

Happy Days Are Queer Again

Just Out celebrates the dog days of summer with red rocks, 'ritas and rottweilers

The Pacific Northwest is somethin' else these days. Here we are, at the tail end of August, and it feels as though summer has just begun.

Not that we're knocking it. But our slow-start season gives paws, er, pause, to *Just Out's* annual Dog Days of Summer issue. So much for sultry temps and stir-crazy staycations—as of this moment, the mercury has barely topped 80.

We repeat, not that we're knocking it. We're perfectly content to kick back and imbibe a truly fresh cocktail, thanks to Sassy Gardener LeAnn Locher, or a glass of chardonnay, courtesy of the vinting Sherwood duo behind K&M Wines.

Jonesin' for adventure? Travel writer Andrew Collins hits

the road to guide us along a Southwest excursion.

And for the literal-minded folk, we've got doggie doings, too, from pooch-friendly hotels in the area to a new Canine Utopia and Petlandia columnist Mary Mandeville's fond recollections of beaching it with a four-legged companion.

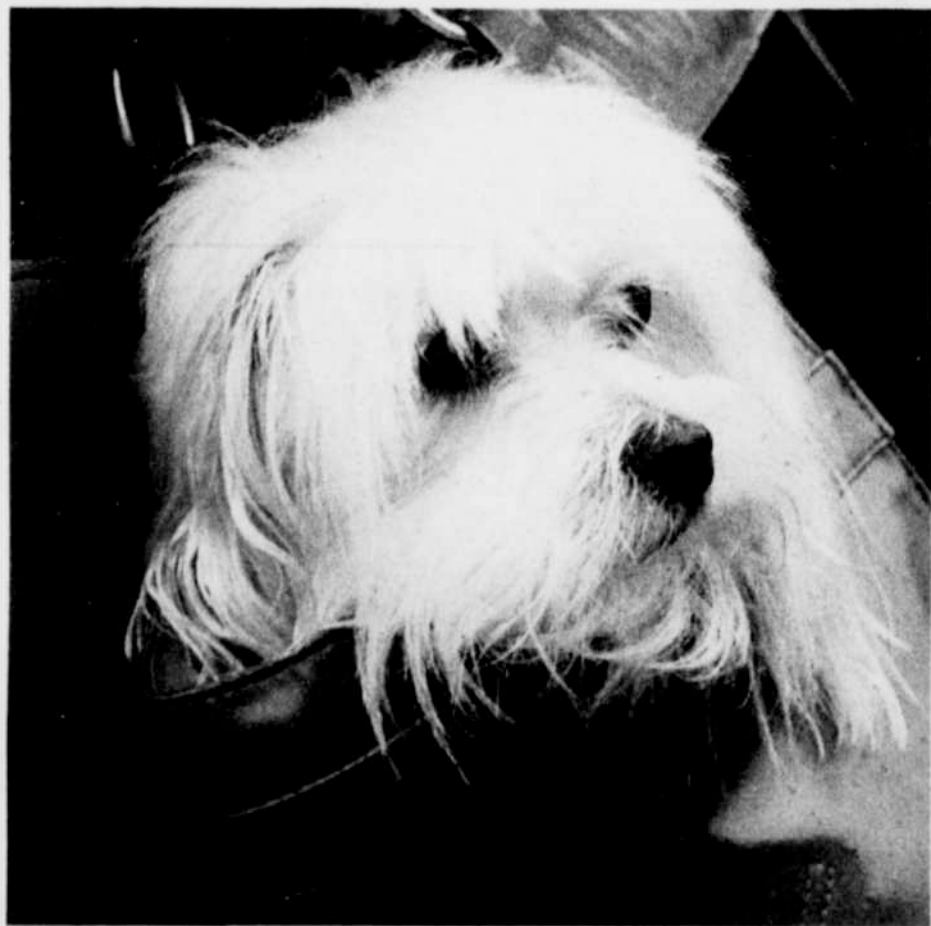
Hit your patio, or the park, these pages in hand. And not unlike this wonky little season, we're just getting warmed up—come September 2, we're headed to the coast.

So come on, sun, shine on. We'll be here all season—that is, what's left of it.

—AMANDA SCHURR



MARTY DAVIS



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"You're taking me with you, right?"

Howlin' Good Hotels

BY KRISTIN FLICKINGER

Whether you're looking for a week-end getaway or a place for out-of-town guests, Portland has some great hotels. And because it's Portland, many of them are pet-friendly. I've selected a few of my favorites in downtown, along with one in Northeast and one at the coast. They all have unique flavor for a Portland-style experience. Room costs are listed for standard, queen rooms, and do not include pet fees or taxes. If you're looking for basic chains that take dogs, visit dogfriendly.com for a more comprehensive list.

Here are my picks for dog-loving accommodations with Stumptown flair.

Downtown Portland

Downtown is one of my favorite places for an overnight getaway. Accessible by the MAX and close to the action, downtown hotels offer terrific restaurants within walking distance and fantastic night views of the city. One thing to consider is access to parks. Not every dog is happy squatting under a tree on the sidewalk. Fortunately, Portland boasts some of the best urban parks in the country.

Hotel Lucia

(400 SW Broadway, 503-225-1717)
Pet fee: \$45 one-time fee includes bed,

bowl, food, treats and poop bags

Pet extras: None

Park access: Two blocks from North Park Blocks

Room cost: \$119-\$199

Part of the Kimpton family of hotels, Hotel Lucia boasts a litany of awards for its luxury, boutique atmosphere. It's located steps away from the renowned Typhoon! Thai restaurant, in the heart of downtown on the corner of Broadway and Stark.

The pet fee includes a bed and bowl for your dog to enjoy during your stay, as well as food, treats and poop bags to help you be a responsible pet owner.

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