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Hotels Offer Perks for Four-Legged Guests



At the Pines Lodge, a RockResort in Beaver Creek, Colo., dogs are given a welcome basket, treats and a dog bed. Ric Stovall/Vail Resorts

A dog bed and a free rawhide bone may have represented the hospitality vanguard for pet friendliness a decade ago, but now the bar has been raised, not just by hotels supplying monogrammed doggy robes and play parks, but even tour operators that welcome canine companions.

In Miami Beach, [1 Hotel South Beach](#) is building a 3,000-square-foot Bark Park, complete with an “adventure zone” with a tube for pets to run through, a beam to walk on and a box of free squeaky toys. At check-in, four-legged guests of 1 Hotel in New York as well as Miami Beach receive a BarkBox amenity kit from Bark & Co. that includes a water bowl, treats and a toy. In Key West, Fla., the [Gates Hotel](#) also issues a BarkBox to guest pets, and a map identifying pet-friendly stops.

Among luxury perks, fluffy monogrammed robes greet man’s most pampered friend at the [Peninsula Beverly Hills](#). The fashion designer Cynthia Rowley created dog mats featuring white hearts on black backgrounds that guests booking the dog package at the [W New York-Times Square](#) can keep after checkout, through March 30.

Need an activity for your dog? Try the Bacon Scavenger Hunt for pups at [Calistoga Ranch](#) in Napa Valley. Staffers hide smoked bacon in the surrounding vineyard and then lead a guided scent-and-search walk to sniff them out. Beyond bacon, the resort’s in-room canine dining options include braised short ribs over brown rice and organic chicken with pasta.

Guests of the [Rosewood CordeValle](#) south of San Jose, Calif., can take their dogs out to dinner on the outdoor terraces of two of its restaurants.

To capture the pet point of view, the [Pines Lodge, a RockResort](#) in Beaver Creek, Colo., now rents GoPro cameras with pet harnesses for romps on dog-friendly trails.