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“Paws up! The ultimate guide  
for traveling with your pooch.”

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**DOG**  
**LOVER'S**  
GUIDE TO  
**TRAVEL**

*Best  
Destinations,  
Hotels,  
Events, and  
Advice to  
Please Your Pet  
—and You*

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## Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket, Massachusetts

Whether you're hopping around with your favorite canine companion or staying put in one of Cape Cod's charming towns or picturesque islands, pet-friendly transportation options, hotels and restaurants that welcome four-legged guests, and even some beaches make it easy for you to enjoy these heavenly settings in southern Massachusetts. Sightings of furry friends in kayaks and bicycle baskets are nearly as frequent as glimpses of Black Dog T-shirts.

As beautiful as this area is in late spring, autumn, and early winter, the services aren't nearly as plentiful as they are in the summer, when the sun-splashed beaches and enviable dunes beckon visitors. **CapeFLYER**, a train from Boston to Cape Cod that operates on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day, allows dogs. But note that during off-peak hours, non-service dogs are allowed at the discretion of the operators, and during rush hours small pets must be carried in lap-size containers. Salty dogs can board any of the ferries, including those of the **Bay State Cruise Company**, which zoom from Boston to Provincetown in 90 minutes, **Hy-Line Cruises** (Hyannis to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and between the islands in summer), the **Steamship Authority**

pups, while **Uptown Dog Cape Cod Bakery and Boutique** in West Falmouth and **Cape Cod Dog** in Eastham outfit stylish hounds and provide the essentials, which include fresh-baked goods for Fido.

## CHOW TIME

Many of the restaurants with outdoor seating in this region will gladly let your well-behaved pooch sit with you on the patio while you dine. In Provincetown, **Central House** at the Crown and Anchor and **Governor Bradford Restaurant** are among your 20-plus choices. While you're waiting to catch your ferry from Woods Hole to Martha's Vineyard, grab a lobster taco while your furry friend enjoys a bowl of water at the Woods Hole Inn's **Quicks Hole** restaurant.

On Martha's Vineyard in Oak Bluffs, **Nancy's Snack Bar** on the harbor, **Carousel Ice Cream**, and **Offshore Ale Co.** welcome pets. In Vineyard Haven, there's **Scottish Bakehouse** and the **Black Dog Bakery and Café**. On Nantucket, have a picnic with your pooch on the grassy area surrounding popular **Something Natural**. **LOLA 41** and **Dune** are other tasty options.



### Stay All Pups Welcome

■ **Brass Key Guest House (Provincetown)**: Dogs are welcome in cottages 111 and 112. Bowl and biscuits provided. One dog/no size restriction. Fee. brasskey.com

■ **Sage Inn & Lounge (Provincetown)**: Bowls and boarding crates. One dog/35 lb max. Fee. sageinnptown.com

■ **Mansion House (Vineyard Haven)**: Pet bed, dog-walking regulations for town, cleanup bags. No number/size restrictions. Fee. mvmansionhouse.com

■ **Harbor View Hotel (Edgartown)**: VIP (Very Important Pup) amenity package with rope toy, natural treats, and cleanup bag; dog tag with hotel contact information can be purchased. No number/size restrictions. Fee. harborview.com

■ **The Cottages & Lofts at the Boat Basin (Nantucket)**: Welcome basket of treats and toys, blissful bed, food and water bowls, personalized pet tags, dog-walking services, directory of vet clinics and pet stores, and nightly doggie

turndown. Dog-friendly beach bus takes you anywhere on the island. No number/size restrictions. Fee. [thecottagesnantucket.com](http://thecottagesnantucket.com)

■ **The Brass Lantern Inn (Nantucket)**: Toy, treat, cozy "right-size" dog bed, food and water bowls, beach towel, list of pet-friendly restaurants, places to go with your dog, and names and numbers for pet supply stores and services. Pet-walking and pet-sitting services available in advance. Two pets/no size restriction. Fee. [brasslanternnantucket.com](http://brasslanternnantucket.com)