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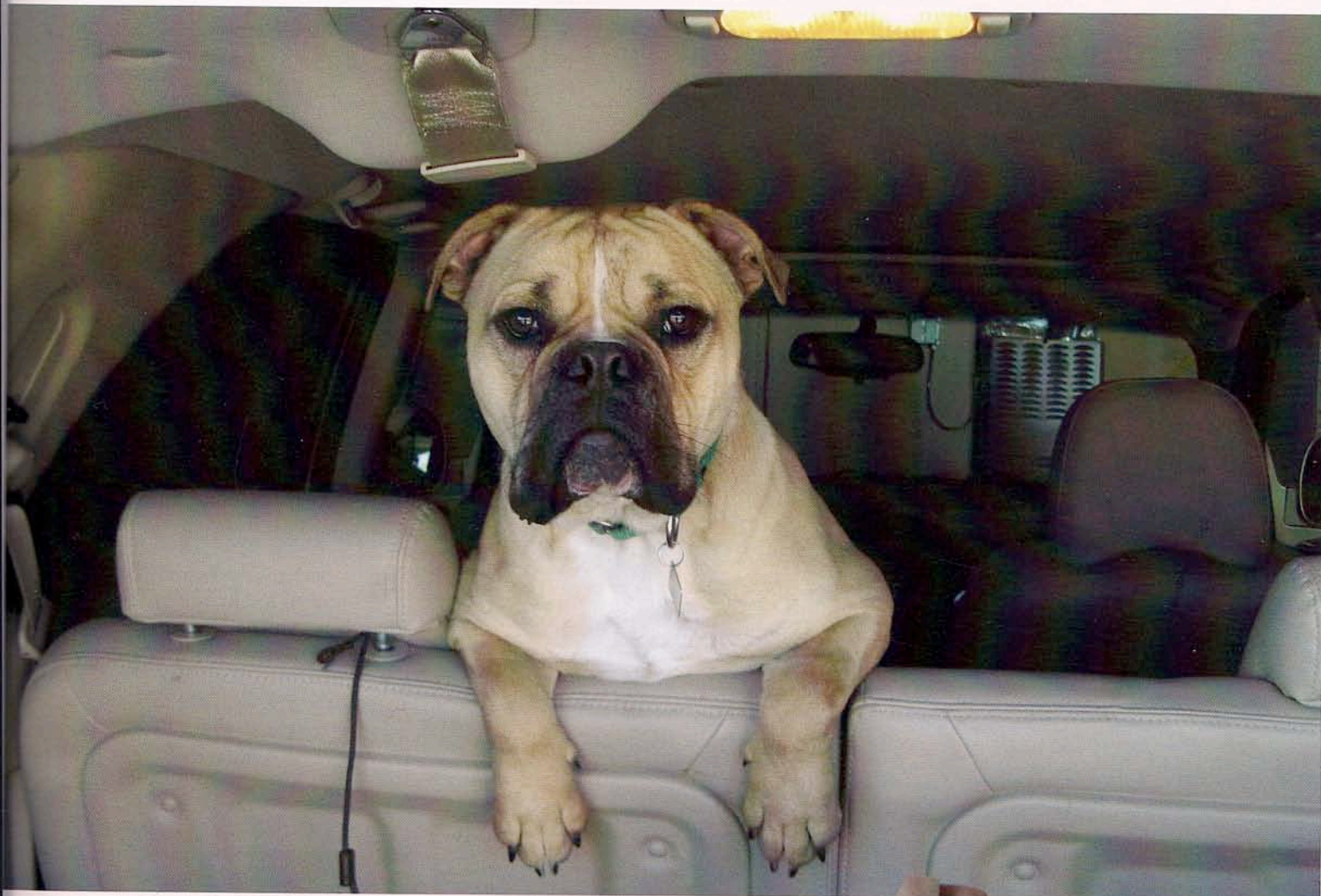
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Dog Gone It — Let's Hit the Road Together

Tips & Top Spots for Traveling With Your Dog in New Mexico

By Jill Lane & Travelin' Jack, Roving Bulldog Reporter

As Summertime approaches and you begin planning your family vacation, the nagging question arises... *what to do with Fido?* More and more families are electing to take Fido with them on vacation instead of leaving him behind. And if you are in that group, you are not alone. Pets make great travel companions.

According to a 2009 report by U.S. Travel Association, over 49% of U.S. adult leisure travelers consider their pet to be part of the family and 18% of U.S. adult leisure travelers usually take their pets with them when they travel. This 18% figure, up from 14% in 2006, translates to 37.4 million Americans traveling with pets, and the number is growing annually. The percentage of households traveling with their pets increases during the summer most likely because more families travel on vacation. Accordingly, more and more

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Destinations,
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and ground floor entrance/exit. Picnic area and playground on property. Good, scenic walking area. Pet Fee: \$20 per pet, per stay. Some restrictions on particular breeds.

Jack's Favorite Pet-io Dining: The Lift House serves up delicious burgers. Have a seat on one of the wooden benches for slope-side and ski lift views. Pet-loving staff.

Chama

An historic 1800s railroad town, tucked high in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains just eight miles from the Colorado border, this is a mecca of outdoor activities and adventure for the traveling canine.

Jack's Top Picks

1.) **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Depot** is pet-friendly and offers a walking tour of the railyard where pooches can listen to the wail of the whistle and watch as the train chugs out of the station. While the train only allows service dogs on the ride, there are several area day-sitters available for pets should their two-footed visitors wish to ride the train.

2.) **Terrace Avenue** is a great stop after a stroll down Main Street Chama and through Clock Park. Relax and watch a slower-paced world pass by. Shopping on Terrace Avenue is even pet-friendly. Mountainview Mall not only provides a bowl of cool water for thirsty dogs, they even allow their owners to bring dogs in while they shop.

3.) **Sargents' Wildlife Refuge** is a 20,000-acre elk refuge open to hiking, exploring and wildlife viewing as long as you're on foot (or paws). No vehicles are allowed into this pristine high-mountain area, so a hike is a peaceful, quiet experience set in some of the country's most spectacular scenery.

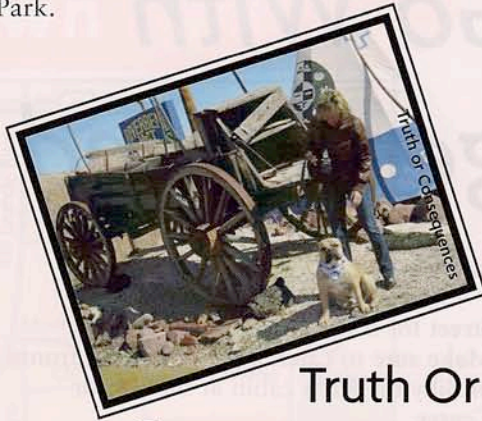
4.) **Rio Chama** and its banks are accessible to the public throughout its meandering course through town. Great hiking along paths beneath giant cottonwood trees.

Jack's Pet-Friendly Lodging Pick:

Elkhorn Lodge rests on 10 acres of grassy, shady campus. This retro-50's lodge offers all cabin and lodge rooms to pets and their families. The Lodge's riverside setting allows great hiking access from the lodge property and dog-dips in the easily accessible river. Pet Fee: \$10 per pet per stay without size, breed or number restrictions. Each registered pet receives an "Elkhorn Lodge Pet-Cation" Gift upon arrival. Horse pens are also available for the equestrian guests

Jack's Favorite Pet-io Dining –

Picnicking at nearby Heron Lake State Park.



Truth Or Consequences

Once named Hot Springs, this eclectic retro town in the Southwest region of the state offers great hot springs water action.

Jack's Top Picks

1.) **Date Street** offers a fine stroll along colorful tile walls, parks and historic buildings.

2.) **Ralph Edwards Park** next to the Rio Grande has loads of pet friendly areas to explore, including the Pavilion.

3.) Nearby **Elephant Butte Lake State Park** offers unlimited pet action.

4.) **Caballo Lake and Percha Dam** offer great pet hikes and exploration as well.

5.) **Vietnam Wall** is a half-size replica of Washington D.C.'s memorial monument. The Walk of Education, a concrete walkway in the shape of a 5-pointed star and a winding sidewalk take you through this tribute to Vietnam veterans.

6.) **Turtleback Mountain Hiking Trail** offers a great 7-mile hike up to spectacular views of the area.

Jack's Pet-Friendly Lodging Pick: Riverbend Hot Springs & Lodge. Dogs are allowed in the private hot springs bathing area with owners. There is also a tie-out at the public baths. Good walking area along the river as well as several parks within walking distance of the motel. Cute paths meander through the lodge property. Friendly, helpful staff. Pet Fee: \$15 per pet per day.

Jack's Favorite Pet-io Dining: Happy Belly Deli. Great sandwiches in the open-air enclosed patio.

– Jill Lane

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