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# 50th



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# ISSUE 50 Best of 2011

**FIDOfriendly**  
proudly presents  
50 Fido finds  
beyond compare.

BY Carol Bryant



**W**e've turned 50—issues, that is. In dog years though, we're still puppies at heart. The roads and skies we've traveled over these past ten years have been adventurous, curious, enlightening and never boring. We've truly left no dog behind in our travels as we took to the highways, byways and even the skyways. Narrowing down our 50 favorites in the *FIDO Friendly* world was no easy task, as we laboriously retreated to our doghouses and poured over the finalists. Check out our top 50 and then surf on over to our website for even more *FIDO Friendly* semi-finalist fun. We raise our water dishes to you, our loyal fans, as we celebrate and point our tails onward to the next 50. Cheers!

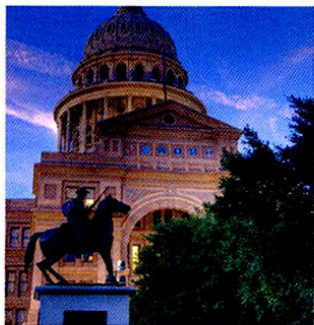
### SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

Considered to have more dog companions per capita than perhaps any other city in the world, San Francisco tops our list. There are 29 areas designated for off-leash play in various city parks, beaches and trails in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Sally Stephens, Chair of *sfdog.org*, shared, "There are more dogs in San Francisco than children." San Franciscan dog mom, Sharon Castellanos, noted: the Giants' DOG DAYS OF SUMMER event in August, PET PRIDE DAY at Golden Gate Park each fall and a bevy of restaurants and cafes with outdoor seating for Fido al fresco dining. San Fran has our vote as our favorite city!



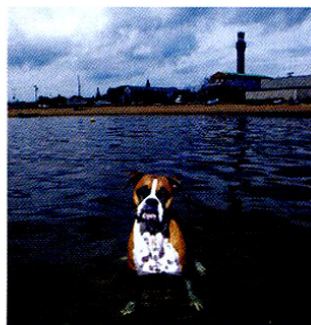
### PORTLAND MAINE

Maine has its own dog-themed newspaper, *Downeast Dog News*. So, when publisher/owner, Wendi Smith, reported 17,000 dogs living in Portland, 46 dog parks and Fido-friendly beaches, 25 restaurants with Fido-friendly sections, dozens of doggy day cares, dog businesses and home of Planet Dog, we fell in love. Portland's resident baseball farm team is the Sea Dogs and 18 Black Dog gift shops call Portland home. Most notable is the Old Port section.



### AUSTIN TEXAS

Touted as one of the biggest small towns one will encounter, Austin boasts 12 off-leash dog parks, über-hip festivals and Barton Creek Greenbelt, an eight-mile tract of green space to explore with dogs. With its bevy of boutique hotels and resorts, locale such as The San Jose on South Congress and the Four Seasons cater to canine guests. Saddle up with Fido for a horse-drawn carriage ride about town. *Yee-haw*, Austin!



### PROVINCETOWN MASSACHUSETTS

When Pilgrims first dropped anchor in Provincetown Harbor in 1620, dogs were aboard the Mayflower. The town has been an East Coast Mecca for pooches ever since. With over 30 lodging choices available for Fido, patio and beachside restaurant seating and merchants on famed Commercial Street catering to dogs, Fido fans rejoice. Every fall, CASAS (Carrie A. Seamen Animal Shelter) hosts a pet appreciation week culminating with a blessing of the animals. Coastal canine class!



### PORTLAND OREGON

Over 32 leash-free dog parks and a thriving pet business scene, ranking only second to NYC for most designated off-leash areas, Portland, OR, rounds out our top five. The Hotel Monaco is not only Fido-friendly but has a pet psychic available. Discover doggy delights at the Portland Rose Gardens and Saturday Outdoor Market. Unwind at Lucky Labrador Brewing Company as Fido chills in a way that can only be done on the West Coast. Dog-inspired brews allow something for every taste.



### DUFFEL BAG

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