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## Sally, Our Cover Dog



**Name:** Hi! I'm Sally!

**Hometown:** I was rescued in Leland, Michigan, which I hear is one of the cutest towns in Michigan. A cute dog from a cute town, that's me. We moved to Cottonwood a couple years after I was rescued.

**Age:** I turned five a couple of months ago.

**Favorite brand of kibble:** Mom only gives me Royal Canin Small and Petit. That's me.

**Favorite people food:** My favorite is the vanilla ice cream Dad shares with me. I have varying tastes. I like fruit, vegetables, and any kind of beef or chicken.

**Favorite toy:** My favorite toy on the ground is Herman, my stuffy. When we fly, it's the strap on my air carrier.

**Favorite outdoor activity:** We travel a lot, to all sorts of places in the RV, and on planes. I like to travel because it takes me to my favorite things: the beach, the mountains, and all kinds of places in between. I like checking out new places and meeting new people.

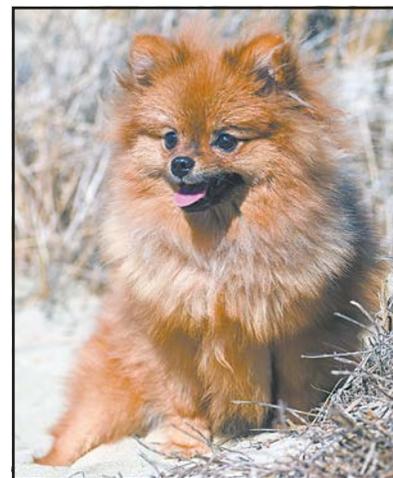
**Favorite indoor activity:** I like to sit with my Mom in her chair. I like to lay on the couch and watch the world go by in the RV. I spend most of my time watching Mom to see if she's going to drop anything while she's cooking.

**Favorite nap spot:** My favorite nap spot is my princess bed. That's Mom and Dad's pillows.) I sleep for hours there.

**Fitness regimen:** I walk with my Mom. We also hike, swim, and ski when we're traveling.

**Describe your perfect canine pal:** Since I make friends easily, I'm never without a pack to play with. Anyone I meet would be a perfect canine pal for me.

**Describe your perfect day:** We'd wake up at a ski resort with fresh powder and hurry out to play in the snow. Then we'd come in and have breakfast at the lodge. After breakfast, we'd go play in the snow some more. When I got tired, I'd go upstairs to the balcony, enjoy the sun, and wait to see Mom and Dad coming down the hill.



# Tucker's Take

## A Ruff & Wooly Day

Sometimes, you just want to commiserate with a friend that knows you and knows your journey. Quick to lend a sympathetic ear. Although she doesn't quite fit the bill, I just described Hazel. My pack sister is the closest to me in our family.

I'm the oldest on four legs here, and Hazel is the canine matriarch having arrived some time before my being found and adopted. Haze and I are the seniors, and our shared approach to advances in aging gives us a deep camaraderie, if not a full understanding or appreciation of each other's quirks. Still, on occasion, we find comfort in each other's company whether in silence or not.

Today, having missed my opportunity to get my morning hip massage from Dad (I just couldn't rouse myself from sleep before he left), I found myself greeting the morning in a surly mood. I purposely tormented my pack by eating my breakfast slowly and intermittently to make them anticipate my walking away to leave them the spoils to divide up frantically.

It soon became obvious to me that I had unnecessarily wound up the tempo of the two younger members of the pack by teasing them with hopes of an extra helping of breakfast. They took the energy of their disappointment as a chance to wrestle loudly and recklessly in the living room. I took the opportunity to slink out the back door, pretending not to notice the ruckus behind me.

Mom, however, was working in her office and had noticed the rumble and thumping and came out to hustle Prudence and Keira outside so she could get back to work. On her way back inside, she asked me (as the honorary Sheriff of the pack) why hadn't I intervened and hustled the girls outside myself. Even though Mom had asked in a light-hearted way, the question, however appropriate, soured my mood even more.

I considered my options: find Hazel and pull on her ear for a bit and see if it would raise my spirits, or stay put and wallow in self-pity.

Just as I decided to get up and pursue the former option, Keira raced past me with one of the wool dryer-balls in her jaws. Mom must be doing



The swearing-in ceremony

laundry. Not a good look for a deputy, which Keira supposedly is. I think of it as an honorary position, like an honorary doctorate, I guess.

It was actually Dad's suggestion to swear Keira in, seeing as I was getting on in years, and Dad thought I could use the help. At the time, I had no idea that a doggo like Promise Prudence Pepper was coming into our lives.

Just as I sent the All Hands on Deck signal to my hips to get up, Pru came trotting towards me with a determined look across her face. I canceled my intent to rise... and sighed heavily.

Pru came to an abrupt stop at a respectful distance, sat, and glanced over at Keira—who was shredding her purloined prize on the other side of the pine tree. If left uninterrupted (i.e., caught) Keira can shred those tennis-ball sized items to nearly a square yard of fluff and mess.

When Pru's gaze returned to mine, she recited a long, prepared speech requesting having me name and appoint her as an additional Deputy. All the while, her eyes darted back to Keira as if to add necessity and weight to her presentation.

Pru is quick, athletic and clever, but also impulsive and bossy. She is the youngest and most recent addition to the family. She also has a very sensitive heart, and I had to take that into consideration as she continued on about her supposed attributes and talents and reasons why she would be a great addition to the team.

When Pru finally stopped her speech and sat, waiting for an answer, I

resorted to one of Dad's favorite tools for these situations. "Let me think about it, Pru," I said with all the tenderness and seriousness I could muster.

Sitting in front of me, she stared and waited.

"Run along now, Pru. I can't think while you're staring at me."

Without a further word, she traipsed off around the corner of the house with optimism in her bouncing stride. I sighed again as I coaxed my hips to stand and stretch, giving a glance over at Keira who was still engaged in thinning out wool fibers to get maximum coverage.

Just as I going back into the house, Mom squeezed past me, asking if I had seen a missing dryer-ball. Before I could answer, she spied Keira and her swath of deconstruction efforts.

While Mom headed over to the car-nage with a lawn rake to clean up while lecturing Keira, I continued on with my original plan to find my pack sister and relate the litany of all the things going wrong with my day.

Pru tried to follow.

"Not now Pru. I'm still thinking," I managed to say softly, when I really felt like baring my teeth to run her off. If one more thing got on my last nerve, I was going to lose what was left of my composure.

I found Hazel lounging in Mom's office. I plopped down beside her, relieved to be with my sympathetic companion and thinking of where I would start with my list of complaints. Before I could speak, Hazel began relating all the things that were bothering her.

I took a deep breath and fought being offended by reminding myself that on occasion she needed to vent, too.

"Thanks for listening Tuck, I appreciate your listening patiently. So what's up with you today?"

I flipped through the Rolodex of my mind, and just blurted, "Pru wants to be a Deputy, and I don't know how to answer her without hurting her feelings and causing strife in the pack."

Hazel raised up, sensing the frustration in my voice. She thought for a



Our new Consternation Officer

minute and said, "Make her a Conservation Officer."

I was intrigued. "What exactly is a Conservation Officer Haze?"

Hazel wasn't sure exactly what all was involved, but said it had to do with protecting other animals and plants and trees and stuff, or so she thought. "Ask Dad when he gets home, he's the one who told me about it once. I think he even has one of those old-timey badges you could use."

I was feeling light at the end of my tunnel. Without thinking, I leapt up impulsively to lick and kiss Hazel's face.

"Don't even think about it, Tuck!"

I apologized and trotted to the back door with sunshine replacing the dark clouds that had wrapped around my heart. Pru was waiting patiently for me at the back door.

"Meet me here first thing after breakfast tomorrow, and we'll get you sworn in."

Pru licked my face twice and ran to tell—or taunt—Keira.

With that done, there was one more thing to do to make things right. I walked over to Mom who was cleaning the tines of the lawn rake of wool fibers.

"Sorry I didn't let you know about Keira and the dryer-ball, Mom."

She set the rake down and bent to pat my head and rub behind my ears.

"No worries, Tuck. Sheriffs need to have a day off once in a while. It's all good." One more gentle pat and she went back to cleaning up.

Suddenly, everything was right with the world... and I am so grateful.

~Tucker Oso

# Celebration of Life: Jesse

By Cherie L. Dreves



This is a story of hope, tragedy and how a quarter of a second can change lives.

Back in 1996, during a previous career, one of my salesmen headed out for an evening appointment. Arriving at the address, he found a suburban home in a quiet neighborhood. As he approached the front walk he noticed this little brown ball of fur laying on the porch it was chained to.

Walking by, he realized the collar on the dog was adjusted too tight. After speaking a while with his prospect, the salesman came to the realization that the little ball of fur on the porch would be leaving with him that evening.

The salesman essentially wrote the dog into the deal and took the dog as the down payment for the customer's home improvement project. The salesman believed it would all be fine with me... as soon as I saw her the next morning.

That evening, they shared dinner, fast food hamburgers and fries that she

happily gobbled.

The next morning, the salesman brought her to our office, got her right up to my office door, slipped her leash off, and let her walk into my office alone. Here was this beautiful, young chocolate lab.

The salesman followed shortly after and explained what he had done the night before. I laughed.

"I couldn't leave her there. I rescued her for you," he related, "She's just too beautiful. I just couldn't leave her there like that, she didn't even have water to drink."

Jesse had a delightful personality. She was very gentle and a real lover. It was head over heels at first sight for me, and I knew the same would happen at home.

At the end of the work day, Jesse and I left the office to retrieve my daughter from school. I remember she ran and squealed from the front door of the school to the car door. She was overjoyed! There was a dog in our car!

The two of them were inseparable. Jesse followed her everywhere. They read books together, did homework and chores. The community we lived at was quiet and small. Even at nine, my daughter was allowed to walk Jesse. She was very watchful and cautious when they were outside alone. Jesse was the first dog of her very own.

Thanksgiving night when we had come home from dinner, my daughter grabbed the leash and away they went out the door for the day's last stroll. My attention was immersed in the kitchen when she came bursting back through the door. "MOM!!! MOM!!! JESSE RAN AWAY!"

Unknown to us, people began setting off fireworks in our common area. Jesse became terrified and bolted. For a nine-year-old, Jesse's flight reaction was over-



powering enough to break free. I grabbed my keys and out the door we went.

Up and down and around and around, we scoured that neighborhood. Street after street with no luck. Desperation and the determined will to see Jesse safe at home with us, kept us going. We searched for hours, by foot, by car, no luck. I was left with a fitfully sleeping nine-year-old in the back seat, and no Jesse.

I called off the search, vowing that we would get up early and start again. Hopefully, someone had grabbed her, we'd hang lost signs in the morning, and she'd be back by lunch.

That next morning, we had arrived back home from hanging flyers and searching when our phone rang. I thought to myself, oh goodness it's worked, and someone is calling us to come pick up Jesse.

"Hi, I saw your flyer on our mailboxes." There was a long pause, "I think I know where your Jesse is."

The caller went on to explain that she had checked her mail before going shopping. She stopped the explanation for a moment. "I'm sorry, I think I saw her on the northbound shoulder of I-17 just above Thunderbird."

My heart sank and I was struck dumb as I hung up the phone. I have to ask that if you ever are faced with telling a stranger this kind of news, please follow through and do it. As hard as it is, it is a kindness. It just doesn't feel like one at the time.

We got in the car again and drove to that area. Sure enough, there Jesse lay.

At the time, we lived near 19th and Cactus, but she had travelled all the way to Thunderbird and I-17. A lot

of ground to cover, only to meet her senseless demise. To this day, I don't know how we didn't find her.

Anyway, I told y'all that this was a story of hope, of tragedy, and how a quarter of a second can change lives.

Jesse had found her loving, comfortable, forever home when the salesman rescued her for me. The tragedy was that she perished way before her time, without those who loved her near. Now I want to talk about that quarter of a second.

Jesse was killed by fireworks on Thanksgiving night, of all times. Not usually an effusive time with grandpa's old revolver or a fistful of fireworks.

Each year many dogs are frightened, freak out, bolt and are lost due to municipal fireworks as well as the kinds you buy in the store. Most dog owners, aware of Fourth of July issues, take precautions.

Jesse lost her bright future, her family and ultimately her life, because of a twelve-cent firecracker set off in a parking lot by an unthinking person.

If you use fireworks, please make sure people aren't out walking their dogs, and dogs are not loose in the area. Owners, stay alert to protect your dog.

Please secure your dogs before, during and after municipal fireworks shows. If you hear people setting off fireworks in your neighborhood, remember to secure your dog. Don't leave it to chance.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE: JESSE



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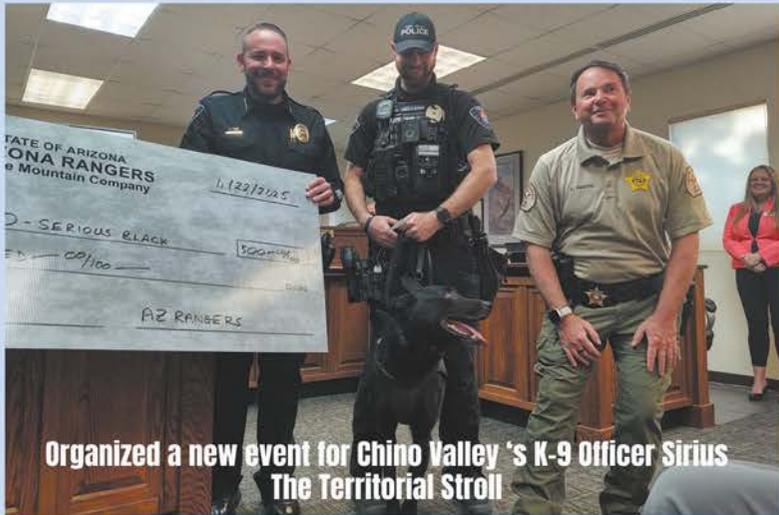


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This story starts in the Summer of 2023 when a mama dog gave birth to her nine babies under a shed on the Rez. As they grew older and ventured out from under the shed, a local animal lover started feeding them. The finder posted an urgent request for help on the Lost and Found Pets of the Navajo Nation Group, and seven of the nine babies were rounded up quickly.



It took longer to capture the last two, Bonnie Boo and Goldie, but once they were contained, Blackhat volunteer Tracy took them in temporarily while on business in the area. She got everyone spayed and vaccinated at a nearby vet.

The seven babies were taken in by a rescue in Grand Junction, Colorado, for socializing and adoption. Mama Luna was more elusive and didn't get captured until after her next litter of babies, when she was collected with her babies, along with a friendly male who had joined their pack.

The new babies and adults were also taken to Grand Junction. A Blackhat foster, Deanna, took in Bonnie and her sister Goldie. Bonnie was then transferred to another foster, Karen, so they could both get more one-on-one time. They were older when they were saved, and that often means their road to socialization is a longer one.

But a long shot is better than no shot, and to look at Bonnie now, six months later, is to see a different dog. But she had challenges to overcome.

At first, Bonnie was very scared of Karen's husband, and they were close to giving up, but a local Prescott Valley animal behaviorist, MacKenzie, offered to help remotely. Slowly, their diligence and her training tips paid off.

It was so heartwarming to watch Bonnie learn to trust humans after her first exposure was likely people scaring her off. To know that she now has the chance for a much better life is what this is all about.

Her biggest recent adventure was going to the beach with her foster family. Her foster mom says, "We

took Bonnie to Southern California this past weekend, and she was such a good traveler. She saw the beach and went hiking in the mountains. She climbed the stairs and stayed in a hotel. These are huge milestones for this gal, and we are so proud of her. Bonnie still takes time to warm

up to strangers but, for a patient dog lover, she's going to make a great pet."

Not every dog needs this kind of recovery time to learn to trust. Some street dogs have not had bad experiences, or they had kind owners at one time, or they're younger and more accepting.

Giving each dog or cat the time they need

to catch their breath is what makes this journey so rewarding and interesting.

If you'd like to learn more, or see Bonnie on our adoptable page, please look us up at [blackhathumanesociety.org](http://blackhathumanesociety.org)



### Reunited and Looking for Love

Sometimes we feel like we're in the business of curveballs. Even with the best intentions, life will throw you a curveball, leaving you to face very difficult decisions you'd never imagine otherwise.

Aurora and Jupiter came to us in December 2024 when their family lost their home. Although they had loved these beautiful girls from the time they were puppies, they could not take them along, which was heartbreaking for everyone.

Aurora and Jupiter were friendly when they arrived, but obviously nervous and confused about this big change. Jupiter (the small terrier) seemed to be taking things a little harder than her sister Aurora.

We were happy when Jupiter was adopted just a few short weeks after arriving here. The shelter environment was difficult for her, and we knew a home would be a much easier environment for her to move forward with her life.

But something happened when Jupiter was left the shelter: Aurora began to deteriorate. She had seemed like the more resilient of the two, but we could see after a couple weeks how much Aurora had depended on her sister for emotional support. Aurora didn't find that same comfort with other dogs. In fact, she didn't seem to like other dogs at all.

Our staff and volunteers spent as much time as we could giving her extra love and care, but in all honesty, she just seemed heartbroken. Which made her chance of adoption even more difficult.

In a bittersweet turn of events, Jupiter was returned to us a few months after her adoption. Her new home just didn't work out. While we were sad to see her come back into the shelter, we knew the universe had given us a rare second chance.

We reintroduced Jupiter and Aurora, and it was pure magic watching

them find each other again. Aurora's demeanor immediately changed, and we saw the light come back into her eyes.

We have officially bonded these two girls, and while we know that may make it more difficult to find them a home, we want to not only give them the chance at a new life, but one that will be worth living.

We know it's a big ask, but we are diligently searching for a home for these bonded girls. They don't seem to be fond of other animals outside of each other and would prefer a home where they are the only dogs. They love to adventure together and would probably enjoy a home with a large yard where they can run around and lie in the sun.

As with all our adopted animals, HSS would provide post-adoption support for their new family. If you're interested in this sweet pair, please call us at the shelter 928-282-4679.



Aurora and Jupiter

If you aren't able to adopt or foster them, you can still help by sharing their story with your friends and family. The more people know about Aurora and Jupiter, the better chance they have of finding their forever family. We know they will bring so much joy to the right people, and we desperately want to give them that chance together.

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# Snake Safety Basics

Information provide by Officer Tim Yogerst Prescott Valley Animal Control

## 1. Make Your Home and Yard Less Attractive to Snakes

- **Keep grass short and trimmed.**
- **Clear away wood piles, rocks, and debris where snakes can hide.**
- **Seal gaps under doors and in walls to prevent snakes from entering buildings.**
- **Keep pet food and bird seed stored securely to avoid attracting rodents (a snake food source).**

## 2. Understand Snake Behavior

- **Most snakes will avoid humans if given the chance.**
- **They strike only when threatened or surprised.**
- **Snakes may bask in the sun on paths or rocks. Give them space and time to move away.**

## 3. If You See a Snake

- **Stay calm and back away slowly.**
- **Do not try to handle or kill it—most bites occur during such attempts.**
- **Keep an eye on the snake from a safe distance call Animal Control or until the snake moves on.**

## 4. Be Prepared for Emergencies

- **Know the symptoms of a snakebite: puncture marks, pain, swelling, nausea, difficulty breathing**
- **Have an emergency plan**
- **Call emergency services immediately.**
- **Apply a pressure bandage and immobilize the limb.**
- **Keep the person calm and still to slow venom spread.**
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# Springtime Tips and Tricks for Kitty Kitty

By Kay Luckett



Ah! Spring has sprung. The trees grow fruit and the flowers bloom, but before you pick and prune, BEWARE! If you want to bring home that pretty bouquet or that blooming potted plant, remember this: kitty may decide to munch and lunch, and while many plants are okay for chewing, some are dangerous while others are very deadly.

Symptoms may include excessive drooling, coughing, vomiting, difficulty swallowing, and some plants, such as with the most poisonous plant—the lily—even a tiny bite ingested can cause serious illness. In fact, a small bite out of a lily plant can cause death within minutes or hours. See the list below for ideas, and keep the pet emergency-room poison control number on your fridge.

- **Toxic:** lillies, pothos, aloes, philodendron, monstera, rubber plant, jade plant, dumb cane, snake plant and even that cute little lucky bamboo plant on sale everywhere. I bring my list with me whenever I go out to be prepared.
- **Safe:** spider plants, money tree, ponytail palm, Boston fern, prayer plant, baby tears, parlor palms, areca palms among others. Cats often munch on these and love to burp them up as they like greens for their health. My cat particularly loves to nibble on our spider, ponytail palm, and Boston ferns. Home-grown herbs, along with catnip, are generally safe for cats to eat.

Another hot topic for Spring with our windy days is evacuation. For pet owners, now is the time to be getting an evacuation plan ready when it is unneeded. Our babies are totally dependent upon us, so we want to be ready in case certain circumstances require us to take kitty away from their safe haven.

One of the basics for every cat is to be sure kitty is chipped but also has a tagged collar. Even when a cat is chipped there is still no guarantee that during a panic someone would actually have time to find you, as the chip requires a phone call.

The collar should be kept with the cat carrier and ready to be placed on kitty before leaving home. This gives any rescuer a visible and immediate way to contact you should the need arise.

Prepare an emergency kit with a handle or in a backpack for quick escape in case a kitty carrier is in your other hand. Instant cat carriers can also include pillow cases or laundry baskets. Emergency kits should contain much of the following depending upon your needs:

- Canned and dry cat foods (6 cans wet; 4 lbs. of dry unopened)
- Can opener (in case flip-tops fail)
- 2 each of water and food bowls (plastic or disposable)
- 6-pack of bottled water (just for the cat)
- Portable litter box
- 1 bag of litter with a scoop
- Plastic litter bags for car
- A blanket and/or bed
- Treats and catnip
- Favorite toys
- All cat medications as needed

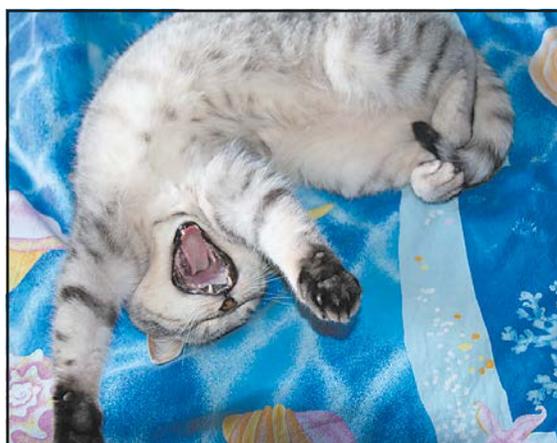
I keep duplicate cat medications, so one is ready to grab. Many of the non-perishable items can be permanently stored in the car.

Research nearby cat shelters or hotels, have a backup person to help if needed, and have photos of kitty posted in your home and with your emergency kit. Search the internet for any other ideas so that you will feel safe and secure. Keep your cat carrier out so kitty can be familiar with it just in case. A ready and accessible carrier with a blanket, catnip, and a treat or two is suggested.

Other items should be purchased ahead of time and assembled appropriately in car and home: a pet first-aid kit (or make your own); post sticky rescue-stickers in your home and car that indicate an animal is present; have flashlights, extra batteries, wet wipes, and disinfectant spray....

The list goes on, so take only what is reasonable and practicable for you.

Most importantly, trust that you've done all you can to keep yourself and your pet safe. Remember how sensitive our furry friends are to our moods, trust the process, enjoy each day, and take a breath. Just breathe, knowing that right now all is well.



Now let's talk about a cat's ever-changing whims when it comes to feline cuisine. Who can predict what kitty wants today? If you're lucky, it's a given. But for my sweet cat the answer seems to be a moving target. Does this depend upon mood? Sometimes it is just a guess, so serving healthy foods is the key.

Keep a variety of canned and dry foods along with healthy treats on yourself depending upon their individual tastes. Dry foods have many varieties and best to keep the ones with healthy proteins and without fillers. Beware of carrageenan which has been linked to potential side effects in both animals and humans.

It's important to pay attention to the stages of growth from kitten to senior as their needs change over the years. Remembering that senior cats have lower metabolism than kittens is a good place to start.



When purchasing foods, look for those made specifically for your cat's age group, size, and breed. Some vets recommend a certain amount of calories for every pound of body weight so please investigate.

How much and how often to feed kitty is the traditional question for almost all cat owners.

My cat Shadow is only 6 lbs., and at 13 years old she basically tells me when she wants to eat. I put out a small amount and if she wants more, I'm here to serve with a smile. Having dry kibble out for on-demand feeding is discouraged as it can lead to over-eating and weight gain.

I give my cat a small amount of dry food when she wakes up and then later she gets her wet meals (two or three). Smaller meals are better, just as with humans. Adding a small amount of warm water to wet foods makes the meal easier to eat and keeps the food moist and edible.

The internet is a good source for info regarding what and how to feed a cat. It's suggested that some wet and some dry each day gives a balance and too much kibble (even grain-free) is not as healthy as wet from either cans or home-made. Be sure to search the news for any recalls of commercial cat foods, and be sure that your cat food is safe.

These Springtime tips will save you time and stress and help you to give your sweet kitties the best care ever. The trick is to stay current with all the info out there about their care, as they are family.

More tips and maybe some tricks for each of the different seasons are coming up, so stay-tuned. In the meantime, keep your babies petted and purring.

Meow.



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# Too Hot to Handle: Summer Safety Tips for Your Pets

By Loree M. Walden

Summer in Arizona is no joke. As the temperatures skyrocket, it's not just us humans sweating it out; our pets are feeling the heat, too. And unlike us, they can't peel off a few layers, crank up the AC, or grab a cold lemonade. They depend on us to keep them safe and cool. With triple digits becoming the norm, it's time to talk seriously about how to protect our furry family members from the dangers of extreme heat. Of course, there's still room for fun in the sun, but only if we're smart about it.

Let's start with one of the biggest offenders when it comes to summertime pet hazards: the pavement. What looks like a simple sidewalk to you can be scorching hot to your dog. When the air temperature hits the upper 70s, pavement can soar to a blistering 125 degrees. On hotter days, it can reach well over 130. That's hot enough to fry an egg and definitely hot enough to burn a dog's paws within minutes. And remember, dogs are much closer to the ground than we are, which means their entire body is absorbing the heat radiating from the surface.

Before heading out for a walk, try the back-of-the-hand test. Place your hand on the pavement and hold it there for seven seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. This quick check can prevent some serious paw damage.

To keep your walks safe, plan your outings early in the morning or later in the evening when things have cooled down a bit. Stick to shady areas when you can, and grassy paths are always a better option than bare asphalt. Bringing along some cool water for both you and your pup is also a great idea: hydration is just as important for them as it is for us.

Now, let's talk about one of the scariest and most dangerous threats pets face during the summer: heatstroke. Unlike humans, dogs don't sweat all over. They cool themselves by panting, and when the air around them is too hot, panting alone isn't enough. Heatstroke can come on quickly and can be deadly if it's not addressed immediately.

Some dogs are especially vulnerable: flat-faced breeds like pugs, bulldogs, and boxers struggle more to breathe efficiently in the heat. Dogs with thick fur coats, those carrying extra weight, older dogs, and even darker-colored dogs can absorb and retain more heat, putting them at a higher risk.

Signs of heatstroke can range from heavy panting and drooling to disorientation, vomiting, and even collapse. You might notice your dog acting confused, walking unsteadily, or developing a bright-red tongue or gums. In some severe cases, they may show signs of shock or pass bloody diarrhea.

If you suspect your dog is overheating, get them out of the sun immediately and into a cooler space. You can use cool water—not ice cold—to soak a towel and gently place it on their body, especially around their armpits, belly, and paws. Don't force them to drink but offer small sips of water and call your vet right away for further guidance. Acting quickly could save their life.

While we're on the topic of serious threats, let's revisit something we unfortunately still hear about



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every summer: pets left in hot cars. Please, please never leave your dog in the car, even if it's "just for a minute" or the windows are cracked. On an 80-degree day,

the temperature inside a parked car can hit dangerously high levels in just 10 minutes. At 90 degrees outside, it can become deadly in even less time.

Dogs can suffer heatstroke, organ failure, and even death in a matter of minutes. The best rule? If your dog can't come inside with you, they should stay home in the AC. It's just not worth the risk.

Now, here's something many people don't realize: pets can get sunburned, too. Especially dogs with light-colored or thin coats, and those with exposed areas like their nose, ears, or belly.

If your dog is spending time outside, consider pet-safe sunscreen to help protect their skin. And never use human sunscreen, as many of the ingredients in our lotions can be harmful or toxic to animals. Keeping your dog in the shade and limiting time in direct sunlight are both safer and more comfortable alternatives.

Arizona summers don't just bring the heat; they bring monsoons, too. Storm season can offer a break from the sun, but it comes with its own set of challenges. Loud thunder, flashing lightning, and howling winds can be terrifying for pets. It's no surprise that more pets go missing during monsoon season and fireworks holidays than any other time of year.

Be sure your pets are indoors when storms roll in and create a safe space inside your home where they can retreat if they're feeling anxious.

A cozy blanket in a quiet room can work wonders. If they're prone to panic, talk to your vet about anxiety aids or calming tools like wraps and diffusers. And of course, make sure their microchip information is current and that they're wearing ID tags, just in case they get spooked and make a run for it.

Let's not forget the basics: hydration is absolutely key. Just like us, pets need plenty of fresh, cool water available at all times. Make sure their bowls are cleaned regularly, refilled often, and try to keep them out of direct sunlight where the water can quickly get hot.

Some pet parents like to get creative with hydration by making frozen treats: try freezing low-sodium broth or pet-safe fruits like watermelon (without seeds) for a cool, tasty snack. It's a fun and refreshing way to keep

your pet cool and happy.

Even with all these cautions, summer can still be a season full of joy and adventure. You just have to be mindful. Instead of long walks during the heat of the day, consider early morning strolls or indoor play sessions to burn off some energy. Setting up a kiddie pool in the backyard can offer a safe way for your pup to splash and cool down. If you're the DIY type, creating a little agility course in the living room is a great way to keep things interesting.

At the end of the day, our pets rely on us to be their voice and their protectors. When the temperatures rise, it's not just about comfort. It's about survival. Whether you're going for a hike, lounging in the backyard, or just running errands, being aware of the dangers heat and storms bring can help you make better choices for your furry companion.

Let's make this summer a safe one. Watch the temps, plan ahead, and be prepared. With a little extra care, you and your pet can enjoy the sunshine, stay cool, and make memories that will last long after the summer heat fades.

And remember: if your home has a little extra room in the heart and on the couch, there are so many wonderful animals waiting at Yavapai Humane Society for their second chance. Stop by, meet your new best friend, or consider fostering a pet who needs a break from the shelter during these hot months. You can also help by donating. Every dollar goes toward food, medical care, and comfort for the animals in our care.

Let's keep our pets safe, loved, and cool this summer, because they'd do the same for us.

## TOO HOT TO HANDLE SUMMER PET SAFETY TIPS

**HOT PAVEMENT = HOT PAWS**

over 130 °F when it's just 86 °F outside!

If you can't hold the back of your hand to the pavement for 7 seconds, it's too hot for your dog.

**Walk early morning or late evening. Stick to grass and shade.**



**HEATSTROKE IS DEADLY**

Watch for signs like:

- Excessive panting
- Drooling or vomiting
- Staggering or collapse
- Red gums/tongue

**WHAT TO DO:**

- Move pet to a cool area
- Soak a towel with cool water and place on body
- Offer water (don't force)
- Call your vet ASAP

**NEVER LEAVE PETS IN HOT CARS**

Even with windows cracked, the inside of your car can reach 114-124°F within minutes. Leaving a pet in a car "just for a minute" can be fatal.



**KEEP COOL & HAVE FUN**

Keep them cool, keep them safe, and maybe... give a shelter pet their forever home this summer.

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**STORM SAFETY**

- Thunder & monsoons = scared pets
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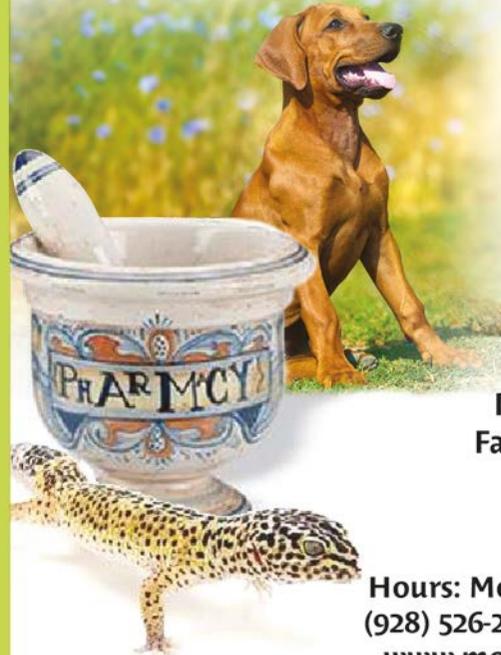
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# Pedaling Paws: Bicycle Touring Our U.S. Rail-To-Trails

By Solana Kline, honorary four-legger

PEDALING PAWS: BICYCLE TOURING



The pack bike touring Bryce Canyon

"Yaoooooooooooo!" I howl as we pick up speed.

My tires echo a low warble off the red cliff walls. Faster and faster we roll, the 90 pounds of pup in the trailer behind my bike giving us extra momentum. We follow the curves of the canyon, ducking into the shadows' cool March air, and boomeranging back out into the high-altitude sun blasts that immediately make you sweat.

I look back over my shoulder. Betty's nose thrust forward as far as she can get it ahead of the bike trailer, the wind pushing her long terrier ears and hair back into their full aerodynamic rocket-dog state. Mickey's smile couldn't get any wider, wrapped around his big pitty face, floppy boxer lips rippling in the wind as we descend into Red Canyon.

I tuck in to be more aerodynamic, eyes up, chin down, pressing down into the pedals as we all lean into the turns, grinning ear to ear and yowling some more, "Yewwwwwhewwwww!".

I have been watching the weather in Bryce Canyon, Utah, since November, waiting for a window to come pedal the Red Canyon Bicycle Trail with the pups. At 8,000 feet, the colds are cold and the hots are hot, especially for the pups.

The Bryce Canyon Trail is nearly 20 miles of paved bicycle and pedestrian path rolling 13 miles from Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon City. Just outside of Bryce Canyon City, the paved trail becomes the Bryce Canyon Multi-Use Bike Path and continues up into Bryce Canyon National Park for another 5 miles.

This gives us 18 miles to explore the coral-goblin-canyonlands of the Bryce Canyon area on the bicycle and trailer with no cars, no roads, and all the smiles and sniffers we can handle!

Over the past couple years since our motorcycle trip, me and the hounds have been practicing miles and adventures with the bike trailer, a trailer designed for

humanoid children, converted for canine comfort: plush down blankets lining the bottom, front and rear that can be either fully open for lounging and sniffing, screened in, or fully enclosed in clear waterproof material. This means that we get to explore in any weather and any season, yippee!

Betts (aka Senorita Snuggess) and Micks (aka Mister Mingleberries) took to the trailer immediately. When we first got it, we would go about two miles from home to the single-track trailhead for their walkies beasting in the forest.

After our walk, we would ride another mile to the local shop for a delish breakie-burrito. The pups would sit attentively in the bike trailer knowing a piping hot bacon burrito was about to be delivered! And, of course, looking that adorable; they received many pets and coos from passing aunts and uncles while I was in the store.

The pack pedaling started as a hairbrained scheme to use less gas in our adventuring. We all had such a blast on the motorcycle sidecar together, why couldn't we do that same thing human-powered, earning our turns?

And earn them we do. It ain't no joke hauling nearly 100 extra pounds on a bicycle without a motor! After experimenting with different types of roads and surfaces we have finally honed in on the sweet spot in pack pedaling: rails-to-trails paved and graveled bike paths! There are no cars, no roads, just the doggos delighting in the ride-by squirrel sightings and endless sniffers along the routes.

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy specializes in building and advocating for the rails-to-trails and they created this awesome website mapping all of the rails-to-trails across the U.S.: [traillink.com](http://traillink.com). The rails-to-trails are relatively flat and accessible for all ages and abilities.

Since we got the bike and trailer, we have seen some of the most beautiful terrain across the West, getting to roll through nature instead of driving on a freeway.

The pack favorites so far have been the Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville, Colorado touring through the old mining haunts Northeast of Leadville, 18 miles at 10,000 feet elevation ([mineralbelttrail.com](http://mineralbelttrail.com)); the Rio Grande Trail which runs 42 miles from Carbondale to Aspen, Colorado featuring protected wet-



Exploring Leadville's Mineral Trail

land habitats and community chalkboards to write the wildlife you've seen ([rfta.com/trail-information](http://rfta.com/trail-information)); and, of course, the Iron King Trail right in Prescott that is 4.5 miles of flat packed gravel and tours through the lesser-known side of the Granite Dells with its wonderful wildlife and single-track trails ([traillink.com/trail/iron-king-trail](http://traillink.com/trail/iron-king-trail)).

But today we are in Bryce Canyon, about to reach our turn-around destination for the day: the Bryce Canyon National Park sign. This will be our longest adventure with the bike trailer so far—20 miles!

"C'mon out everybody, let's get some sniffers!"

Betts and Micks happily oblige, waiting for me to angle the bike so the back tire is out of their exit path before they hop out into the Ponderosa Forest. They begrudgingly pause for a family photograph in front of the national park sign—their first national park visit!

We sit and enjoy a mid-adventure snackie, and the afternoon suns keep us warm while we beast around in the lingering spring snowpile. I watch Betts and Micks wrestle in and out of the wet corn snow and can't imagine a time I've been so happy.

We get to move through the landscape at a slower speed than a car or motorcycle. We get to socialize with humans and animals along the journey. These weird adventures together are just pure joy, my two favorites in the world: bicycles and my dogpack! And here we are, together on a bicycle out exploring the world.

I smile the entire time we are on the bike, in awe of the pups and wondering what they are thinking. It never gets old looking over my shoulder at them in the trailer, usually Betts on full alert, nose-forward, and Micks cozily napping facing out the back window, drowsily picking up the passing olfactory gems.

We are home now, and I am mentally mapping our future biking adventures... plotting the pedals and foibles of overnight pack bike-packing... stay tuned!

Until next time, Happy Tails and Happy Trails!

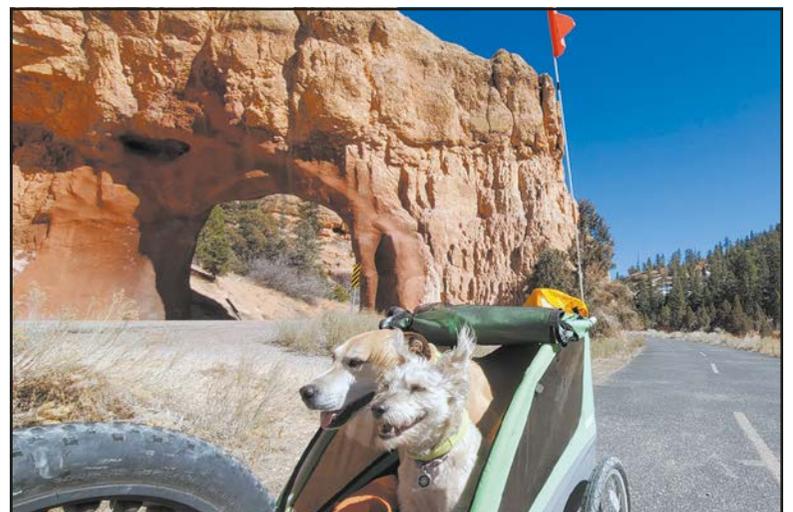
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# Dog Groomers: Part of Your Pet's Healthcare Team

By Stacey Dexter

We have veterinarians, day-care providers, specialists, and dogwalkers for our pets. But have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a dog groomer and the importance of them in our pets' lives? Well, wonder no more.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with Jenelle Jones, a talented dog groomer in Cottonwood with over 25 years' experience, and my dog Woody's personal stylist.

Jones moved to Arizona from Long Island, New York in 2003. She had gained valuable experience in the dog-grooming world and was determined to make it her career. She didn't grow up dreaming of being a dog groomer, but as an animal lover, her earliest jobs led her straight into its arms.

She worked in pet stores, dog-grooming businesses, and the New York School of Dog Grooming. Jones wanted to be self-supporting and creative with her life's work, so from receptionist to dog washer, daycare to dog grooming, she gained confidence through experience to unleash a passion (pun intended) for making each and every dog glow.

Years ago, Jones operated her own business, Loving Touch Grooming, out of her modest garage in Cottonwood. Through word of mouth, she grew her business to three hundred dedicated clients. Her skills accelerated over the next twelve years and though a breakup derailed her for a time, and she had to give up her home business, she continued to groom dogs nights and weekends, while also being a mom and working full time for others. Here is our interview.

**Dexter:** Describe for us what it's like to be a self-taught dog groomer.

**Jones:** There are schools, but Arizona doesn't require formal education or licensing, so learning as you go is doable. When I started out, I was determined to be successful. I took lots of pictures of my own work and ruthlessly critiqued them to help me to learn to scissor better.

I have loved seeing other groomers' creativity on social media and was inspired at times, but mostly I just focus on my own work. I enjoy being in this industry as a service to becoming a better human through caring for and loving peoples' fur babies. Making their pets their absolute cutest while honoring the dog's needs is so rewarding.

**Dexter:** How many clients do you typically groom in a day and what's your process?

**Jones:** I prefer to groom only three to four dogs a day, spending about two hours per dog. My approach remains the same for most dogs. I believe in giving a good brush out and overall inspection



Jennell Jones

before the bath. I check the eyes, ears, pads and skin, and then do some shaping. During those inspections, I've often caught things that have gone unnoticed.

Owner education is important. Wiping eyes, brushing fur and checking paws keeps pets healthy in between grooms and acclimates the dog to being touched in these ways. I've seen too many chronic eye infections simply from the eyes not being wiped regularly. I'm not judging. I realize some people truly don't know these things. At the kennel where I currently work, I'm able to

customize my pace to each dog, always trying my best without stressing them out and that's what fuels my workday now.

**Dexter:** What one tool has been the best invention for dog grooming since you began your career?

**Jones:** Hand's down, the The Groomer's Helper® is the single best tool in my large array of shop equipment. It helps to safely restrain the dog on the table while helping them feel secure. It's a win-win for the dog and me.

**Dexter:** How do you manage your feelings when a dog comes in matted?

**Jones:** I don't judge, I'm honestly grateful the dog has been brought in. Dematting work is dreadful. Most dogs don't like it, and I don't blame them. It's a long and uncomfortable process. However, I have little tolerance for owners that expect a show-dog haircut on a matted dog. My preference is to shave them down, which is easier on them. Regular grooming can begin at future visits.

**Dexter:** Lastly, what are your favorite dog breeds?

**Jones:** Some of my favorites are extreme cases who come in biting and scared, and yet—with patience and kindness—they make a complete turnaround. Seeing them calmer and more trusting at each subsequent appointment is an accomplishment I treasure.

I also love the dramatic transformations. I once groomed a newly adopted dog who was seriously matted and had a pelt for a coat, embedded with foxtails. The dematting process was an unexpected joy for both of us. His relief was palpable.

Jones currently lives with her Husky-Bullnose mix, Sherri (pronounced Shreeeee) in Cottonwood. I'm grateful that she took the time to provide us with some details about an important profession that deserves our respect. Dog groomers give so much to our beloved pets. Thank you, Jenelle!



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# Booking a Pet-Friendly Hotel Room: A Stress-Free Stay for You and Your Pup

By Stacey Wittig

Traveling with our four-legged companions is one of life's great joys, but finding the right place to stay can make or break the adventure. Booking a pet-friendly hotel room can set the stage for a smooth, enjoyable trip.

Whether the journey takes you across Arizona or just up the road, a little planning goes a long way. Here are some essential tips to help ensure a comfortable stay for everyone, paws included.

## Do Your Homework: Pet Policies Aren't All Created Equal

Before settling on a hotel, check the pet policy carefully. Some properties happily welcome dogs of all sizes, while others have strict limits or restrictions. Look for details about extra fees, the number of pets allowed and any rules about where pets can go or sleep.

Some hotels even have breed or size restrictions, so it's wise to double-check before booking.

## Pick Up the Phone—Yes, Really

After narrowing down the options, call the hotel directly. Ask about pet amenities like beds, bowls, and treats at check-in. Find out if there's a grassy area nearby or a designated spot for walks.

A quick conversation often reveals perks or essential details that websites don't mention. Some hotels offer dog-washing stations or even doggy room service menus—details you might miss if you don't ask.

## Trust Fellow Pet Travelers

Reviews from other pet owners offer valuable insight into how truly pet-friendly a hotel is. Look for comments about staff attitudes, hidden fees, or practical issues that might affect a stay with a dog. Did the staff greet pets with a smile? Were there unexpected charges at checkout? Real-world experiences can help you avoid surprises.

## Know Before You Go: Fees, Floors, and Familiarity

Pet fees can range from a modest deposit to nightly charges that add up quickly. Clarify all costs before booking and ask for a ground floor room if possible. Late-night bathroom breaks are easier when stairs and elevators aren't in the way.

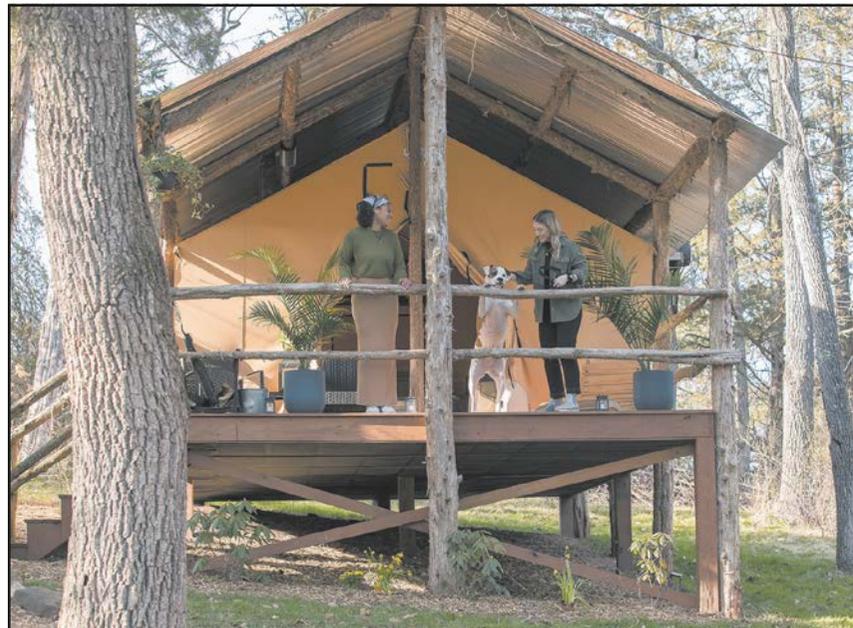
Packing a familiar bed, favorite toys, and your dog's usual food can help ease anxiety in a new place. Don't for-



Dog welcome basket at The Alford Inn at Rollins in Winter Park, Florida. Courtesy photo.



Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile in Kanab, Utah. Courtesy photo.



Big Mount Glamping near York, Pennsylvania. Photo courtesy Visit York.



Dog bed and toys at The Highlands Resort in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

get to bring a few comfort items. Something that smells like home can make all the difference for a nervous pup.

## Safety First: Be Ready for Anything

Before departure, locate the nearest veterinary clinic to the hotel. Bring any necessary medications and make sure identification tags are current. Preparation means more peace of mind and more time for fun.

## Mind Manners and Neighbors

Not everyone is a dog lover. Keep your pet leashed in public areas and minimize barking—especially if you're stepping out for dinner.

Respecting hotel etiquette helps keep more places open to pets in the future. Always clean up after your dog and be considerate of shared spaces, such as lobbies or elevators.

## Follow the Hotel's Pet-Etiquette Rules

Each property may have its own guidelines about where pets are allowed and how they should behave. Abide by these rules to ensure a pleasant stay for all guests, with or without pets. This helps keep the doors open for future pet travelers.

## Book Smart

Whenever possible, book directly through the hotel's pet-friendly page. Special packages or extra details are often listed there, making for a smoother experience. Some hotels even offer welcome kits with treats, waste bags, or local dog park maps.

With a little planning and courtesy, traveling with a dog can be a joy for everyone involved. A thoughtful approach ensures a safe, comfortable stay and leaves nothing behind but happy memories and a few paw prints on the trail.

Stacey Wittig is a travel writer based near Flagstaff. Get more tips for taking your dog on the road at [UnstoppableStaceyTravel.com](http://UnstoppableStaceyTravel.com).

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