



**National Dog Day is August 26th**, and not only is this a great day to celebrate your four-legged friend, but a great time to get away for a last-minute staycation or vacation. Here is a selection of some of the best pet-friendly properties around the United States that also know the value of your furry friend, and offer unique perks from outdoor adventures to pooch-pampering packages.



## **The Crystal Coast**

### **North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks**

The perfect getaway? How about eighty-five miles of pristine pet-friendly beaches at **The Crystal Coast**.

Outdoor adventures await with options to walk, bike and hike the **Emerald Isle Woods Park Trail** (a 1.7-mile path on the North Carolina Birding Trail); **Fort Macon State Park** (a charming civil war landmark with sand dunes, hiking trails, and tide pools); **Cape Lookout National Seashore** (accessible only by a pet-friendly ferry, offering 50-miles of undeveloped beaches and a stunning "diamond lady" lighthouse) and **PAWS Bark Park**.

Several alfresco pet-friendly dining await and shopping can be enjoyable for parched pooches with dog bowls at several stops. Island favorite **Muttigans** should be on your must-visit list; grab a dog-themed 'Sandy Paws' latte for you and stock up on dog supplies for your furry friend.

Where to stay? The Crystal Coast is home to more than 100 pet-friendly beach house rentals (through companies like **Emerald Isle Realty** and **Blue Water Realty**), and the ever-retro **Atlantis Lodge** even has dedicated dog park on-site.