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Get Ready to Hit the Road

by Tara Kain

Summer is over, but that does not necessarily mean that there are no more road trips for the year. Many people will be hitting the road during the holidays, from Thanksgiving through New Years. And many dog lovers will be taking their best friend with them. Whether you have never traveled with your dog before or have traveled thousands of miles with your dog, it is always a good idea to plan ahead. If you forget your toothbrush on a trip, it's pretty easy to get a replacement. However, if you forget your pooch's food bowl or favorite toy, it might be a little tougher to get that replaced. Below are some guidelines that will help you prepare for a dog-friendly road trip and perhaps will help you remember to bring all of the necessities.

A Month Before

- If you don't already have one, get a pet identification tag for your dog. It should have your dog's name, your name (at least your last name) and phone number. Consider using a cell phone number, a home number, and possibly the number of where you will be staying.
- Get a first aid kit for your dog. It comes in very handy if you need to remove any ticks. The kits are usually available at a pet store, a veterinary office or on the Internet.
- If you do not already have a dog harness for riding the car, consider purchasing one for your dog's safety and your safety. A dog harness can keep your pooch from hitting the windshield or from becoming a projectile that could possibly hurt you or others in the car. The harnesses are usually sold at pet stores or on the Internet.
- Make a trip to the vet if necessary for the following:
 - A current rabies vaccination tag for your dog's collar. Also get paperwork with proof of the rabies vaccine. You might need this if you day board your dog.
 - Consider any recommended vaccines. A Lyme disease (from ticks) vaccine might be recommended if you plan on hiking in an area with high rates of Lyme disease, usually in the northeastern United States. A Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccine might be recommended if you plan to day board your pooch or if your dog will be in contact with many other dogs. Check with your vet for any other recommended vaccines. If you do give vaccines to your pooch, try to have the individual shots given instead of the multiple vaccines in one shot, and try to space them about 2-3 months apart.
 - If you are not already doing so, consider placing your dog on a monthly heartworm preventative medicine. Dogs can usually get heartworm from mosquitos in the mountains, rural areas or on hikes.

Tips for Doggie Car Sickness...Did You Know?

Some say ginger can prevent car sickness in dogs. Below are links to websites with more information.

[SF German Shep. Rescue](#)
[Nevada Humane Society](#)

- Consider using some type of flea preventative for your dog. This is out of courtesy for the dog-friendly hotels plus for the comfort of your pooch.
- Make sure your dog is in good health. If you are driving to Canada or Mexico, you will probably also need a recent health certificate.

Several Days Before

- Make sure you have enough dog food for the duration of the trip.
- If your dog is on any medication, remember to bring it along.
- Some dog owners will also purchase bottled water for the trip, because some dogs can get sick from drinking water they are not used to. Talk to your vet for more information.

The Day Before

- Do not forget to review DogFriendly.com's [Etiquette for the Traveling Dog](#).
- Remember to pack all of your dog's necessities: food, water, dog dishes, leash, snacks and goodies, several favorite toys, brush, towels for dirty paws, plastic bags for cleaning up after your dog, doggie first aid kit, possibly dog booties if you are venturing to an especially cold or hot region, and bring any medicine your dog might be taking.

On The Road

- Before you head out, put on that doggie seat belt harness.
- Keep it cool and well ventilated in the car for your dog.
- Try not to let your dog hang his or her head out the window. While it may look like fun for your dog, particles like dust, bugs, etc., could blow into their face, causing possible damage to the eyes, ears and nose.
- Stop at least every 2-3 hours so your dog can relieve him or herself. Also offer him or her water during the stops.
- Never leave your pet alone in a parked car - even in the shade with the window cracked open. According to the Los Angeles SPCA, on a hot day, a car can heat up to 160 degrees in minutes, potentially causing your pet (or child) heat stroke, brain damage, and even death.

Emergency Situations

- If you need to find an emergency vet, look in the local yellow pages phone book. They are usually listed under Veterinarians. If it is not obvious which vets are open for emergencies, call one or two local vets for the information. You should even be able to call any vet after regular business hours and get this information. Vets that are open only during the day typically have a recorded message that gives the phone number of a local evening

emergency vet.

- If you go for a hike in an unfamiliar or even a familiar area, it is best to keep your dog on a leash. This will help your pet from becoming lost or being bitten by rattlesnakes or wild animals.

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Feature Article: October 2002

A Halloween to Howl About

It's that time of year again. Time for a visit to a pumpkin patch, dressing up the kids in costumes, attending Halloween or fall festivals, and even dressing your pets in costumes. Halloween is not just for children and adults. It can be a fun time for your dog too, just make sure the event or activity you attend will not be uncomfortable for your dog. If your pooch is comfortable at events, then there are many Halloween and fall activities to enjoy.

Most events, including fall or pumpkin festivals, pet parades, and Halloween trick or treating, can be very crowded, noisy, and often times chaotic. If you do plan on taking your dog out to one of the many events, plan ahead and know whether your dog will be comfortable or not in crowds, and especially around children. If you have a dog that does not mind noise, children or even a costume on him or her, then feel free to explore the many Halloween activities that await both you and your well-behaved pooch.

Not all events allow dogs, but there many fall festivals, as well as pet parades and costume contests throughout the country that allow pets. Most of the pet parades charge a minimal entry fee. Some of the Six Flags Amusement Parks throughout the country host annual pet parades. They are usually part of their October Fright Fests. On a special predetermined day, pets and their owners can come in costume and parade through the amusement park. Many nationwide pumpkin or fall festivals also allow dogs and many even have pet parades or pet costume contests. For example, the popular Fantasy Fest in Key West, Florida holds an annual Pet Masquerade and Parade. People and their pets of all kinds come in costume to wow spectators in a tropical setting.

In addition, there are traditional pumpkin and Halloween festivals that allow dogs. The Great Pumpkin Festival in Milford, New Hampshire offers activities that include scarecrow making, children games, pumpkin sales, a variety show, a bake sale, pumpkin painting, face painting, fire station open house, raffles, pumpkin boutique and an arts and crafts show. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are allowed. Another interesting place which allows dogs is the Enchanted Maize Maze in Blowing Springs, Georgia. You can walk your well-behaved, leashed dog through a cornfield labyrinth of trails. They also offer hayrides, a kiddie hay maze, a hay pyramid, pumpkin patch, food, drinks, and more. If there is an event or activity in your area that you want to attend with your pooch, then please call ahead and make sure they allow pets. Below is a list of places that allow well-behaved, leashed dogs.

Pet Parades and/or Pet Costume Contests for 2002

California: Sutter Creek: [Howl-o-ween Costume Contest & Parade](#): Oct 27

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Howl-o-ween costume contest and parade on Sunday, October 27th. Come check out their costumes and hats. Event to be held at the Three Dog Bakery, 16 Eureka St., Sutter Creek, CA, 209-267-1500. All dogs need to be leashed.

ASPCA Offers Halloween Safety Tips For Pets

Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families, but for family pets, it can be a stressful and even dangerous time of year. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) offers pet owners some common-sense tips to help them keep their pets safe.

* Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween. There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, even killed pets on this night.

* Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets. Chocolate is poisonous to many animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

* Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin. Pets may knock it over and cause a fire.

* Don't dress the dog or cat in costume unless you know he or she loves it. Otherwise, it puts too much stress on the animal.

* If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement, hearing or

Colorado: Denver: Six Flags: [Fright Fest Pet Parade](#): October 12

Dress up your pet and yourself for great prizes and a great cause! It has become an annual tradition at Six Flags Elitch Gardens...the Pet Parade through the amusement park to kick off Fright Fest. Pets and their owners dress up in their most unique, funny, and creative costumes to compete for some great prizes and to benefit the Dumb Friends League of Denver. Download information and registration forms [HERE](#). (PDF Format) You can print the form out and either mail in or fax in to 303-629-0740 to receive the early-registration discount. All dogs need to be leashed.

Florida: Key West: [Pet Masquerade and Parade](#): October 23

The pet parade is Wednesday, October 23. The ultimate party animals (and their humans) turn out in swarms, droves, gaggles, prides and packs for a flight of fancy or a crawl across the stage as they seek fame and fortune at the WKEY Pet Masquerade. Long a highlight of Fantasy Fest, and always a favorite with locals, this warm and fuzzy event is for animal lovers of all ages. The parade takes place at the Wyndham Casa Marina Resort. The folks at the local radio station WKEY are your hosts for this pet event. Call 305-296-7511 for entry information. Registration is 4:30 pm; contest starts at 5:30 pm. All dogs need to be leashed.

Texas: Dallas: Six Flags: [Fright Fest Pet Parade](#): Early October

Dogs, cats and other pets are welcome to participate in this pet parade that takes place in the amusement park. There will also be a pet costume contest. 817-265-3356. All dogs need to be leashed.

Texas: Houston: Six Flags: [Fright Fest Pooch Parade](#): October 5

Creepy canines and their haunting humans will join the Houston Humane Society and Six Flags AstroWorld staff for a fur-raising HOWL-oween celebration in the 3rd Annual Fright Fest Pooch Parade on Sat. Oct. 5 at 2pm. Each canine/humane combo will parade through Six Flags AstroWorld and then compete in the Costume Contests (Scariest, Funniest, Most Creative, Best Canine/Human Combo) and/or Smartest Dog Contest. Each individual contest requires a separate registration fee of \$10. Each canine must show proof of current rabies vaccination to enter the park and participate. For more information, please call (713) 794-3295. All dogs need to be leashed.

Some of the events listed below also have pet parades and pet costume contests.

Pumpkin Festivals or Harvest/Fall Festivals in 2002 (many have pet parades or pet costume contests)

Alabama: Atmore: [Williams Station Day](#): October 26

On this day, residents turn back their clocks to 1866 when their community was named Williams Station - a supply stop along the Mobile & Great Northern railroad. They invite you to come to the country for an old fashioned sampling of southern heritage seasoned with demonstrating folk artisans, railroad memorabilia. For more information call 251-368-3305. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved.

Arkansas: Heber Springs: [Ozark Trail and Trout Festival](#): October 11-13

This year's theme is Sugarloaf Days. The festival will include arts, crafts, and entertainment for three days. From clogging to bluegrass and from country to gospel it is sure to be a great weekend in Heber Springs. A terrific variety of food vendors will be present serving buffalo

ability to breathe or bark. Also, there should not be small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on.

* Be careful not to obstruct your pet's vision. Even the sweetest animal can get snappy when he or she can't see.

* All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours. Too many strangers can be scary for a dog or cat.

* When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, be very careful your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.

* Make sure your dog or cat is wearing proper identification. If for any reason they escape and become lost, you increase the chances that they will be returned to you.

[Excerpt above is from the ASPCA](#)

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center hotline call 1-888-426-4435.

steak kabobs to gyros to BBQ and old fashioned peanuts, kettle corn and cold sarsaparilla just to name a few, all located in the Historic Spring Park. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 501-362-2444.

California: St. Helena: [Hometown Harvest Fest & Pet Parade](#): Oct 19

This harvest festival features a popular pet parade that begins at 10am. There will also be many arts and crafts vendors. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 707-963-5706.

California: Temecula: [Old Town Halloween](#) (& Pet Costume Contest): Oct 26-27

Enjoy a pet costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and trick or treating in Old Town. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 909-676-5090.

Canada: Port Elgin, Ontario: [Pumpkinfest and Pet Parade](#): October 5 and 6

Come enjoy the fun of this International Pumpkin Weigh-off Competition. Get close and photograph yourself next to the giant pumpkins in the park. Carve or decorate your own pumpkin or visit numerous other free activities, crafts and events. They don't encourage bringing dogs because it can get very crowded at this event. But if your dog is okay in crowds, then you can bring him or her. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. Dogs are not permitted in any buildings and you must clean up after your pooch. 519-389-3714.

Georgia, Blowing Springs: [Enchanted Maize Maze](#): Aug 30-Nov 2

This maze, located near Lookout Mountain, is a cornfield labyrinth of trails and questions that will challenge you and may even get you lost. Answer the questions correctly and you will find your way through the maze. It is fun, educational, and a new experience for anyone or any group. They also have hayrides, a kiddie hay maze, a hay pyramid, pumpkin patch, food and drinks. Dogs are welcome. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 877-820-0759.

Indiana: Alexandria: [Small Town USA Festival](#) and Pet Parade: October 4, 5, and 6

The festival features crafts, food, free entertainment, displays, and contests. The festival's name is derived from an official designation given by the federal government during World War II. Alexandria was chosen as the "small town" to represent all small towns. Alexandria is proud of its small town status, and its festival reflects the friendliness and casualness found in small towns. Many local churches and clubs have booths, selling everything from caramel corn popped over an open fire to handmade crafts. The event will be held in Beulah Park, Alexandria. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 765-724-3514.

Massachusetts: Salem: [Sea Witch Halloween's Pet Parade](#): Oct 27

The line-up for the Best Costumed Pet Contest and Pet Parade will begin at the Henlopen Hotel. Line-up begins at 12:30pm. The pet parade will begin at 1pm on the Boardwalk, weather permitting. Also, take a photo of your pets or kids in costume at the First State Photo Service on Rehoboth Ave. from 1pm to 9pm. There are photo charges. Dogs might not be allowed at other non-pet events. Call ahead to confirm pets are allowed at the event you are interested in attending. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 800-441-1329.

New Hampshire: Milford: [Great Pumpkin Festival](#): October 11 through 13

Activities include scarecrow making, children games, pumpkin sales, a variety show, a bake sale, pumpkin painting, face painting, fire station open house, raffles, pumpkin boutique and an arts and crafts show. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 603-672-4567.

Ohio: Circleville: [Circleville Pumpkin Show's Pet Parade](#): October 18

The pet parade will begin at 3:30pm on Friday, October 18. Judging for the best costumes will be at South Pickaway and East Franklin Streets Platform immediately following the Parade. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 740-474-7000.

South Carolina: St. Stephens: October Fest & Pet Costume Contest: Oct 19

Activities include pumpkin carving, a pet costume contest, arts and crafts vendors, carnival rides and more. All dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. 843-567-3940.

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Destination: October 2002

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX: Cowboys, Cattle Drives and More

There is much more to see than cowboys and cattle in this ninth largest city in the United States. Back in 1841, Dallas was settled as a frontier trading post. You and your dog can catch a glimpse of how this town used to be in the 1800's, as well as experiencing the Dallas of today. From watching a daily cattle drive in a historic district to taking an elegant carriage ride in downtown Dallas, there is much to see and do at this number one visitor destination in Texas.

One place definitely worth seeing when in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is The Stockyards National Historic District, which offers a variety of dog-friendly and people-friendly activities. Visitors to the Stockyards have the opportunity to experience the Old West in an authentic but modern setting. Start the day by observing the popular Fort Worth Herd Cattle Drive mosey on through the streets in this historic district. You can view the cattle drive from either the sidewalks or from the outdoor dining tables at the Buckaroo's Soda Shoppe. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are allowed at the outdoor tables at this cafe. Cattle drives take place daily at 11:30am and 4pm, weather permitting. After the cattle drive, try a guided walking tour of the Stockyards which begins at the Visitor's Center. You and your pooch will tour the Livestock Exchange Building, Mule Alley, Cowtown Coliseum and more. Tours leave daily, Monday through Saturday, from 10am to 4pm and on Sunday from 12pm to 4pm. The Stockyards is located in the city of Fort Worth. From Downtown Dallas, take I-30 west to I-35 W north, exit (54B) NE 28th Street (West). Traveling west on 28th Street, go approximately 5 traffic lights to North Main Street and then turn left. Go approximately 2 traffic lights to East Exchange Avenue and turn left. The Stockyards Station is approximately 1 1/2 blocks from the intersection.

Back in Dallas, you and your dog can visit the world's largest bronze monument. Pioneer Plaza is home to this monument which spans over 4 acres of land and consists of 40 longhorn steer sculptures and three cowboys on horseback sculptures. This monument represents settlers arriving in Dallas from about the 1840's until just after the Civil War. Pioneer Plaza is located next to the Dallas Convention Center, near Young and Griffin Streets.

In the downtown area, you can take an interesting and informative horse and carriage ride through Dallas with Party Animals Carriage Rides. One of the rides covers historical sites including the site where Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed President Kennedy, and the JFK Memorial. Scenic tours cover the Uptown area of Dallas including Lincoln Plaza, Fountain Plaza, and Thanks-Giving Square. Rides start at \$35 for a 15-20 minute ride and go up to \$100 for a one hour ride. Prices are subject to change. Well-behaved, trained dogs are allowed in the carriages. Pick up one of their carriages on Market Street in the West End Historic District.

If your pooch is itching to run around leash free, visit the White Rock Lake Dog Park. Dogs

are welcome to run free at this dog park. The fully enclosed park offers a separate section for large dogs and small dogs. The dog park is closed on Mondays for maintenance. To get there from Central Expressway (75), go East on Mockingbird Lane. After you pass the West Lawther exit, begin looking for the parking lot. If you go to Buckner Blvd., then you have passed the dog park. The dog park is located on Mockingbird Point.

Prefer more of a hike with your pooch? Then head on over to the Dallas Nature Center. Dogs are allowed on leash at this 600 acre park that offers 10 miles of hiking trails. The hikes are rated from very easy meadow trails to difficult steep hikes. The park is located on Mountain Creek Pkwy, about 2 1/2 miles south of Interstate 20.

If you are craving a true Texas meal, then stop by the Texas Land and Cattle Steakhouse on Preston Road for lunch or dinner. They offer slow cooked smoked sirloin, mesquite grilled ribs, and more choices of beef. Or try the mesquite grilled chicken or salmon. Add a drink, Texas Onion Strings and a large baked sweet potato to complete your Texas meal. Well-behaved dogs on leash are allowed to dine with you at the outdoor tables. For more of a French flare, try the dog-friendly Paris Vendome on McKinney Avenue. Located in Uptown, this restaurant welcomes dogs at their outdoor tables. If you want just a beer and some snacks, then visit The Ginger Man brewpub on Boll Street. They serve up a wide variety of beer and you can grab a few appetizers there as well. Dogs are allowed in the front porch dining area.

For people and dogs visiting from out of town, there are many dog-friendly accommodations to choose from. They range greatly in price from the economical Motel 6's to the Sheraton and Marriott Hotels. Even The Mansion on Turtle Creek allows dogs, but for a pretty hefty additional \$200 pet fee. For details on all of the dog-friendly hotels in the area, please look below under the lodging category.

For more information:

Attractions:

[Party Animals Carriage Rides](#), Market Street-West End Area, Dallas, TX, 214-441-9996

[Pioneer Plaza](#), Young and Griffin Streets, Dallas, TX, 214-953-1184

[Stockyards Station Guided Walking Tour](#), 130 East Exchange Ave., Fort Worth, TX, 817-625-9715

For more dog-friendly attractions in Dallas, [look here](#)

Lodging:

For dog-friendly lodging in Dallas, [look here](#)

For dog-friendly lodging in Fort Worth, [look here](#)

Parks:

[Dallas Nature Center](#), 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, 972-296-1955

[White Rock Lake Dog Park](#), 8000 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX, 214-670-8895

For more dog-friendly parks in Dallas, [look here](#)

Restaurants:

Buckaroo's Soda Shoppe, 140 E Exchange, Fort Worth, TX, 817-624-6631

Paris Vendome, 3699 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX, 469-533-5663

[The Ginger Man](#), 2718 Boll Street, Dallas, TX, 214-754-US71

[Texas Land and Cattle Steakhouse](#), 17390 Preston Road, Dallas, TX, 972-248-2424

For more dog-friendly restaurants in Dallas, [look here](#)

Destination: October 2002

Las Vegas, NV: Doggie Adventures in World Famous Vegas

Las Vegas, also known as Sin City, is a world famous place for gambling, indoor shows, concerts and more. Almost all of these activities occur indoors, where dogs are not allowed. So how much fun can you really have with your pooch in Vegas? There are actually some interesting things that you and your pooch can enjoy. While casinos and most hotels on the Strip do not allow dogs, you can tour this popular area from the Las Vegas Boulevard sidewalks. There are several sights to see on a self-guided walking tour. Or if you prefer to be indoors, your well-behaved pooch is allowed inside a museum and on an automobile production facility tour near downtown. If you prefer to get some exercise in the great outdoors, there are actually some nice hikes close to Las Vegas.

While many folks are indoors gambling, you and your best friend can take an outdoor tour of this interesting city. You will get some exercise and save money at the same time. There are many points of interest on this self-guided walking tour that many tourists without dogs also visit. While you can take the tour anytime of day, probably the best time is late afternoon or early evening because of the special effects and light shows at some of the points of interest. All places mentioned can be viewed from the sidewalk.

Start the walk at the Treasure Island Hotel at 3300 South Las Vegas Blvd. In the front of this hotel you can view two battle ships duke it out. Every 90 minutes, each evening at Buccaneer Bay, musket and cannon fire are exchanged in a pyrotechnic battle between the pirate ship Hispaniola and the British frigate H.M.S. Britannia. This is a popular attraction and it can become very crowded on the sidewalk. Next stop is the Volcano at the front of the Mirage Hotel at 3400 South Las Vegas Blvd. From dusk to midnight, every 15 minutes, flames shoot into the sky, spewing smoke and fire 100 feet above the water, transforming a tranquil waterfall into streams of molten lava. For a little musical entertainment, walk over to the Musical Fountains at the Bellagio Hotel at 3600 South Las Vegas Blvd. Here you will find spectacular fountains that fill a 1/4 mile long lake in front of the hotel. Every evening there is a water show that is timed to music. The show takes place every 15 minutes. For some interesting architecture, walk over to the Eiffel Tower at the Paris Hotel at 3655 South Las Vegas Blvd. While your pooch cannot go into the Paris Hotel or the tower, you can view this half size Paris replica from the street. You can also visit the Statue of Liberty right in Las Vegas. Walk over to the New York, New York Hotel at 3790 South Las Vegas Blvd. Again, your pooch cannot go inside this hotel, but you can view the replica from the street. The last stop is the Luxor Hotel at 3900 South Las Vegas Blvd. From the sidewalk you will see the large pyramid with hotel rooms inside and a large sphinx in the front of the hotel. Please note that some of the attractions might be closed during certain times of the year or during bad weather, especially when it is windy.

If an indoor attraction is more appealing, head on over to the Shelby American Museum. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are allowed in this museum and on the automobile production tour. Shelby American produced the legendary Shelby Cobra automobile in the 1960's and

they now make a new roadster, the Series 1 along with the 289 (FIA) Cobra and the 427 S/C Cobra. The manufacturing facility in Las Vegas opened in 1998 and it even has a testing ground right outside the factory. The museum, open 8am to 4pm daily, showcases the latest cars as well as vintage Shelby autos. You and your pooch can even take a tour of the production facility during the weekdays at 10:30am. The tour is free. Be sure to shop by the merchandise store after your tour. To get there from downtown Las Vegas, take Interstate 15 north about 11 miles to exit 54. Shelby American is located at the entrance to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Please note that the facility is closed from the end of December to the beginning of January for the holidays.

All of these activities might make your pooch (and you) work up an appetite. But don't expect to dine on the Strip in Vegas. There are only a few outdoor restaurants in the popular casino area and we did not find any that allow dogs. However, we did find many dog-friendly restaurants in the city of Las Vegas. Well-behaved dogs are allowed at the outdoor tables at the following restaurants: Einstein Brothers Bagels, Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, Wild Sage Cafe (entrees are about \$15 to \$25), Leo's Deli (named in memory of their dog, Leo), and Mountain Springs Saloon (very welcoming to dogs).

If you are looking for a nice hike in the area, look no further than the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. This park is located about 30 to 40 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. Red Rock Canyon is very scenic, with mountains that offer a sharp contrast between the red rock formations and the limestone ridges. There is a 13 Mile Loop Drive that offers sightseeing, vistas and overlooks. Several short hikes are accessible from the loop drive. Leashed dogs are allowed on most of the trails, except for the very rocky trails. Stop by the visitor center for more information about trails on the loop drive and in the area. To get there from downtown Las Vegas, take Charleston Blvd./159 and head west. The park entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle and \$5 per dog.

There are a variety of accommodations to choose from when staying overnight in Las Vegas. Of special interest is the Hawthorne Suites-The Strip, because of its location near the Las Vegas Strip. Every room in the hotel is a suite. Hotel amenities include a guest laundry, outdoor pool, exercise room and more. They allow well-behaved dogs for an additional \$25 per stay. Or if you prefer to stay a little outside of Vegas, try the Mount Charleston Lodge and Cabins located about 35 miles from the Las Vegas Strip. The lodge sits at over 7,700 feet above sea level and there are several dog-friendly trails nearby for hikers. Dogs are welcome for an additional \$10 per day pet charge.

While you may not be able to visit the casinos with your pooch in Las Vegas, you can still see many sights. And if you do want to gamble, there are several doggie day boarding facilities near downtown. A-V.I.P. Kennel and Animal Inn Boarding Kennels are located about 5 minutes from the Strip. They both offer indoor and outdoor kennels. Please note however that both kennels require your dog to have proof of many vaccines including rabies, parvo, distemper, corona, and bordetello (kennel cough).

For more information:

Attractions:

[Las Vegas Strip Walking Tour](#), 3300-3900 Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

[Shelby American Museum](#), 6755 Speedway Blvd., Las Vegas, NV, 702-643-3000

For more dog-friendly attractions in Las Vegas, [look here](#)

Lodging:

[Hawthorn Suites-The Strip](#), 5051 Duke Ellington Way, Las Vegas, NV, 702-739-7000

[Mount Charleston Lodge and Cabins](#), Highway 38, Mt. Charleston, NV, 702-872-5408

For more dog-friendly lodging in Las Vegas, [look here](#)

Parks:

[Red Rock Canyon National Area](#), Charleston Blvd/159, Las Vegas, NV, 702-363-1921

For more dog-friendly parks in Las Vegas, [look here](#)

Restaurants:

Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 1380 E Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV, 702-699-8920

Einstein Brothers Bagels, 9031 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV, 702-254-0919

Wild Sage Cafe, 600 E Warm Springs Rd, Las Vegas, NV, 702-944-7243

Leo's Deli, 4055 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV, 702-733-7827

Mountain Springs Saloon, Highway 160, Las Vegas, NV, 702-875-4266

For more dog-friendly restaurants in Las Vegas, [look here](#)

Kennels - Day Boarding:

[A-V.I.P. Kennel](#), 6808 La Cienega, Las Vegas, NV, 702-361-8900

[Animal Inn Boarding Kennels](#), 3460 W Oquendo Rd, Las Vegas, NV, 702-736-0036

Accommodation Spotlight: October 2002

Stay in a Historic Hotel in Fort Davis, TX

Located in the southwest corner of Texas, the Hotel Limpia provides modern amenities in their renovated historic hotel. Each of the 39 rooms offer private baths and are all non-smoking. The porches have rocking chairs where you can relax and unwind. The hotel also has suite rooms, some of which have full kitchens. Fort Davis is a small town of about 1,000 people. The elevation is over 5,000 feet, making it the highest town in the state of Texas. The town is located about 4 hours from Odessa, 5 hours from El Paso, and 6 hours from San Antonio, Texas. This western town is unpolluted, has no stop signs, and offers an excellent view of the stars and Milky Way at night. If you go, visit the Fort Davis National Historic Site where leashed dogs are allowed in the historic area, but not in the buildings or on the trails. If you want a nearby hike, visit the Davis Mountains State Park where leashed dogs are allowed on the hiking trails. Hotel room rates start at about \$89 per night. Dogs are welcome for an additional \$10 per day pet fee.

For more information:

[Hotel Limpia](#), On the Town Square, Fort Davis, TX, 915-426-3237

[Fort Davis National Historic Site](#), Lieutenant Henry Flipper Dr., Fort Davis, TX, 915-426-3224 x20

[Davis Mountains State Park](#), Fort Davis, TX, 915-426-3337

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Attraction/Event Spotlight: October 2002

The Truth is Out There in Roswell, NM

Well, if the truth is out there, it will probably be at the International UFO Museum & Research Center in Roswell. Ever wonder if extraterrestrial life exists? At this museum, you and your pooch will be able to view exhibits on The Roswell Incident, Crop Circles, Ragsdale Crash Site, Ancient Cultures, Worldwide Sighting Map and more. You and your dog can even sit and view videos in their small theatre room. This popular museum also has a children's area and a gift shop. Dogs are welcome, they just need to be on a leash. Admission is free and donations are always accepted. This museum was once named the "Top Tourist Destination of New Mexico," by the Tourism Association of New Mexico.

For more information:

[International UFO Museum & Research Center](#), 114 N. Main Street, Roswell, NM, 505-625-9495

[Roswell dog-friendly lodging](#)

Restaurant Spotlight: October 2002

All Dogs are Lucky at This Restaurant in Portland, OR

All dogs, not just labs, are lucky at the the Lucky Labrador Brewing Company in Portland, Oregon. Dogs are welcome at the outdoor tables at this brew pub. And yes, the pub does have a labrador retriever as their mascot and on their beer labels. At the outside seating area, your pooch can relax at your feet while you unwind with some beer or food. The pub offers a nice variety of food including veggie and meat sandwiches, bentos (chicken or veggies over rice), soup and more. Of course, if you love beer, you will also have to try their ales like the Black Lab Stout, the Dog Day India Pale Ale or the Top Dog Extra Special Pale Ale. And if you visit during the month of October, don't miss their Dogtoberfest on Saturday, October 12. They celebrate the pub's anniversary on this day. The highlight of the day is the dog wash, which is held in the parking lot. For treats, humans can try a special Dogtoberfest ale and doggies can get dog cookies and biscuits. The pub might even have a band for musical entertainment as well.

For more information:

[Lucky Labrador Brewing Company](#), 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR. 503-236-3555

[Portland dog-friendly lodging](#)

Park/Recreation Spotlight: October 2002

Commemorate the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, GA

Come enjoy Centennial Olympic Park, a 21 acre park which highlights and commemorates the 1996 Olympics that were held in Atlanta. Thousands of visitors come to this park every year. The park features both man-made and natural points of interest. There are about 750 trees, 50,000 shrubs and 330,000 square feet of grass in this park, enough to cover Turner Field (home of Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves) three times. Also at this park is a majestic fountain (five-ring water fountain), exquisite art, and inspiring statues. During hot summer days and nights, the five-ring water fountain is a popular spot to cool off. Dogs are allowed, but must be leashed and remember to clean up after your pet. Pets are normally not allowed in concerts at this park. The park is bordered by Marietta Street, Baker Street, Centennial Olympic Park Drive and Andrew Young International Blvd.

For more information:

[Centennial Olympic Park](#), Andrew Young Intl. Blvd., Atlanta, GA, 404-223-4000

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Survey of the Month

[Last Months Survey Results - Click Here](#)

How many road trips do you take with your dog(s) each year (Assumes an overnight stay)?

- None
- 1 - 2
- 3 - 5
- More than 5

About how many nights a year do you stay away from home with your dog(s)?

- None
- 1 - 7
- 8 - 14
- More than 14

When traveling with your dog(s) do you stay with friends or relatives or hotels?

- Mostly friends or relatives
- Mostly at hotel, motel, b & b, etc.
- Both

Any Additional Comments?

Submit

Please check back on the first of each month for the results of the previous month's survey.

Results of the September 2002 Survey

What kind of vehicle do you currently use for your road trips that include your dog?

SUV - 47%
Standard Car - 23%
Minivan - 17%
Station Wagon - 8%
Motorhome - 3%
Trailer -1%
I don't go on road trips with my dog - 1%

Are you satisfied with your current road trip vehicle?

Yes - 88%
No - 12%

What type of vehicle would you prefer for a road trip that includes your dog?

SUV -18%
Motorhome - 11%
Station Wagon - 6%
Minivan - 5%
Trailer -1%
Standard Car - 0%
I don't go on road trips with my dog - 0%

Some Comments Returned with the Survey

We received hundreds of Responses to our survey on air travel with dogs. We are unable to print all of them, but here are a few. Thanks to all of you who responded. We apologize to owners of trucks and full size vans for not including your category in the survey.

Actually, I liked my extended cab truck. Room for all 3 dogs

We travel a lot and at the present have a Class "B" it is great most of the time but we are looking at a Class "A" to have more space but it will have to be a small one. 22/23 feet would be a preference.. still able to get into the out of the way places but having more space and a Toad would then be more appropriate

You forgot to mention trucks as one of your vehicles. I actually drive a extended cab pick-up, not a car.

For short trip I definitely prefer my minivan (and am disappointed Nissan/Mercury stopped making it), but for longer trips where I could take all 4 dogs, I would like a motorhome.

Station wagons aren't just for kids anymore!

A Ford van converted into a camper by Sportsmobile--just got it so I could travel more comfortably with my dogs.

My AWD wagon allows travel anywhere, in any weather, which my dog enjoys! She goes everywhere with us. We have outfitted the back (cargo) area with a blanket and travel bed, as well as travel bowls, harness, toys, and all other equipment she needs. It is (literally) her "home away from home" - we have travelled across the country twice, and many, many day trips. We have even had to equip the car with a roof trunk (Yakima "SpaceCadet" - excellent piece) in order to allow her all the room she needs. (& deserves!!)

my next car will be a Subaru Outback, mainly for my golden retriever!

Would like to have options to add that support safe and convenient pet transportation including barriers, dog safety harnesses, air conditioning vents in the back of the car to increase airflow, storage, cushions, water container and dish, and exterior tie-out loops and short leashes.

My scottie LOVES her Subaru Forrester! Plenty of windows and room!

I would love to by a Roadtrek class b motorhome to go on road trips with my beautiful golden retriever/rottweiler mix.

We especially appreciate the Chevy-Venture minivan. We recently rented one for a 4,500 mile trip. It was extremely comfortable, and because we could remove one of the central seats (not a central bench), our 85 lb. dog was comfortable, as well. We would have liked a second power outlet for the Nintendo, though.

Our 25 ft. travel trailer is the perfect "mobile hotel room" for us and our 2 bulldogs! They love it!

Our dog is little, but we both have SUV's to carry all our "stuff".

Yeah, you left off TRUCKS as an option! I have a full size Dodge Ram pickup truck with a canopy on back. It's a 4x4, and I have even built a carpeted (for traction) ramp so he can get in and out of the bed of the truck. We're getting ready for a long road trip this weekend! The truck is actually my dog's. He just lets me drive it.

I have a full sized Dodge van and it is the only way to travel. Enough room



Kids Corner

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What Kind of Dog is This?



A. Shetland Sheepdog

B. Pug

C. German Shepherd

D. Boston Terrier

Answer is at the bottom left of this page.

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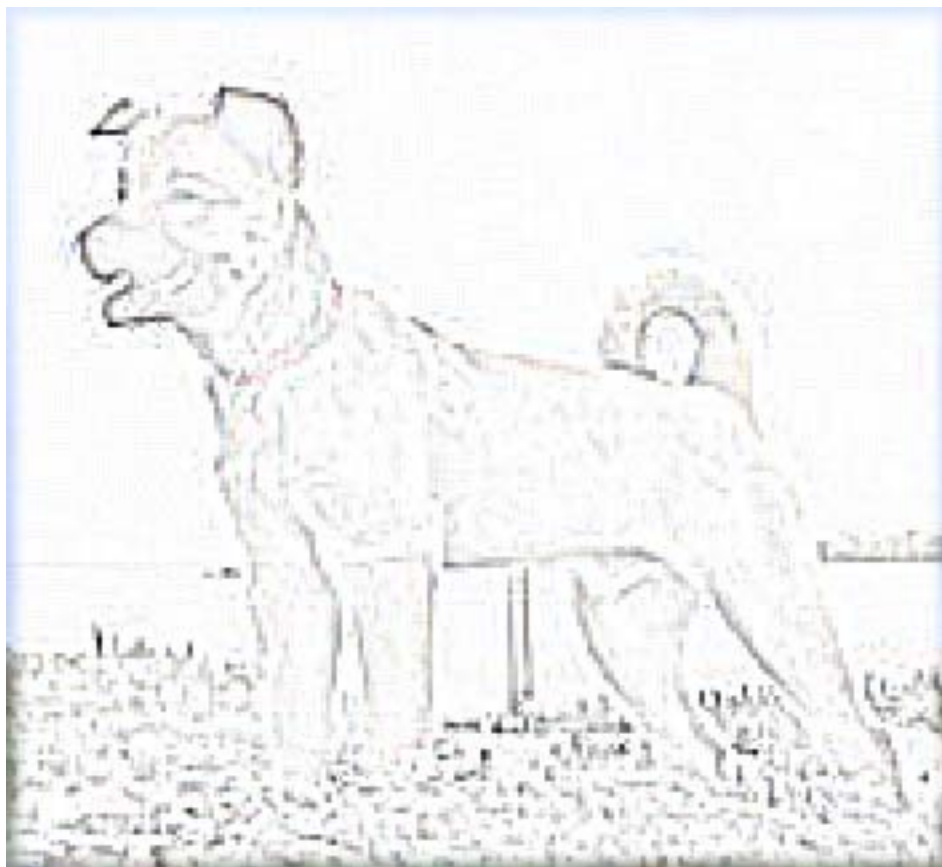
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Correct answer: B. Pug

Print This Page and Color In the Doggie!



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To ask us questions about Dog Travel, [click here](#).

We will post answers to some of the questions in next month's magazine.

Maryam (Millbrae, California)

Q: Hi. Great magazine! I am looking for campsites in Northern California that will allow dogs. Leashed is fine. Thanks for your reply! Maryam

A: There are many campsites that allow dogs in Northern California. However, if you want to stay at a campsite with nearby dog-friendly hiking trails, I recommend staying at a National Forest. There are many nice forests to choose from, but try the [Shasta-Trinity National Forest](#). Lake Shasta is within this forest and it is a beautiful blue lake surrounded by mountains. It is also fairly easy to access. It is located off Highway 5 in Redding, CA. Campground reservations are made online through the [Shasta Recreation Company](#) or by calling ReserveUSA at 1-877-444-6777.

Elizabeth (San Diego, California)

Q: I live in San Diego, which is close to the Tijuana, Mexico border. What restrictions are there for taking my dog across the border & bringing her back?

A: According to the [U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs](#), U.S. visitors to Mexico may bring a dog or cat by presenting the following certificates at the border: 1. a pet health certificate signed by a registered veterinarian in the United States and issued not more than 72 hours before the animal enters Mexico; and 2. a pet vaccination certificate showing that the animal has been treated for rabies, hepatitis, pip and leptospirosis. Certification by Mexican consular authorities is not required for the health or vaccination certificate. A permit fee is charged at the time of entry into Mexico.

But to re-enter into the United States from Mexico, please be aware of the following. Pets taken out of the United States and returned are subject to the same requirements as those entering for the first time. For entry into the U.S., domestic dogs must be free of evidence of diseases communicable to humans when examined at the port of entry. If the animal is not in apparent good health, further examination by a licensed veterinarian may be required at the owner's expense. Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days before entering the United States and the rabies shot given in the last 12 months. A valid rabies vaccination certificate needs to accompany the animal. This certificate should be in English or be accompanied by a translation. It should identify the animal, the dates of vaccination and expiration, and be signed by a licensed veterinarian. If no expiration date is specified, the certificate is acceptable if the date of vaccination is no more than 12 months before the date of arrival. If the

vaccination was performed less than 30 days before arrival, the animal may be admitted but must be confined at a place of the owner's choosing until at least 30 days have passed since the vaccination.

And remember for people, you will need a U.S. passport and either a valid driver's license or a government identification card that includes a photo or physical description.

Susan (Renfrew, Pennsylvania)

Q: any restrictions taking your family dog over the border into Canada?

A: Domestic dogs and cats may enter from the United States into Canada, provided each animal is accompanied by the following; 1. the owner or someone appointed by the owner needs to accompany the pet, and 2. a certificate issued by a licensed U.S. veterinarian of the United States that clearly identifies the animal and certifies that the dog and/or cat has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36-month period. Rabies tags alone may not be sufficient.

But to re-enter into the United States from Canada, please be aware of the following. Pets taken out of the United States and returned are subject to the same requirements as those entering for the first time. For entry into the U.S., domestic dogs must be free of evidence of diseases communicable to humans when examined at the port of entry. If the animal is not in apparent good health, further examination by a licensed veterinarian may be required at the owner's expense. Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days before entering the United States and the rabies shot given in the last 12 months. A valid rabies vaccination certificate needs to accompany the animal. This certificate should be in English or be accompanied by a translation. It should identify the animal, the dates of vaccination and expiration, and be signed by a licensed veterinarian. If no expiration date is specified, the certificate is acceptable if the date of vaccination is no more than 12 months before the date of arrival. If the vaccination was performed less than 30 days before arrival, the animal may be admitted but must be confined at a place of the owner's choosing until at least 30 days have passed since the vaccination.

For U.S. citizens (people), the following is required; a valid passport *or* 2 other pieces of identification (one must include your photo)

Our experience: We drove into Canada with our dog (no questions asked, did not need to show any paperwork, etc.) and returned via car back into the United States (again, no questions asked and we showed no paperwork). However, DO NOT assume that you won't need the appropriate paperwork, etc. when traveling into Canada and back into the U.S. ALWAYS bring the required documents for you and your pet.

Tammy (Montello, Wisconsin)

Q: Are there any airlines that will allow a small dog (20#) to travel that allow dogs to be in the passenger area? We are planning a trip to Oregon soon.

A: Some of the major airlines will probably allow a 20 pound dog, but your dog will need to fit in an approved airline carrier which can be pretty small. For example, if you have a Jack Russell Terrier that only weighs 20 pounds, but is tall, he might not be able to fit in the carrier because of height. Airline policies change frequently, so the best thing is to call the airlines directly.

Anthony (Orlando, FL, Kingman, AZ)

Q: What's the cheapest way to get a small dog from Kingman AZ to Orlando FL.

A: It depends on many factors. If your dog is small enough to fit in an approved airline carrier, he can ride in the cabin with you on a commercial airliner. Contact the airlines directly for cabin carrier requirements. A ticket for a small dog that can be carried (in a carrier) in the cabin with you, usually costs about \$50 one way. You will also need to add the cost of air fare for at least one person who will fly with the dog. Or you can drive. Once you add up the cost for gasoline, hotel/motel rooms including pet fees and cost for food, you can then compare it to your air fare. If you get a very good air fare, it might be cheaper to fly, assuming your dog is small enough to fit in an airline approved carrier.

Letters to the Editor

To Submit a letter to the editor for consideration for next month's magazine, [click here](#).

Christina (Pasadena, California)

Hello. I love your articles on the National Parks and dogs but, (and this may not apply but it is in the National Forest) you forgot Mammoth Lakes. Thank you.

Robin (Malibu, California)

My letter is in response to the person who said that dogs don't fly in the cargo hold with baggage, Since when? That's why the crates had to be "airline approved" so when big suitcases fell on it, it would not collapse. Also, my dog got loose in the cargo hold and I had to go get her--underneath the belly--with the luggage. I am happy to hear about this new way of travel because I stopped traveling because I couldn't take my dog. The train also stopped taking pets in rooms. Maybe we could work on them--I loved taking my dog in the room with me, and love the train, but they stopped several years ago.

Susan (St Augustine, Florida)

I vacation in northern Minnesota, along the edge of Lake Superior, with my black lab mix. Grand Portage National Monument, while a small national park, seems to allow dogs everywhere except within the fenced area of the rebuilt stockade. This is to prevent a digging dog from disturbing archaeological evidence, according to a park ranger. This is a beautiful, but out of the way area that even allows dogs a chance to get in the (cold) water. I have discovered that the Minnesota north shore of Lake Superior is extremely dog friendly, with many cabins and hotels accepting dogs. Grand Marais, a small town at one of the entries to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and also the start of the Gunflint Trail, is an extremely dog friendly town. In addition, there are numerous state parks that also allow dogs on the trails and in the campgrounds. This is one of the reasons that my dog and I spend our vacation there each summer as there is lots for him to do as well as me!

Nancy (East Meadow, New York)

I am so glad that I am not alone in my quest to get my dog in the cabin of an airline. I was so thrilled to hear about "companion air" but then was very upset when I saw fares that I would never be able to afford. I can fly round trip to Florida for under \$500 - but I would be paying well over \$1,000 for my dog. It's not that it's not worth it - I just can't afford it. There has to be an airline who can accommodate dog lovers. I hope someday we will all have that opportunity.
