



Dog-Friendly Getaways: Ruffing It in Lake Tahoe

Summertime in Tahoe can be tail waggin' paradise. And have we got the place to stay: **Rustic Cottages**. A recent recipient of *The California Dog Lovers' Companion* 'Golden Bone Award,' it offers Tahoe-style cottages at an affordable price and is located right on the main drag in Tahoe Vista. Right smack in the middle of dog heaven.

Don't expect a fancy-five-star. This is not the spot for Paris and Tinkerbelle. But Rustic Cottages offers a clean, cozy, central place to stay for ruff and rugged fun. Cabins are private, each uniquely designed with rustic decor, and many come with a small kitchen and fireplace.

In the summer, you and your pooch can frolic in the surf and sand at the local beaches, hike gorgeous nearby trails, BBQ or yappy hour on your own private wooden deck, or just lounge on the grass lawn.

In the morning, guests gather in the main lodge to enjoy complimentary homemade waffles and muffins. Warm brownies are served from 4-5 pm.

Like many hotels that allow pets, dogs must be crated if left in the room alone. So don't forget to pack the portable crate. But in a dog-friendly place like Tahoe, why would you leave them behind?

www.rusticcottages.com

Other cool places to stay

The Inn at Truckee: www.innattruckee.com

River Ranch Lodge: www.riverranchlodge.com

More dog-friendly accommodations through Tahoe Moon Properties:
www.tahoemoonproperties.com

Recommended beaches and hikes in the area:

Coon Street Beach - Coon Street, Kings Beach

Pebble Beach/Dog Beach - Hwy 89, Tahoe City

Patton's Landing Beach in Carnelion Bay (next to Gar Woods)

North Tahoe Regional Park – Kings Beach

Squaw Valley USA – Olympic Valley

Dog-Friendly Outdoor Dining

Bridgetender Tavern and Grill – Tahoe City

Blackbear Tavern – Tahoe City

Roses Café – Tahoe City

Veterinary

North Tahoe Veterinary Center, 503/583-8587

24-Hour Emergency Vet

Animal Emergency Center, Reno, 775/851-3600 www.aecreno.com

Additional dog friendly activities, resources, pet sitters and more in Tahoe

www.dogfriendly.com

www.tailsbythelake.com