



Pup-Friendly Patios For The Dog Days of Summer



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The temperature is rising, the sun is blazing, and the height of summer is officially upon us. July 3rd through August 11th marks the **Dog Days of Summer**, a term spanning back to Greek astrology that has come to stand for the hottest

and muggiest part of the season. Take advantage of the cool evenings with your furry four-legged friends at these perfectly pet-friendly patios. And find some fantastic Fido-friendly food spots along the way!

Take your paws to the patio at [Del Sur Mexican Cantina](#), a South Park staple for quality Mexican cuisine at a reasonable price. This kid-friendly, vegetarian-friendly, and even dog-friendly (on the patio) eatery makes a for a home away from home with vibrant, colorful décor and a healthy twist on traditional Mexican food that leaves no one out when it comes to a fantastic dining experience. Dine with your dog on the patio while munching on **Veggie Enchiladas**, made with chayote, charred corn, and mushrooms stuffed and rolled in corn tortillas, doused in pasilla sauce, and topped with poblano cream and cheese, tomato, lettuce, and pickled onions.

Man's best friend won't be disappointed at [Woodstock's Pizza](#), located near SDSU in the College Area! A hometown staple of college students and locals alike, Woodstock's never backs down when it comes to making the perfect pizza – for everyone. Setting them apart from the rest, Woodstock's vows to put anything on a pizza that a customer requests, which means you can even bring in dog food for your pooch and they'll make a pint-sized pizza for them! Nosh on the outdoor dog-friendly patio alongside your pup on loaded combos with a unique folded-over crust including the **Kickin' Carnitas**, topped with Southern Chipotle sauce, slow-marinated carnitas, crispy bacon, red onions and fresh cilantro.

If you're thinking of chowing down after your walk, check out Pacific Beach favorite; [Backyard Kitchen & Tap](#). As the name suggests, this eatery is a chic and cozily coastal American eatery fitting the laid-back vibes of Pacific Beach with large outdoor areas, fire pits, cabanas and more. Better yet, Backyard

boasts their own **Doggie Menu**, featuring grilled chicken breast, plain yellow rice and home-made dog biscuits for your four-legged companion! While your pup dines on a meal of their own, delight in gluten-free **Pacific Seabass**, grilled to perfection on top of a bed of warm potato salad, parsnip puree, fennel, arugula and a mustard vinaigrette.

Pamper your pooch with a trip to [Lazy Hippo](#), the charming and whimsical brunch café found in the Gaslamp Quarter. Delightfully eclectic, quirky and cozy, this intimate eatery offers breakfast and lunch favorites with an organic, modern twist. In addition to fresh-squeezed juices and smoothies, healthy breakfast items and rich cultural flavors, Lazy Hippo's extensive menu features sweet and savory vegan items to ensure that no one goes hungry! People-watch with your puppy on the patio near the bustling Convention Center while digging into the **Enfrijoladas Loaded**; a plate of three rolled tortillas stuffed with scrambled eggs, tomatoes, onions, cilantro, and topped with black bean sauce, sautéed chorizo, sour cream, fresh cheese and jalapenos.

If your dogs are panting from your long walk, rest your weary paws at [The Taco Stand](#), nestled in the seaside neighborhood of Encinitas. This family-owned taqueria welcomes all human and non-human guests on their sunny patio, promising an authentic Mexican culinary experience to satisfy your south-of-the-border cravings. Solid family recipes come together with handmade corn tortillas, top-grade meats, and the freshest ingredients, especially in their popular and fiercely flavorful **Al Pastor Tacos**; warm tortillas packed with rotisserie-marinated pork, cilantro, onions, cilantro sauce and strips of fresh pineapple for a tangy kick of flavor.

Dropping anchor in Pacific Beach, [Fish Shop](#) is the ideal spot to stop in for food with Fido. Whether popping in for a quick lunch or a tasty dinner with friends,

there's no need to leave your dog at home. Enjoy a meal al fresco on the expansive dog-friendly patio, a relaxed atmosphere complemented by nautical accents, boatloads of fresh fish selections, and only a \$5 corkage fee on any bottle of wine you'd like to bring in for your meal! Featuring the freshest catches of the day, the award-winning **TKO Tacos** are not to be missed, mahi mahi grilled and marinated with the brown sugar and Cajun-spiced Fish Shop seasoning, topped with shredded cabbage, mixed cheese, house cilantro white sauce and tropical salsa in a corn or flour tortilla.

Don't leave your pup at home on these warm summer evenings. Opt for an enchanting night out with your pooch at these pet-friendly eateries around San Diego during the Dog Days of Summer!