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Pet Friendly Hotels

Many hotels advertise that they are "pet friendly". The fact is that some hotels are friendlier than others.

Some things to look for when considering traveling with your pet:

- Pet Limit. Many hotels will only allow one or two pets per room.
- Pet Weight Limit. Often will only accept pets weighing 30 or 40 pounds maximum.
- Cleaning Deposit. A non-refundable cleaning deposit may be required. This may be charged on a daily or per-stay basis.
- Pets by request only. Some hotels will only allow pets if requested in advance.
- Additional occupancy fee. An additional fee per pet per night may be charged at some hotels.
- Limit on number of pet friendly rooms. Some hotels only have a few rooms which are designated for pets.

We may have found one of the pet friendliest hotels ever—The Inn by the Sea in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Located just 6 miles south of Portland, this charming seaside resort has been welcoming traveling pets and their companions since 1990, making it one of the first luxury hotels to welcome pets.

We recently had the opportunity to sit down with Ms. Rauni Kew, Public Relations and Green Program Manager of The Inn by the Sea. Only a few minutes into our discussion with Rauni, it became very apparent that The Inn by the Sea is pet paradise. Rauni told us that many pets come here to celebrate their birthdays or other special occasions.

Many pets bring their human companions here every year for the in room pet spa service, amenities and over the top pampering.

For the record, The Inn by the Sea does not have a pet limit, pet weight limit, cleaning deposit or additional occupancy fee.

We would like to thank Rauni for sitting down with us and encourage everyone to visit The Inn by the Sea. Scroll down to see what is in store for you and your pet at this very pet friendly hotel.



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VIP's (very important pets) welcome at Inn by the Sea

Dogs Days at Inn by the Sea include in room spa services, amenities and over the top pampering for both traveling pets and their human companions. One of the first luxury hotels to accept pets, Inn by the Sea has welcomed man's best friend for over 20 years with complimentary stays, water bowls, beach towels, cozy L.L Bean dog blankets and handmade treats from the Growlin' gourmet at turn down.

Gourmet pet menus for in room dining (see sample menu at right), dog walking and doggie day care, as well as pet massage is all available for doggie divas. Dogs are welcome to join their humans for meals Al Fresco on the seaside deck or full menu service in the fireplace lounge.

During the dog days of summer, our VIP's (very important pets) are invited to lap it up at happy hour. In house pets are welcome to enjoy complimentary ice cream on the boulevard while humans are invited to order drinks from the signature cocktail menu or bar on the outdoor boulevard. A dollar from each signature drink will be donated to the animal rescue league.

Dress code: casual leashes.

Fetching fall days include the pool going to the dogs—the last 2 weeks of October the pool is closed to people and open for pets to enjoy after a relaxing walk on the beach.

Crescent Beach is closed to dogs during the Piper Plover mating season in the summer, but other local beaches have pet hours, and Great Pond trail is a wonderful nature walk for the whole family.

DOGGY MENU

SEA

HOUSEMADE DOG BISCUITS

Rolled Oats / Peanut Butter / Wheat Flour / Honey

MEAT "ROAFF"

Steamed Rice / Raw Vegetables / Natural Ground Beef / Dog Biscuit 14

"DOGGY GUMBO"

Angus Beef Tips / Steamed Rice / Raw Vegetables / Dog Biscuit 14

"THE BIRD DOG"

Grilled Chicken / Steamed Rice / Raw Vegetables / Dog Biscuit 14

K-9 ICE CREAM

Soy milk Honey Gelato / Topped with Dog Biscuit Crumbs 10

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