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BACKGROUNDER *Pet-Friendly Philadelphia*

PHILADELPHIA, June 19, 2017 – Visitors who prefer to travel with their animal companions can find a great getaway in Philadelphia. Pet-friendly hotels, restaurants, shops and parks welcome visitors and their animals, making it easy to bring furry friends along for the trip. The city is also home to a pair of popular cat cafes (**Kawaii Kitty Cafe** and **Le Cat Café**), where humans hang out with adoptable feline friends while enjoying coffee, light bites and even movie nights.

Pet-Friendly Hotels: **Center City:**

- **Hotel Monaco Philadelphia** – Pet lovers can spend the night at this Kimpton outpost at no extra charge for their furry friends. There is no limit on the number of pets or type of pet, nor a restriction on size or weight; however, guests must sign a waiver of liability, and food bowls, beds and leashes are provided. 433 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-2111, monaco-philadelphia.com
- **Hotel Palomar Philadelphia** – Another Kimpton hotel welcomes pets of all kinds, with no limit on size or weight. Animals are offered bowls and beds in the room, as well as leashes and plastic bags. Pet sitting, walking and grooming services can be arranged via the front desk; the staff can also offer advice about nearby parks and pet-friendly dining (including the onsite Square 1682). 117 S. 17th Street, (215) 563-5006, hotelpalomar-philadelphia.com
- **Loews Philadelphia Hotel** – Dogs and cats get the royal treatment with the Loews Loves Pets program and VIP menu of services, treats upon check-in, loaner beds, bowls, litter boxes, leashes, collars and information about dog-walking routes, veterinarians, pet shops and more. The cost is \$35 per reservation (two pets maximum per room), with pet-friendly rooms located on the 10th floor. Pet walking and sitting services are available for an extra fee. 1200 Market Street, (215) 627-1200, loewshotels.com/philadelphia-hotel
- **The Residence Inn Marriott** – This pet-friendly Marriot has no amount, size or weight restrictions for furry guests, whose owners pay \$50 per night (guests who stay longer than five nights pay \$250). The property does require that owners keep pets leashed while on the premises. 11 N. Juniper Street, (215) 557-0005, marriott.com
- **The Rittenhouse** – This posh venue invites cats and dogs of all shapes and sizes to stay, and they receive water, food bowls and treats upon arrival. A one-time, nonrefundable, \$150 per-pet fee applies. While pets cannot be left unattended, the concierge is happy to make arrangements for a sitter. 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, (215) 546-9000, rittenhousehotel.com

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- **The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia** – Guests at this, well, ritzy spot should contact the hotel ahead of time with news of a canine companion's impending visit. Pups smaller than 40 pounds are permitted for a non-refundable fee of \$150; water bowls, toys, treats and collars are offered free of charge. While on the premises, animals must be accompanied by their human companions at all times. 10 Avenue of the Arts, (215) 523-8000, ritzcarlton.com
- **Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel** – Well-behaved canine guests weighing less than 50 pounds are welcome here for a \$25 nonrefundable fee. The hotel requests that owners accompany their dogs at all times. 201 N. 17th Street, (215) 448-2000, sheratonphiladelphiadowntown.com
- **Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill Hotel** – This Historic District hotel gladly hosts dogs up to 40 pounds (a deposit may apply) and simply asks that guests sign a waiver stating that the animal will not be left alone. Conveniently located close to walking paths along the Delaware River Waterfront, the Historic District property offers Suite Sleeper dog beds by request. 2nd & Walnut Streets, (215) 238-6000, sheratonphiladelphiasocietyhill.com
- **Sofitel Philadelphia** – Rittenhouse's French hotel stays true to its roots by welcoming pets weighing less than 30 pounds to stay, but will charge humans a cleaning fee of \$300, should Spot wreck the room. Bowls, beds, treats and a room-service pet menu are also available. There is a policy of no more than one pet per room; animals must be crated when unattended. 120 S. 17th Street, (215) 569-8300, sofitel-philadelphia.com
- **The Study at University City** – This modern, craft-driven, 212-room neighbor to Drexel and Penn puts no size restrictions on pups, charges them \$75 a head and welcomes them to dine, three squares a day, at the outdoor tables of the chic, onsite Co-Op restaurant. 20 S. 33rd Street, (215) 387-1400, thestudyatuniversitycity.com
- **The Warwick Hotel at Rittenhouse Square** – Doggie visitors to this chic hotel—one per reservation—receive the comforts of home: cozy bedding, pet bowls and treats. Dogs who stay here need to be 50 pounds or less, up-to-date on vaccines and have an owner-signed waiver. A \$150 (\$50 nonrefundable) cleaning fee will also apply. 220 S. 17th Street, (215) 735-6000, warwickrittenhouse.com
- **The Westin Philadelphia** – The home of the heavenly bed offers each doggie guest a canine version of the bed and a bowl upon check-in. Dogs stay free here, but must be leashed and accompanied by the owner around the property, and, if left alone in the room, must stay in a crate. 99 S. 17th Street, (215) 563-1600, westin.com

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- **Brandywine River Hotel** – This Delaware County spot welcomes dogs in pet-friendly rooms for a \$25-per-dog-per-night fee for those 25 pounds or lighter and a \$45 fee for pooches up to 80 pounds. Dogs must be crated when human guests are not in the room. Route 1, Chadds Ford, (610) 388-1200, brandywineriverhotel.com
- **Chestnut Hill Hotel** – Northwest of Center City, amid a lively business district, this historic boutique hotel accepts any-sized canine guests for an additional \$25 per pet fee with a signed waiver and an owner cell phone number. 8229 Germantown Avenue, (215) 242-5905, chestnuthillhotel.com

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- **Comfort Inn and Suites Pottstown** – This award-winning Montgomery County hotel allows up to two pets (dogs must weigh less than 50 pounds) to stay for a \$20 (plus tax) charge per pet, per night, as long as they're crated while unattended. 99 Robinson Street, Pottstown, (610) 326-5000, pottstownci.com
- **Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel** – Dogs weighing up to 80 pounds can spend the night at no extra charge. The hotel requests that canine guests (one per room) not be left unattended during their stay. Owners must sign a waiver and are responsible for damages or excess cleaning to the room. 3549 Chestnut Street, (215) 387-8000, sheratonuniversitycity.com

Pet-Friendly Dining:

Center City:

- **Doobie's** – This virtually windowless Fittler Square corner bar keeps a low profile on purpose. That's all the better to serve patrons vegan (and more) fare and bottled beer while guests play board games and hang out with their canine bestie. Lest cat lovers feel left out, Doobie's also raises funds for felines. 2201 Lombard Street, (215) 546-0316
- **High Street on Market, Continental Restaurant and Martini Bar and Red Owl Tavern** – These are just three of the many Historic District restaurants within a short distance of Independence Hall—and with outdoor seating open to leashed pets. High Street, 308 Market Street, (215) 625-0988, highstreetonmarket.com; Continental, 138 Market Street, (215) 923-6069, continentalmartinibar.com; Red Owl, 433 Chestnut Street, (215) 923-2267, redowltavern.com
- **Rouge and Parc** – Right across from tony and dog-friendly Rittenhouse Square, four-legged friends enjoy bowls of water and treats, while human companions indulge in upscale bistro fare. Rouge, 205 S. 18th Street, (215) 732-6622, rouge98.com; Parc, 227 S. 18th Street, (215) 545-2262, parc-restaurant.com

River Wards:

- **Heffe Tacos, Root, Café La Maude and Johnny Brenda's** – In trendy Northern Liberties and Fishtown, pups and their people have a howling good time at a variety of establishments with outdoor seating. Heffe, 1431 Frankford Avenue, (215) 423-2309, heffetacos.com; Root, 1206 Frankford Avenue, (215) 515-3452, rootrestaurant.com; Café La Maude, 816 N. 4th Street, (267) 318-7869, cafelamaude.com; Johnny Brenda's, 1201 N. Frankford Avenue, (215) 739-9684, johnnybrendas.com

South Philly:

- **Le Virtù, Bing Bing and Cantina Los Caballitos** – Along East Passyunk Avenue, South Philly's restaurant row, this combination of Italian, dim sum and Mexican eateries offer outdoor seating and tableside water bowls for pets. Le Virtù, 1927 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-5626, levirtu.com; Bing Bing, 1648 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 279-7702, bingbingdimsum.com; Cantina Los Caballitos, 1651 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-3550, cantinaloscaballitos.com

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University City:

- **White Dog Café** – There's room for more than just students in University City, home to the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. Pet owners can dine outside here and score a bowl of water for their pooch. 3420 Sansom Street, (215) 386-9224, whitedog.com

Manayunk:

- **Jake's and Cooper's Wine Bar, Winnie's Manayunk and Manayunk Tavern** – West of Center City, dogs and their owners stroll along a Main Street lined with cafes, boutiques and galleries. These are just three of the eateries with a range of casual cuisine for humans—and bowls of water for Fido. Jake's and Cooper's, 4365-67 Main Street, (215) 483-0444, cooperswinebar.com; Winnie's Manayunk, 4266 Main Street, (215) 487-2663, winniesmanayunk.com; Manayunk Tavern, 4247 Main Street, (267) 335-2121, manayunktavern.com

The Region:

- **Four Dogs Tavern** – Along the onetime main road connecting Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, this former stable lives up to its name by inviting canine friends to its patio where human friends dig into casual, impeccably prepared local fare on the edge of Chester County horse country. 1300 W. Strasburg Road, West Chester, (610) 692-4367, thefourdogstavern.com
- **Teca** – Pets belly up to the water bowl outside along West Chester's busy Gay Street while owners enjoy tasty Italian fare. 38 E. Gay Street, West Chester, (610) 738-8244, tecawc.com
- **Valley Green Inn** – Fairmount Park's heaven for dogs and humans alike, this restaurant is a way station for dog walkers, bikers and pet owners, with plenty of outdoor seating available. Water bowls are available for dogs. Valley Green & Wissahickon Road, (215) 247-1730, valleygreeninn.com

Pet Supply Boutiques:

Center City:

- **Bonejour Pet Supply & Dog Wash** – This Old City store caters to dogs and cats with locally made, organic treats and chews, quality toys and a wall full of fashions. The shop also carries practical collars, harnesses, leashes, carrying cases and natural and holistic foods and remedies. Pet bathing services come full-service or at a do-it-yourself station. For a fee, the boutique offers delivery of pet food and cat litter within city limits. 53 N. 3rd Street, (215) 574-1225, bonejourpetsupply.com
- **Doggie Style Pets** – With eight locations around town and one in the suburbs, this chain of stores proves pet loving is good business. The shops provide high-quality products and services, plus grooming services and pet adoptions. The company recently launched an online store offering Center City, West Philly and Narberth residents same-day delivery. 315 Market Street, (215) 923-4333; 604 S. 2nd Street, (215) 278-2275; 1032 Pine Street, (215) 545-4100; 1635 Spruce Street, (215) 545-5900; 2101 South Street, (267) 687-8051; 1700 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-5200; 858 N. 3rd Street, (267) 519-0376; 2000 Hamilton Street, (215) 372-7193; 701 Montgomery Avenue, Narberth, (610) 617-3300, doggistylepets.com

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- **Duross & Langel** – For eco-friendly pet shampoos and coat treatments, humans shop this vegan soap maker-meets-hair salon in Philadelphia’s Midtown Village. 117 13th Street, (215) 592-7627, durossandlangel.com
- **Rittenhouse Pet Supply** – Chic pets seek out this fun, fashionable shop for sweaters, collars and leashes, as well as premium dog and cat food that can be home delivered in close proximity to the store. Cats are also available for adoption. 135 S. 20th Street, (215) 569-2555, rittenhousepet.com

Beyond Center City:

- **Amelie’s Bark Shop** – South Philadelphia’s specialty pet supplier is part all-natural pet treat bakery and part high-end pet products shop. Hand-crocheted dog sweaters, catnip sushi toys and homemade peanut butter squirrel treats are among the standouts. 1554 E. Passyunk Avenue, (267) 758-6151, barkshopbakery.com
- **Concord Pet Foods & Supplies** – Serving Chester County pets and their owners since 1981, Concord carries 40 brands of premium pet foods, as well as beds, toys and crates. The store prides itself on having “everything your pet needs.” Paoli Village Shoppes, 43 Paoli Plaza, Paoli, (610) 647-1811; 642 Lancaster Pike, Frazer, (610) 644-6767; 2062 Newark Road, West Grove, (610) 869-8828; 804 E. Market Street, West Chester, (610) 701-9111, concordpetfoods.com
- **Fairmount Pet Shoppe** and **Baltimore Pet Shoppe** – All-natural pet food and supplies (litter, toys, grooming tools, apparel) aren’t all that’s on display at these sister stores: The jam-packed shops also play host to adoptable cats, who can usually be found catching a snooze in the stores’ street-facing windows. Fairmount Pet Shoppe, 2024 Fairmount Avenue, (215) 236-6080, fairmountpetshoppe.com; Baltimore Pet Shoppe, 4532 Baltimore Avenue, (215) 222-PETS, baltimorepetshoppe.com

Cat Cafes:

- **Kawaii Kitty Cafe** – Inspired by the cat cafes of Tokyo—Kawaii translates to “cute, pretty, charming, dear and pet”—this adorable Queen Village storefront is one part adoption center, one part coffee (and cocoa, milkshake and ice cream sundae) shop and all parts cute. Regulars know to reserve spots to mingle with resident kitties in advance, especially on movie nights. 759 S. 4th Street, (215) 372-7763, kawaiikittycafe.com
- **Le Cat Café** – With an Eiffel Tower in its display window—and a beret-wearing cat painted on the window’s glass—this Brewerytown project of the locally based Green Street Rescue serves as an open-format adoption space. An adoption space, that is, that offers weekly yoga classes, book signings, beer events and other cat-tastic goings-on. 2713 W. Girard Avenue, (267) 800-7877, lecatcafe.org

Dog Parks:

Center City:

- **Front & Chestnut Dog Park** (also known as I-95 Park) – Enclosed with short fences, this park attracts some informal romping. Front & Chestnut Streets
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- **Market Street Dog Run** – While it's more of an authentic fenced-in run (pavement without grass) versus a park, Market Street's views of the Ben Franklin Bridge and the Delaware River just might make this spot one that visitors and their pooches want to hightail it to. 1 Delaware Avenue, just off the Market Street stairs along Penn's Landing
- **Spruce Street Harbor Park** – In the summer, this Penn's Landing alfresco hangout goes to the dogs with a monthly Barks Yappy Hour that includes drink specials, activities and giveaways. Spruce Street & Columbus Boulevard, (215) 922-2386, delawareriverwaterfront.com
- **Race Street Pier** – Yoga enthusiasts can downward dog with their dog during free morning asana sessions on the Delaware River Waterfront. Spruce Street & Columbus Boulevard, (215) 922-2386, delawareriverwaterfront.com
- **Rittenhouse Square** – In the spot where all the Center City dogs go to sniff and be seen, sunbathers, picnickers and pups share the lawn space in peace. 18th & Walnut Streets, friendsofrittenhouse.org
- **Schuylkill River Park Dog Run** – This riverside park uses K9 turf made specifically for dogs and offers small and large runs with frost-free water fountains and separate entrances. Along 25th Street between Locust & Delancey Streets, phillyfido.org
- **Seger Dog Park** – Between the Washington Square West and Bella Vista neighborhoods, the member-run park is an adequately sized dog park and completely enclosed. 11th Street between Lombard & South Streets (entrance is on the Rodman Street side of the park), segerdogpark.org
- **Washington Square** – Southwest of Independence Hall, this historic park is a quieter twin to Rittenhouse Square, featuring the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier, a fountain and plenty of room for leashed dogs to play on grass. 6th & Walnut Streets, nps.gov/inde

Beyond Center City:

- **Manayunk Towpath** – This wide, two-mile pedestrian byway along the canal is ideal for dog walking. There are numerous access points along Main Street, including Canal Park, Lock Street, Rector Street and Green Lane. manayunk.com
- **Mario Lanza Dog Run** – At the southwest corner of a Queen Village (South Philly) park named for a 20th-century opera star, pets and their owners find a small, enclosed, dirt and gravel dog run privately funded and maintained by the neighborhood members of Queen Village 9 (QVK9). There's just enough space for pups to stretch and socialize. 235 Queen Street, QVK9.org
- **Palmer Doggie Depot** – Fishtown's community-run dog park welcomes all dogs—and, on occasion, a neighborhood pet pig. 37 E. Palmer Street, palmerdoggiedepot.org

The Region:

- **French Creek State Park and Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site** – Chester County is known for its open spaces, and these nearly 7,800 acres of well-marked hiking trails (35 miles of trails within the creek alone), campgrounds and two lakes—are truly a canine paradise. 843 Park Road, Elverson, (610) 582-9680, dcnr.state.pa.us

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- **Fort Washington State Park** – Washington and his troops built a temporary fort in this Montgomery County site before decamping for Valley Forge. Today, the park comprises dogwood-lined walking paths and 3.5 miles of hiking trails—all open to leashed pets. 500 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, (215) 591-5250, dcnr.state.pa.us
- **Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site** – This restored, Revolutionary War-era iron plantation sits on 848 acres with 12 dog-friendly miles of hiking trails. 2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, (610) 582-8773, nps.gov/hofu
- **Haverford College** – In Delaware County, dogs on leashes can roam throughout the serene and historic Haverford campus, a beautiful setting with nature trails and a duck pond. 370 W. Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, (610) 896-1000, haverford.edu
- **Smedley Park** – Nature trails and picnic areas are prolific among the 120 pet-friendly acres of this Delaware County park. Paper Mill Road & Baltimore Pike, Springfield, (610) 891-4463, co.delaware.pa.us/depts/parks/smedley.html
- **Valley Forge National Historical Park** – Leashed pets are welcome among the rolling hills of the 1777 to 1778 winter encampment of General George Washington and the Continental Army. The 3,500-acre park offers 30 miles of trails and history galore. 1400 N. Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia, (610) 783-1000, nps.gov/vafo

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