

San Diego Food Finds Blog

Eat Out With Your Best Friend On National Dog Day

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National Dog Day is August 25th and there's no better place to celebrate than in sunny San Diego, where patios come with a water dish for Fido and waiter's keep a bone in their apron pocket. Below are a few places where San Diegan's can take their furry best friend and enjoy the weekend.

WHERE TO EAT:

[Three Dog Bakery](#) | Flower Hill Promenade, Del Mar, Calif.

To celebrate National Dog Day, Three Dog Bakery at Flower Hill Promenade will offer a free Pupcake (a dog-friendly version of a cupcake) to every four-legged friend who visits the bakery on Friday, August 26. In addition, those to make a purchase of \$10 or more on this day will be entered to win a drawing for a doggie-inspired gift basket. Three Dog Bakery caters to dogs and their humans with all-natural, oven-baked treats, pastries and food made with premium natural ingredients.

[FIREHOUSE American Eatery + Lounge](#) | Pacific Beach, Calif.

Kick off National Dog Day a day early on Thursday August 25 by the sandy shores of Pacific Beach in San Diego, California at [FIREHOUSE American Eatery + Lounge](#). The beach-side hot spot will be putting on a “Yappy lunch” partnering with local clothing brand [Puppies Make Me Happy](#) and the San Diego Humane Society. Guests who arrive with their pup for lunch will receive complimentary corn dogs or glass of champagne.

[The Commons | Downtown San Diego, Calif.](#)

Located directly across from Horton Plaza Park in the heart of the Gaslamp, The Commons boasts a spacious patio perfect for enjoying a signature cocktail and hearty appetizer with your four-legged friend. Enjoy signature cocktails like the Tippy Palmer and the Minty Fresh Mojito paired with an order of signature pretzel bites or chicken wings while taking in unbeatable views of the downtown neighborhood in the San Diego sun.

[The Patio on Lamont | San Diego, Calif.](#)

The Patio on Lamont, located just blocks from the beach in Pacific Beach, is one of the most dog-friendly restaurants in town. Offering a drink menu of “dog-tails” (which are half-off when guests bring their dogs!) like the Chihuahua, Grey Hound, Salty Dog and the Pomeranian, The Patio on Lamont welcome four-legged pups of all sizes. Every few months, they even host “Four-Legged Fashion Shows” with different themes to give local pups the chance to strut their stuff on the runway for a variety of prizes.

WHERE TO STAY AND PLAY:

[Paradise Point Resort & Spa | San Diego, Calif.](#)

Expansive grounds, easily accessible ground-floor bungalows and pet-friendly waterfront restaurants make Paradise Point’s 44-acre island the perfect vacation destination for all members of your family — even the four-legged ones! A paradise for owners and their pups, the island has a variety green patches to roam, paths to explore and sandy shores galore. When beachfront with your four-legged friend, the resort offers dog life-vests for water play and marina activities such as SUP and kayaking. Paradise puppies are welcomed with a fresh bowl of water and signature dog treats as well. Paradise Point’s pet fee is \$250 per stay, to be paid in advance. \$100 of this serves as a deposit, to be refunded to the guest upon departure, pending inspection and clearance of the guest room by management.

[Harrah’s Resort Southern California | Valley Center, Calif.](#)

For a local spin on the traditional hot dog, Pink’s Hot Dogs at Harrah’s came up with the San Diego Dog. This stretchdog is topped with guacamole, American and Swiss cheese, fajita mix, jalapeños, as well as tortilla chips. Originally from LA, Pink’s has been serving up legendary

hot dogs for over 74 years and has been voted #1 hot dog in LA Magazine. This location at Harrah's Resort SoCal is the only one in San Diego.

Harrah's Resort Southern California is a AAA Four-Diamond Award-winning resort. The property boasts 1,065 rooms alongside fresh dining options; Spiked, a 1920s-style cocktail lounge; Corked, a craft beer and wine lounge; among others. The resort also features Dive, a trifecta of pools complete with SoCal's only swim-up bar and 400 ft. lazy river.

Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, San Diego, Calif.

At Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, pets are considered as part of the family and are given the same outstanding service as human guests. Rancho Valencia offers a special in-room Doggie Tapas menu featuring their favorites, and there are places to play, pet-friendly shopping, grooming and pet sitting nearby. No matter the reason for traveling, human guests can rest assured that their furry friends will enjoy a relaxing, comfortable stay in Rancho Valencia's pet-friendly accommodations. Upon check-in, pet guests will receive a sampling of tasty doggie treats, "clean up after your doggie" bags and a plush doggie bed.

There is a 40-pound maximum weight limit on pets.

Pets must be on a leash at all times while in public areas.

A \$75 one-time pet non-refundable cleaning fee is due at time of reservation.

It is preferred that pets are not left in rooms unattended.

Due to safety concerns and Health Department regulations, pets are not allowed in the dining room, dining patio, spa or pool area.

Guests are responsible for any damage or noise complaints. The first will result in a warning, and on the second, the pet will be asked to leave.

Doggie Dining Menu

Four legged friends love luxury too. Favorite dishes include:

- Shepherd's Pie
- Chicken of the Sea
- Rin Tin Tin Tartare
- Morning Risers made with scrambled eggs and potatoes
- Barnyard Chase made with grilled chicken, steamed rice and veggies

Manchester Grand Hyatt | San Diego, Calif.

Celebrate with man's best friend this National Dog Day (August 26) at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, located on the waterfront of Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego, one of the most dog-friendly locales in the country. Guests' four-legged companions will receive branded water bowls and tennis balls upon

arrival for the ultimate pooch appreciation while traveling. In addition, guests and their furry loved ones can enjoy exquisite guest room views overlooking San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean, as well as close proximity to premier shopping, dining and entertainment venues. For \$100 per stay for up to six nights, the Manchester Grand Hyatt can accommodate dogs weighing 50 pounds or less. Two dogs may be allowed in a guest room, provided the combined weight of both dogs does not exceed 75 pounds.

For a fun beachside excursion with the man's best friend, head to [Backyard Kitchen & Tap](#) in Pacific Beach and dig into a meal on their fido-friendly patio. While you enjoy their coastal-American cuisine, your pup can enjoy their house-made dog treats! Not to mention, a post-meal walk along the Pacific Beach boardwalk will make your furry friend one happy pooch!

Up in Solana Beach, treat your pup to the ocean breeze on [Pillbox Tavern's](#) patio. Enjoy savory wing selections with house-made sauces and local brews before heading down to Fletcher Cove—one of Solana Beach's prime destinations where leashed dogs are allowed to play at the park.

For a family and dog-friendly venue in a relaxed beach atmosphere, find a spot on [Pacific Beach](#) or [Encinitas Fish Shop's](#) patio. Salmon has a good source of omega 3 fatty acids to keep your dog's coat healthy and shiny and to support his or her immune system. With the option to customize how the fish is seasoned and served, the fur baby can be treated to a healthy under-the-sea dish fit for a puppy prince.

With locations in Pacific Beach, Hillcrest and Liberty Station, savor in [Fig Tree Cafe's](#) California-inspired menu with your dog by your side. Stop by the PB location for a morning brunch with your four-legged friend in a garden-like setting. Or head to the Hillcrest or Liberty Station locations for large patios that allow for fun people (or dog) watching during breakfast, lunch or dinner.

What better way to say "I love you" to your furry companion than taking him or her to the beach to swim! Tossing the ball around in the sand is sure to make any dog hungry, and good thing [Duck Dive](#) is a block away to feed you and your pooch's appetite for delicious food! End the day on their open-air, dog-friendly patio and watch the sun go down on the best National Dog Day ever.

Live downtown? Take your furry little one to [barleymash](#), in the heart of the Gaslamp District, this August 26th! There's no better way to end a run along the water, or day of sightseeing than bringing the pooch to discover the scent of Chef Kevin Templeton's beer and bourbon-infused dishes.

For another dog-friendly downtown spot, visit [Union Kitchen & Tap Gaslamp](#) and experience inventive American cuisine and house-made craft beer and cocktails in the company of your pet companion. Chef David Mango uses local, natural and sustainable practices whenever possible. The menu also features savory dishes such as Steak Frites that the furry friend can also delight in.

Taking the pup for a morning walk in North Park or Liberty Station? [Breakfast Republic](#) is the go-to hotspot for early risers and their furry companion to enjoy a selection of unique a.m. dishes! Take a seat on the large pet-friendly patio and dig into a plate of Cinnamon Roll or Oreo Cookie pancakes.