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## Long Beach is “Paws-a-tively” Pet-Friendly!

Is Long Beach a pooch’s paradise? No bones about it! Recognized by *Dog Fancy Magazine* as one of the most dog-friendly cities in America, Long Beach is full of treasures that Fido and family alike can enjoy. Whether you and your pampered pet prefer relaxing beachside or an old fashioned game of fetch at a park, Long Beach has exciting offerings for everyone.

Long Beach is pet-friendly right from the get-go. Nearly every airline that operates through Long Beach Airport allows pets to travel, some with few restrictions. The city has several pet-friendly hotels, including Hotel Maya and Westin, where dog robes, beds, massages, and toys are offered. Dining with your dog is made easy in eclectic districts Belmont Shore and Downtown Long Beach where dogs can be found dining with their owners on the outside patios of eateries. Many Belmont Shore retail stores provide water bowls and biscuits to shoppers’ canine companions.

Home to the first and only off-leash dog beach in Los Angeles County, Rosie’s Dog Beach offers more than three acres of coastline where dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome to splash and play on the sandy shore. For that game of fetch Fido’s been barking

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about, the city boasts five dog parks, including Recreation Dog Park that offers nearly two acres of off-leash play space, including two separate fenced-in areas for big and small dogs.

For the more social canine, Long Beach has several events celebrating dogs and other pets. Haute Dogs, a non-profit organization created by local canine crusader Justin Rudd, hosts events such as the Bulldog Beauty Contest and Howl'oween Costume Contest.

For the pampered pooch, the athletic canine or the friendly Fido, look no farther than Long Beach with its many offerings that both people and pooches can enjoy. With award-winning, pet-friendly restaurants, a variety of pet-themed events and a town dedicated to making you and your dog happy, Long Beach has proven that dogs truly are this city's best friend.

**About Long Beach, Calif.**

Long Beach is a refreshing mix of urban sophistication with the atmosphere of a beach resort. Offering affordable, big city amenities alongside the visitor friendly charm of a small town, visitors will find first-class accommodations, shopping, dining, notable attractions: The Queen Mary, Aquarium of the Pacific, seaside sightseeing along picturesque bays and 5 ½ miles of sandy beachfront. Day or night, convention or vacation, it's the best of all worlds—right in the center of everything Southern California has to offer. To plan your visit to Long Beach, log onto [www.visitlongbeach.com](http://www.visitlongbeach.com) or call (800) 452-7829.

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