

The Dog Lover's Companion To the Pacific Northwest

The Inside Scoop
on Where to Take
Your Dog



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PLACES TO STAY

Ace Hotel: Our dear friend Andrea and her golden Ellie turned us onto this unique and uber-cool (as in, as cool as it gets) locale. Designer touches include Pendleton wool blankets, natural latex bedding, iPod docks, and art in every room. The Ace is awesome for connoisseurs of the spare and modern. From rooms with shared bathrooms as low as \$95 to penthouse suites at \$250, the choice is to be among the cognoscenti is yours. The Ace doesn't charge a pet fee. 1022 S.W. Stark St.; 503/228-2277; www.acehotel.com.

Heathman Hotel: *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* have rated this luxurious hotel among their top favorites in the world, perhaps because its list of services and amenities is longer than a Great Dane's legs. The Heathman is perhaps most famous for doormen dressed like the guy on the Beefeater Gin bottle. Pets are welcome on the third floor for a \$35 per night pet fee. A park is right behind the hotel for necessary business. Rates range \$190-300. 1001 S.W. Broadway; 503/241-4100; www.heathmanhotel.com.

Hotel deLuxe: This 1912 boutique hotel near the PGE Stadium has gone Hollywood, in a historic renovation of what used to be the beloved but worse for wear Hotel Mallory. The deLuxe pays homage to Hollywood's heyday, decorating all floors and rooms with more than 400 black-and-white movie stills from the 1930s to the 1950s. You can be relaxing in throwback glitz, tempered by modern conveniences such as iPod docks, Wi-Fi, and flat-screen HDTVs watched from the comfort of your downy bed. Your pet is as pampered as a starlet with bottled water, a bag of treats, and the Furry Friend's Room Service Menu. Rooms run \$170-250, and there's a non-refundable \$45 pet fee per stay. 729 S.W. 15th Ave.; 503/219-2094 or 800/228-8657; www.hoteldeluxe.com.

Hotel Lucia: Cooper and Isis get into a tiff when we travel to Portland, because he wants to stay at this modern masterpiece of serenity, while she prefers the Studio-era Hollywood glam of Hotel deLuxe. Although opposites in character, the hotels are owned by the same group, one that welcomes pets without restrictions. Hotel Lucia's art collection alone is worthy of a visit, including 679 photographs of Pulitzer Prize-winner David Hume Kennerly. The dog bowls are on loan only, but you may keep the Aveda products and the jazz CD from your room. Rates range \$125-195. 400 S.W. Broadway; 503/225-1717; www.hotellucia.com.