

Pet-Friendly Staycations Checklist

Before You Book

- Search for pet-friendly accommodations (hotels, Airbnbs, cabins, campgrounds)
- Check pet policies:
 - Breed or size restrictions
 - Extra pet fees or deposits
 - Whether pets can be left alone in rooms
- Confirm availability of pet-specific amenities (beds, bowls, treats, fenced areas)
- Check nearby walking trails, parks, dog beaches, and patios
- Identify nearest vet clinic or 24/7 emergency animal hospital
- Review local leash laws and seasonal park/patio regulations

Health & Safety

- Ensure pet vaccinations are up to date
- Confirm pet insurance covers out-of-town/emergency care
- Update ID tags with your current contact info
- Verify microchip information is correct
- Print or store a copy of your pet's medical records
- Pack a basic pet first-aid kit

Transportation Tips

- Secure travel crate or pet seatbelt harness
- Cover car seats or cargo area with blankets or mats
- Bring calming sprays or chews if your pet gets anxious
- Schedule rest stops every 2–3 hours for water and bathroom breaks
- Never leave your pet alone in the car, especially in warm weather

Packing Essentials

- Leash and harness (plus a backup leash)
- Collar with up-to-date ID tags
- Pet waste bags and scoop
- Water bottle and portable travel bowl
- Food and treats (plus extra, just in case)
- Food and water dishes
- Medications or supplements
- Towels for muddy paws or swimming
- Blanket, bed, or crate (for comfort or crate-trained pets)
- Favorite toys, chews, and puzzle games
- Grooming supplies (brush, wipes, shampoo)

Fun Extras

- Research local pet-friendly events or markets
- Look for dog-friendly patios and “Yappy Hours” nearby
- Pack a pet-safe camera or use your phone to capture memories
- Set up a backyard “camp” if staying home—tent, fairy lights, snacks
- Try a new activity: paddleboarding, hiking, dog yoga, or a trail walk

