

The Dog Lover's Companion To the Pacific Northwest

The Inside Scoop
on Where to Take
Your Dog



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PLACES TO STAY

Alexis Hotel: This elite hotel is a member of the Kimpton group, a select few stylish urban hotels in desirable major metropolises. The Alexis is so dog-friendly that you may feel jealous at the quality of treatment your pet receives, including treats, doggie in-room dining menus, a designer pet bed, and a blackboard that greets them, by name, when they check in. If you can't stay at this hotel, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, go into the lobby to see the glass sculpture by Dale Chihuly. Rates start at \$165 for standard guest rooms. The Alexis is unique in the number of specialty suites, which range \$215–550. 1007 1st Ave.; 866/356-8894; www.alexishotel.com.

Hotel Max: Artsy, funky, and fun, Hotel Max gives the Seattle Art Museum a run for their money, with rotating art exhibits in the lobby and a permanent installation of more than 350 pieces of original artwork and photographs in the guest rooms and corridors. It's part of the chain that includes Hotel deLuxe in Portland and Hotel Murano in Tacoma, all of which welcome pets without restrictions. A pillow menu, and the press-anytime "you got it" button are a couple of the peculiar perks native to this group of upscale hotels. The pet fee is \$40 total per stay; pets get little beds, bowls, and treats in the room. Rates range \$140–300. 620 Stewart St.; 866/986-8087; www.hotelmaxseattle.com.