea.

Desert Rose Bed and Breakfast

COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA

Drive up to the Desert Rose Bed and Breakfast and you'll see lamas and turkeys mingling behind a gate. This quaint and charming inn is set on lush grounds, complete with stone pathways and a tranquil fountain. Located about a mile from a horse boarding facility and 10-minutes from a lagoon and hiking trails at the Fido-friendly Dead Horse Ranch State Park, this B&B is a popular spot for outdoor escapes. Pet-sitting arrangements are available though small dogs may want to co-pilot; the innkeepers frequently arrange wine tours for people traveling with small pets. 4190 E Bridle Path Road, Cottonwood, Arizona 86326; (928) 646-0236; BnBfinder.com/DesertRose.

The one thing to remember is to never limit yourself, or Fido, to 10 great getaways. Start with this list of getaways, and then begin to add your own with the help of BnBfinder.com. **f**

10 Quick Tell-Tail Signs

Our pooch picks that indicate a B&B has TLC (True Love for Canines).

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10 "More than a patch": Ample grounds upon which to walk with Fido is always a bonus, especially at midnight when nature calls and the dog answers.

9 "Waiter, I'll have the sparkling water": Well-behaved dogs who are welcome to dine al fresco with their human family members gets four paws up from team *FIDO Friendly*. One such example is the MacCallum House in Mendocino, California.

8 "Talk about a doggy bag": A menu of food items dedicated to dogs makes guardians feel the extra pampering is there for Fido too. Homemade biscuits for dessert are a delectable finishing touch.

7 "Are we there yet?": A printout upon check-in of surrounding Fido-friendly attractions, shops, dog parks and things to do with dogs is always appreciated and welcomed.

6 "Teacher's Pet": A chalkboard or sign in the lobby personally welcoming any canine guests arriving that day scores major tummy rubs. When the staff remembers the dog's name and says hello, our leg twitches, too.

5 "Turn it Down": And we don't mean the in-room television. More and more B&Bs are offering free turndown service and a late-night snack (biscuit) for Fido.

4 "Rut Roh, Raggy": B&Bs that provide towels to canine guests specifically for wet paws and sheets in the event Fido is allowed on furniture are forward thinkers. Preventing wet and/or muddy paws from tracking the carpeting is a win-win for everyone.

3 "Bowl Me Over": Many properties offer Fido the use of size-specific in-room bowls during his or her stay. In case you forget to pack yours or just need an extra, this added amenity is a thoughtful gesture.

2 "Can Rover Sleep Over?": Offering canine guests the use of in-room pet bedding is a fun feature many B&Bs add to their amenity package. Knowing if Fido is a tiny terrier or a slumber clumber prior to arrival means the correct size bed will be available.

1 "Leave No Dog Behind®": Receiving a copy of the latest *FIDO Friendly* magazine upon check-in tells guests that Fido is not only allowed but welcomed and a part of the family. Wagtastic!