

SUMMER TRAVELS



De-stress mind and body at the Elms in **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI**. August 26-28, when the resort hosts its annual **Dog Retreat**. Pets and their humans can pick from a weekend of activities, including contests, demos, and workshops.

MIAMI's South Beach is hot—in every way! And for guests traveling with pups, the Ritz-Carlton has created the luxe **Pampered Pooch** program, which gives your canine companions the royal treatment, from plush doggie beds and toys to homemade treats, and designer water.



At the **Amelia Earhart Bark Park**, Daisy can run, jump, and do stunts across five acres. Amenities include paved walkways, benches, shade trees, waste dispenser stations, and specially designed drinking and spray fountains for both dogs and their owners.

Haulover Park is home to one of South Florida's most beautiful white sand beaches—a mile and a half stretch between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Although dogs are not allowed on the beach itself, Haulover Dog Park is right there.

WASHINGTON STATE has some of the most spectacular scenery in America. But there's another reason to head to the Northwest this summer. On July 9, **Marysville** is hosting the **5th Annual Poochpalooza**, an outdoor event that includes the **Skyhoundz Disc Dog Championships**, **Flyball**, the **Emerald City Freestyle Dancing Dogs**, the **Dining Dog Cafe Pie-Eating Contest**, and many more doggie events, as well as 50-plus vendors. Just want to relax? Visit **Strawberry Fields**, a huge off-leash park with a three-tiered water fountain for when it's time to cool off.

California's **YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK** has some of the most iconic scenery in the country—and dogs are allowed on paved trails throughout the valley, from which you can see most of the magnificent landmarks.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, in **Arizona**, is one of the seven natural wonders of the world—and it has been rated America's No. 1 pet-friendly national park. Dogs are allowed on the 2.7-mile scenic trail along the South Rim—and if they're well behaved, can join their humans on an hour-long geology tour led by a park ranger.



Sun-and-fun action isn't just on the coasts! **CHICAGO** is holding its **9th Annual PAWS Chicago Beach Party** on July 14 on **Lake Michigan**. The celebration will include some 500 guests—and more than 100 beachwear-clad dogs! Pups and people will lounge by the beach, sipping cool summer cocktails from an open bar, and then enjoy a beachy dinner buffet. All proceeds benefit animal causes.

