



The Oswego Hotel in Victoria,
BC

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Pets Can Stay: Website for pet friendly hotels in US, Canada and Mexico

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I'm not a dog owner, so booking a hotel room that's pet-friendly has never been part of my travel plans. But with millions of pet lovers out there, I'm not surprised there's a website devoted to pet friendly hotels and accommodations. Pets Can Stay is a website listing pet friendly accommodations in the US, Canada and Mexico. Hotels, motels and B&B's are included -- along with apartments, guest houses and vacation rentals.

According to **Pets Can Stay**, the properties listed "provide an immensely satisfying and enjoyable experience with friendly front-desk hotel staff who are able to give directions to dog parks and walking trails, local veterinarians and pet grooming services." Included in the listings are the pet policies and amenities for each property. Five **Seattle** hotels are included in the site's *Certified Listings*. They include Hotel Max, La Quinta Inn & Suites Seattle Downtown, Sheraton Seattle Hotel, The Westin Seattle, University Inn Seattle.

A lovely hotel in Victoria, BC where I recently enjoyed an overnight stay is The Oswego Hotel. During the months of July and August 2011, dogs stay free. Upon arrival, the four-legged guests receive the following treats in their suite:

- Luxury dog bed from Jax & Bones
- Designer stainless steel dog bowl
- Personalized welcome card and suggestions for nearby dog parks and off-leash areas
- Locally made organic dog treats and biodegradable, environmentally friendly poop bags
- 10% Off card for *spaw* services at Bark Bath & Beyond

Pets Can Stay Travel Servies is a full-service travel agency for people who travel with their pets. It's based in British Columbia, with offices in Victoria and Seattle.