

Unleash a Pet-Friendly Getaway in the Mid-Atlantic

(Mid-Atlantic Region, USA, September 26, 2017) - With everything from dog beaches to pet-friendly lodging accommodations and even luxurious day spa experiences for fur babies, the Mid-Atlantic makes for the perfect getaway destination for you and your four-legged friends.

Members of the Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance ([MATPRA](#)) have compiled information about their area's top pet-friendly attractions. If you're interested in learning more about a specific event or venue, contact the individual Destination Marketing Organization.

Delaware

Delaware's Quaint Villages (Kent County, DE)

Don't forget to bring Fido along for the adventure in Delaware's Quaint Villages! Visit First State Heritage Park, Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries," and discover some of Dover's rich history and cultural sites. Bring Fido along to Smyrna's Brick Works Brewing & Eats patio, a brewery and restaurant under one roof! *Delaware's Quaint Villages- Kent County, DE, Danielle Jonigan, djonigan@visitdelawarevillages.com, VisitDelawareVillages.com*

Maryland

Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Pet-friendly in Annapolis means dog beaches, boat rides, eCruiser tours, hotel packages, and water bowls and treats at many businesses. Federal House Restaurant and Rams Head Tavern have special dog menus and Paws Pet Boutique hosts pet-friendly events year-round - including monthly "Canines and Cocktails for a Cause" summer events. *Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County, Susan Seifried, sseifried@visitannapolis.org, VisitAnnapolis.org*

Calvert County

Visit one of Calvert County's many nature parks for a pet-friendly, outdoor adventure of scenic hiking trails and walking paths. Beach enthusiasts will enjoy the sandy beaches and fossil hunting at Calvert Cliffs State Park and Flag Ponds Nature Park. *Calvert County Department of Economic Development, Katie Brittain, katie.brittain@calvertcountymd.gov, ChooseCalvert.com*

Caroline County

Caroline County announces Fido's Top Five Dog-Friendly Destinations: Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, Martinak State Park, Denton, Tuckahoe State Park, Marshyhope Greenway Trail and Linchester Mill. Don't leave Fido home; bring him with you to Caroline County, Maryland! *Caroline County Office of Tourism, Ceres Bainbridge, ceres@visitcaroline.org, VisitCaroline.org*

Cecil County

Cecil County, where you and your pet are treated like family! Pet-friendly destinations - Upper Bay Museum, Kilby Cream, Dove Valley Winery, Turkey Point Lighthouse Trail, North East Community Park (riverside); Dining on Decks at Woody's Crab House, Chesapeake Inn, Schaefer's Canal House, Lee's Landing, Wellwood Club, Port House Grill. *Cecil County Tourism, Sandy Turner, sturner@ccgov.org, SeeCecil.org*

Frederick County

Start your day with a stroll through lovely Baker Park where you'll find low-to-the-ground water fountains made for dogs. Head into Downtown for shopping and patio dining at many shops and restaurants where dogs are welcome! *Visit Frederick, Melissa Joseph Muntz, mmuntz@fredco-md.net, VisitFrederick.org*

Hagerstown

Fall is the perfect time to enjoy Washington County's national parks with Fido. Dogs are permitted on leashes and there are countless trails to explore, whether it's the historic fields of Antietam Battlefield, the scenic Appalachian Trail, the towpath at the C&O Canal or stunning views of Harpers Ferry. *Visit Hagerstown, Betsy DeVore, betsy@visithagerstown.com, VisitHagerstown.com*

Harford County

Harford welcomes pets! The Ma & Pa Trail and Rocks State Park offer beautiful views year-round. Purchase fresh produce at the Bel Air Farmers' Market and get your best friend a treat. Dine on decks at Alchemy Elements, Sunny Day Cafe, Tidewater Grille, or Independent Brewing Co., to name a few. *Visit Harford, Mindy Schneider, mindy@visitharford.com, VisitHarford.com*

Kent County

The County of Kent on Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore is a dream destination for visitors traveling with four-legged family members. Consider a stay at Crow Farmstay or a wine tasting at Crow Vineyards. Welcoming leashed dogs, this destination highlight is an experience you and your dog won't want to miss. *Kent County Tourism, Bernadette Bowman, bbowman@kentcounty.com, KentCounty.com*

Talbot County

Dog-crazy Talbot County offers as much to canine visitors as their humans, with pet-friendly restaurants, shops and accommodations from affordable chains to five-star hotels and uniquely historic B&Bs. The tail-wagging social event of the year is November's Waterfowl Festival, where dogs of all breeds promenade the quaint streets of Easton. *Talbot County Office of Tourism, Cassandra M. Vanhooser, cvanhooser@talbgov.org, TourTalbot.org*

Wicomico County

Take your dogs to Wicomico County and explore the Salisbury Dog Park and other parks in the county, such as Pemberton Historical Park (on-leash). To check out places to enjoy with your pooch, visit DogFriendlySBY.com. *Wicomico County Tourism, Vanessa Junkin, vjunkin@wicomicrocounty.org, WicomicoTourism.org*

Pennsylvania

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania is the place for pet-friendly outdoor adventure! Run the sandy beaches of Presque Isle State Park, get historic at our national parks in Gettysburg and Valley Forge, ride the rails through the Lehigh Gorge in Jim Thorpe, or find endless fun at America's largest free-admission amusement park - Knoebels. *Pennsylvania Tourism Office, Emily Hemming, ehemming@tierneyagency.com, VisitPA.com*

Central Pennsylvania

Bald Eagle State Park and Black Moshannon State Park are two of our region's favorite locations to get outdoors and on the trails with your pets. One of our most iconic locations for photos is the Arboretum at Penn State, which has beautiful locations open to pets. *Central PA Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andy Rupert, andyr@visitpennstate.org, VisitPennState.org*

Chester County

In Chester County's Brandywine Valley, visit Kruetz Creek Winery's tasting room, located in downtown West Chester, for "Yappy Hour" with man's best friend, then head to nearby (and aptly-named) Four Dogs Tavern for dinner on the patio, where dogs are welcome! *Chester County Conference & Visitors Bureau, Nina Kelly, nina@brandywinevalley.com, BrandywineValley.com*

Clearfield County

The annual Clearfield Pumpkin Run/Walk 5K, Fall Festival and Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show takes place in downtown Clearfield every October. The event features a "Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade" for leashed and vaccinated pets and treats for humans and pets. *Visit Clearfield County, Loretta Wagner, discoverclearfield@gmail.com, DiscoverClearfield.com*

Franklin County

Four-legged friends are always welcome at the many dog parks including Norlo Park and Bubba's Happy Tails Dog Park! Dogs are always welcome at the Dog Days of Summer Carnival the second Saturday of August and Furry Fun Days at Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter the first weekend in June! *Franklin County Visitors Bureau, Lauren Cappuccio, lcappuccio@explorefranklincountypa.com, ExploreFranklinCountyPA.com*

Greater Johnstown/ Cambria County

The Johnstown Inclined Plane is the world's steepest vehicular inclined plane, which means you can take your car on it - or your dog! The top of the Inclined Plane is the perfect spot to walk your dog and explore. *Greater Johnstown/ Cambria County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Olivia Bragdon, oliviab@visitjohnstownpa.com, VisitJohnstownPA.com*

Huntingdon County

We love pets in the Raystown Lake Region! From pup-friendly houseboats to outdoor dining spaces, we welcome furry family members at many locations. The Greenside

Pathway at Seven Points is a dog walker's dream along the shore of Raystown Lake. Wouldn't love to take a boat ride and a dip in the lake? Or hike a few hours on one of the many wilderness trails? *Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau, Ed Stoddard, estoddard@raystown.org, Raystown.org*

Laurel Highlands

Your fur baby deserves to sit in the lap of luxury! Look no further than the purr-fect pet palace -Nemacolin Wooflands Pet Resort and Spa, where four-legged friends indulge in grooming and spa services, including massages, plenty of play time and cat-naps in luxurious lodging accommodations. *Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, Anna Weltz, aweltz@laurelhighlands.org, LaurelHighlands.org*

Lehigh Valley

Let your four-legged friend have some fun in Lehigh Valley. Find pet-friendly accommodations at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. Explore the city's charming Colonial Industrial Quarter with your pup in tow, and be sure to stop into the Moravian Book Shop for a special treat after your tour! *Discover Lehigh Valley, Kaitie Burger, kaitie@discoverlehighvalley.com, DiscoverLehighValley.com*

Pocono Mountains

With nearly 50 pet-friendly places to stay and numerous attractions pets will love, guests won't have to leave their four-legged best friend at home when visiting the Pocono Mountains. In addition, Pocono Puppy Palooza at Shawnee Mountain and Bark Bash at Blue Mountain Resort are sure to impress your pooch! *Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Kelly Shannon, kshannon@poconos.org, PoconoMountains.com*

York County

Travelers - and their four-legged friends - will love staying at the pet-friendly Jackson House Bed and Breakfast located right on the 21-mile-long York County Heritage Rail Trail. Surrounded by woods, a creek and more, the Rail Trail offers plenty of spots for a curious dog to sniff and explore. *York County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andrew Staub, astaub@yorkpa.org, YorkPA.org*

Virginia

Alexandria

Known as a top dog-friendly city, Alexandria has no shortage of dog parks, doggy boutiques, and even Doggie Yappy Hours. Enjoy a Canine Cruise from May through September or treat your pup to pampering at VIP Pet Salon. There are also plenty of restaurants with patios that welcome pups. *Visit Alexandria, Leah Spellman, lspellman@visitalexva.com, VisitAlexandriaVA.com*

Arlington

Arlington's Village of Shirlington welcomes four-legged visitors (and their two-legged companions) in plenty of ways, from the annual Wags & Whiskers event to holiday Santa Paws gatherings and lots of al fresco dining so Fido can come along for brunch. Visit Dogma Bakery & Boutique for gourmet treats, and the awesome

Shirlington Dog Park is right down the street. *Arlington Convention & Visitors Service, Cara O'Donnell, [codonnel@arlingtonva.us](mailto:codonnell@arlingtonva.us), StayArlington.com*

Charlottesville & Albemarle County

Charlottesville & Albemarle County is a paradise for your favorite four-legged friend. From taking a stroll on the historic pedestrian Downtown Mall, to dog-friendly orchards, vineyards and breweries, pups of all shapes and sizes are welcome to enjoy the fun and festivities that the Charlottesville area offers. *Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bri Warner, warnerb@charlottesville.org, VisitCharlottesville.org*

Fairfax County

From canine cruises on the Potomac to specialty tours for pups at Mount Vernon, Fairfax County is perfect for pets. Head to a Yappy Hour at a local brewery or hit the trails for a hike, then kick back at one of the 50+ pet-friendly hotels in the county. *Visit Fairfax, Ali Morris, amorris@fxva.com, FXVA.com*

Fredericksburg

Spotsylvania Food Truck Rodeo - annually the second Saturday of April. Over 25 food trucks gather at Spotsylvania Courthouse Village with a huge variety of food. Free entry and parking. Bring a blanket or chair and pets on a leash. Music and great food to kick off the spring season. *City of Fredericksburg, Debbie Aylor, daylor@spotsylvania.va.us, VisitSpotsy.com*

Hampton

There's no need to leave your pet home while you experience the beautiful vistas of the Chesapeake Bay from the seawall at Fort Monroe National Monument. Dog-walkers are welcome at the Fort Monroe Seawall all year. The 1.2-mile paved route runs from the Chamberlin to Paradise Ocean Club. *Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau, Elizabeth Severs, elizabeth.severs@hamptoncvb.com, VisitHampton.com*

Harrisonburg

Harrisonburg is a "pet-friendly" city and the perfect place to travel with your pet. Stop in at the Smithland Dog Park where your dogs can run off leash, exercise, socialize and play with other dogs. The park includes fenced-in areas, a shelter with picnic tables and clean-up stations. *Harrisonburg Tourism, Jessica Williams, jessica.williams@harrisonburgva.gov, VisitHarrisonburgVA.com*

Lexington & Rockbridge Area

Dogs love Fox Hill B&B! Canines and their two-legged companions will find spacious rooms with private entrances, a large play area great for games of Frisbee or ball retrieving, and beautiful mowed walking trails winding through the meadows of the 38 acres property, with awesome views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. *Lexington & Rockbridge Area Tourism, Patty Williams, marketing@lexingtonvirginia.com, LexingtonVirginia.com*

Loudoun County

Let your furry friend explore Virginia's famed wine county! Visit 8 Chains North winery, which has a fenced-in dog park, or relax on the patio with Fido at more than a dozen pet-friendly wineries. Your companion is also welcome at both Loudoun resorts, which offer treats, beds, and more.

Visit Loudoun, Jennifer Sigal, sigal@visitloudoun.org, VisitLoudoun.org

Lynchburg

Lynchburg is trending welcoming! Click the market's website's "Pet Friendly" hotel category to find a room to share with your furry friend! Hop on urban trails along the James River with opportunities for wading and frolicking. Meander along the Blue Ridge Parkway for great views and romping to water falls. *Lynchburg Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, Krista Boothby, krista.boothby@lynchburgva.gov, LynchburgVirginia.org*

Newport News

Fido Field is a great place for pooches to socialize and exercise! This safe and well-maintained park has a 1/8-acre area for small dogs of 20 pounds or less, a 1-acre area for larger dogs, covered benches, a water fountain for dog handlers, and a doggy bag station. *Newport News Tourism Development Office, Rebecca Cutchins, rcutchins@nnva.gov, Newport-News.org*

Prince William County & Manassas

Prince William Forest Park is a must see on the next dog-friendly vacation, offering beautiful foliage and ample space for humans and pets to walk and sniff for days. Plan a relaxing weekend camping and enjoying the great outdoors together. *Discover Prince William & Manassas, VA, Nicole Warner, nwarner@discover pwm.com, DiscoverPWM.com*

Richmond

The Richmond Region is a prime pet-friendly destination! Dogs are welcome at many local breweries (patio-only) or down along the James River at Belle Isle. Quirk Hotel, The Jefferson Hotel, and Graduate Richmond Hotel are all pet-friendly properties. *Richmond Region Tourism, Meghan Gearino, mgearino@visitrichmondva.com, VisitRichmondVA.com*

Virginia's Blue Ridge

Find a tail-wagging good time in Virginia's Blue Ridge! Hit the Blue Ridge Parkway, windows down, to Explore Park to stretch and play fetch (mile post 115). Wag around the annual GO Outside Festival for food, games, and entertainment, including the ultimate air-dog competition. *Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Taylor Ricotta, tricotta@visitvbr.com, VisitVBR.com*

About Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance

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boundaries. The Alliance promotes common threads and offers saleable stories to journalists about the mid-Atlantic destination as a whole. For more information, visit www.matpra.org.

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