

# The Ultimate Doggie Bucket List

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August is the month we celebrate National Dog Day (August 26). And as such, there's no better time to celebrate your canine family member by creating a doggie bucket list of fun things to do with your pooch and places you can visit together.

Here are some enjoyable ideas to help create a list of your own.

## **Take Part In A Doggie Parade**

There are lots of fun dog parades held around the country throughout the year celebrating a variety of occasions such as Mardi Gras and Howl'oween. If you travel with your pooch, the biggest Mardi Gras parade is the Krewe of Barkus parade held in the French Quarter in New Orleans every February. While the largest Howl'oween parade is held in Belmont Shore in Long Beach California. Check the notice board of your favorite pet store for other ideas on your home turf throughout the year.

## **Teach Your Dog To Surf**

There are lots of surfing competitions at beaches on both coasts where you can see dogs of all shapes and sizes "hanging twenty" on a surfboard. Often surf lessons are part of the on-going festivities. This is only a sport for good canine swimmers so be sure your dog is comfortable in water before attempting to put him on a board. Even if your dog isn't the surfing type, he will have fun on the beach and the smaller breaking waves.

## **Dogs Love Cheese**

Many of the working farms on the [Vermont Cheese Trail](#) welcome dogs such as the [Fat Toad Farm](#) in Brookfield, known for its fabulous goat cheeses, and

the [Willow Hill Farm](#) in Milton. You can taste and buy.

## **Visit Snoopy in California Wine Country**

Santa Rosa is the birthplace of Snoopy, America's most iconic canine. Set in the heart of gorgeous Sonoma wine country in California, it boasts five dog parks for unleashed fun and games as well as numerous recreational areas such as the Prince Memorial Greenways situated in the heart of town along the Santa Rosa creek, a tranquil area dotted with interesting sculptures and benches. Lots of wine farms in the country are dog friendly too and your dog will have a ball.

## **Go Leaf-peeping In The Fall**

Nothing says doggone good fun like fresh country air and chasing falling leaves! You can go leaf peeping with your pooch in many places around the country such as The Green Mountains in Vermont, The Catskills in New York, Walden Pond State Reservation in Massachusetts, Columbia River Gorge in Oregon, Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee, and the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire, along with many places throughout Virginia.

But no matter the adventure, be sure to [pack appropriately](#) and [travel safe!!!](#)