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HOTEL COMMONWEALTH

500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215; (617) 262-9554; rates start at \$269 per night; one dog per guest room and a \$125 deep-cleaning fee; www.hotelcommonwealth.com

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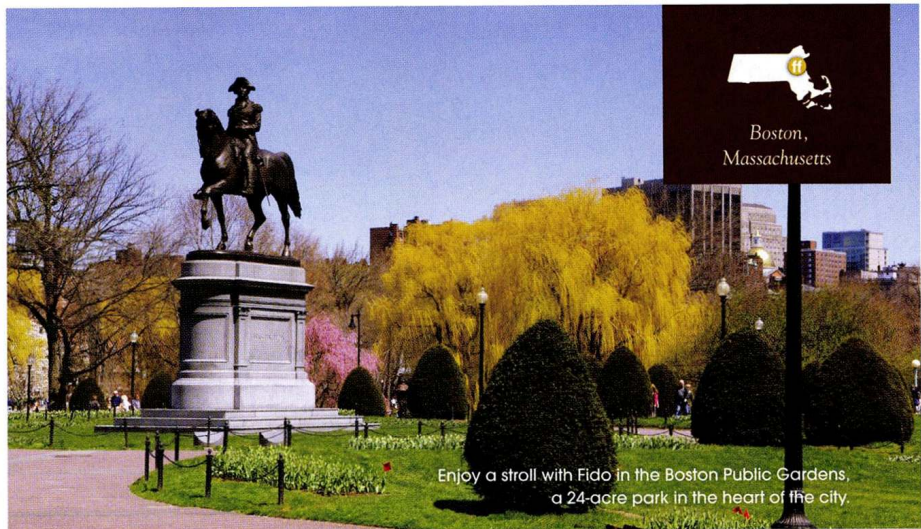
Buddy with the door keeper of Hotel Commonwealth.



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Dogs are welcomed on the Boston T during off-peak hours; small dogs are allowed always in carriers.

www.mbta.com



Enjoy a stroll with Fido in the Boston Public Gardens, a 24-acre park in the heart of the city.

Fido at Bat

The boys of summer make visiting Boston a home run.

By **Andrea E. McHugh**

Boston is electrified this time of year. Some credit the thousands of colorfully bloomed tulips and the reemergence of the iconic swan boats at Boston Public Gardens—where, incidentally, walking with Fido on tree-lined paths makes it easy to forget the fact that this is New England's largest city. Others point to the palpable spring fever in the air among students attending the more than two-dozen colleges and universities. But there is one indisputable reason for Boston's energy this time of year: it's baseball season.

Ah, the crack of the bat, the whiff of sausage and peppers grilled street-side and, in an age where bigger means better, the architectural defiance of Fenway Park, virtually unchanged since it opened in 1912—these are the things that make the neighborhood surrounding the ballpark simply charming. The Hotel Commonwealth, spanning a city block on nearby Kenmore Square, merges luxury and convenience for guests who want to bring their pups to Beantown, whether Red Sox fans or not. After Fido is welcomed with a treat, it's off to one of the boutique hotel's oversize guest rooms (dog beds and bowls provided). Arrange for a sitter, grooming, a walk or a massage for Fido through the hotel's concierge while you embark on a tour of historic Fenway (on the hour in-season) that includes a visit to Babe's pitching post, the famed Green Monster and the single red seat in the stadium marking Ted Williams' celebrated 1946 homer—the longest measurable home run ever hit inside the park.

When it's time to wine and dine in Beantown, there's no need to leave Fido behind. The Globe Bar and Café, in the heart of Copley Square, is a casual eatery that welcomes four-legged friends on the outdoor patio. Fido is offered water while humans enjoy lunch, dinner or weekend brunch. Nearby, sniff, swirl and sip with Fido in tow at Best Cellars, an out-of-the-ordinary wine shop where bottles are intentionally kept high enough that frenzied tails won't enforce a "you break it, you buy it" policy.

As one of the most historically rich cities in the nation, bring Fido along to trek the famed Freedom Trail. Take in all or just part of this 2.5-mile, self-guided route that includes the State Capitol, Paul Revere's house, Faneuil Hall, the USS Constitution, the Old North Church (where Revere got the sign that the British were coming) and more. While gazing at the icons of the American Revolution (dogs not permitted inside sites), Fido will enjoy the many fire hydrants and grassy expanses along the way. Chief among them is Boston Common, where leashed dogs are welcome throughout the day. At 5PM, off-leash hours go into effect until 8PM (off-leash is also permitted in the early morning hours).

Fido may not be "wowed" by the richness of the nation's history that Boston offers, but everything else this legendary city affords him will surely have Fido singing Yankee Doodle Dandy! **f**