



America's Top Dog Model (R) winner Daphne Simone "Travels with Style."  
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## Traveling in style with your pet

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Today's pet owner have the luxury of traveling in style with their pet in tow! In the past several years, hotels and airlines have stretched to accommodate and even pamper people traveling with their pets.

Travelers with pets are a huge market, according to [Pet Relocation](#), the international pet travel and transportation industry's leading service provider. It's first annual summer pet travel survey of more than 6,000 pet owners surveyed internationally, revealed that a majority of pet owners (61 per cent) traveled more than fifty miles annually with their pets, while 38 percent traveled with their pets as often as once a month. The survey also revealed that pet travel still is almost exclusively for dogs.

Pets can now travel in style thanks to a growing number of canine friendly hotels and airlines. South Florida offers the best in pet care (or pampering) whether you are traveling through or staying a while.

**Air Travel:** [JetBlue Airways](#) has an exclusive program called JetPaws. It is designed to provide pets and their owners with information for a smooth trip. Program amenities include a pet carrier tag, travel petiquette( a list of Jetblue's social graces for pet travel) and True Blue (R) points earned each way when traveling with your pet.

South Floridians can fly JetBlue Airways out of West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale Airports to more than fifty destinations in the United States and Caribbean.

Pets fly in the main cabin at [Pet Airways](#)! Headquartered in Delray Beach, Florida, it is the first airline to transport pets without their people. Pet Airways flight cities include New York (New Jersey, Connecticut, & Philadelphia), Baltimore/Washington DC, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Fort Lauderdale.

The airlines MyPaws Club stores contact information about pet passengers and offers discounts, special offers, and a mileage program (pet points). And there is no need to worry because your pet can be tracked while in the air on Flight Aware.

**Checking In:** Many South Florida hotels are pet friendly, and several go above and beyond to please furry travel mates.

The W Hotels accepts dogs and cats (40 pounds or less unless used for ADA purposes) and offers the P.A.W. - Pets Are Welcome (TM) Program. The following services (listed under amenities) are available for your four-legged friend at [W Fort Lauderdale](#) and [W South Beach](#) hotels:

- Custom Pet Bed
- Food and Water Bowls with Floor Mat
- Pet Toy
- Litter Box
- Litter and Scoop (For Cats)
- Turndown Treat
- Clean-up bags
- Dog-Walking Service
- Pet-in-room door sign

Loews is another hotel chain that loves pets and there is no size restriction at the Miami location. Check in with your pet at [Loews Miami Beach Hotel](#) and receive a gift bag including a bowl, pet tag, and special treat. Owners receive a detailed brochure containing information about hotel pet services, such as Loews pet room service menu, dog walking, groomers, pet shops and more.

The [Westin Beach Resort](#) in Fort Lauderdale welcomes pets up to 40 pounds. A complimentary Westin Heavenly Dog Bed is provided for the comfort of pet guests.

Here is a web site that's an ultimate pet destination guide. [Bring Fido](#) offers a worldwide dog travel directory that provides information and online reservations at more than 25,000 pet friendly hotels.

Bon voyage!

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