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Cliff House Hotel, Waterford; cliffhousehotel.ie

This luxurious seaside gem, set on the hills overlooking Ardmore, is offering a 'Sandy Paws' offer, where the whole family can enjoy clifftop walks and sea swimming before drying off your pooch with their complimentary towel. They can later join you for dinner at the Terrace, and will no doubt curl up at your feet for a nap after an activity-packed day!

The Twelve, Galway; thetwelvehotel.ie

If you want to go the extra mile in spoiling your furry friend, look no further. The Twelve has it all; a welcome doggie bag, an in-room food and fresh mineral water bowl, a pet lobby, a luxury in-room dining service for dogs, and even a pet concierge service, that helps with details and discounts on local dog walkers, sitters, groomers and veterinarians. You'll give them notions! But, deserved!

FURRY GOOD BREAKS!

The best dog-friendly hotels for the ultra-mutt staycation, compiled by **Niamh Devereux**



Bullitt Hotel, Belfast; bullitthotel.com

Fancy your pooch as a bit of a hipster? Well, they'll fit right in for their stay in this funky spot's 'Dog Dens', which come with a comfy dog bed and treats, as well as a king sized bed for the human! While in the city, make sure to check out a number of cool dog-friendly spots, such as The Dirty Onion and The Boneyard.

Cliff at Lyons, Kildare; cliffatlyons.ie

Escape to the countryside and take in the many beautiful sights on strolls around the estate gardens and grounds, and along the nearby canal, with your doggo in tow. The Puppy Love package includes a dog friendly room, plus a welcome treat and breakfast the following morning.



Castlemartyr Resort, Cork; castlemartyrresort.ie

Your pet will be given a special garden-friendly room, so they can sunbathe outside on the terrace – and you don't have to worry about any accidents in the room! There are plenty of great walking trails, from beach to woods. Your dog might even make a pal of their own in the resident Irish Setters, Earl and Countess.



Lough Eske Castle, Donegal;
lougheskecastlehotel.com

Both cats and dogs are welcome to the five star castle hotel's courtyard guestrooms, meaning you don't have to leave them behind on a roadtrip to beautiful Donegal. They'll feel like royalty!

The Morgan Hotel, Dublin;
themorgan.com

From the stunning dog bed (I wanted to steal it during my stay last year) to the 'In Room Doggy Dining Menu' – that serves the likes of sliced sausages and bedtime biscuits – this is the height of plush. Even better, your pooch can join you for heated, al fresco dining.



Tankardstown House, Meath;
tankardstown.ie

Bring your four-legged friend along to this beautiful country retreat, where you can stay in one of the courtyard cottage suites and explore up to 80 acres of parkland and woodland. Oh, and stop by to say hi to resident doggo Bruce!

ANIMAL ACTIVITIES



Heading to Donegal? Make sure to schedule a visit with the Mullaghderg Highlanders! The beautiful Highland Coos are a fold of eight very happy cows, beloved by their family, who love human interaction. Visit the @myhighlandfold Instagram page to find out how to visit and brush the Coo's luscious, long hair and learn more about them!



Head off for a trek around Wicklow with your very own assigned alpaca, finished off with a chilled glass of prosecco. Yes, I can confirm it is as dreamy as it sounds - that's me in the pic!
k2alpacos.ie

Ever dream of walking a pig through a woods in Co. Galway? Well, now you can! Book the Fairy Pig Walk through Airbnb for a stroll through a fairy woodland with Emilia the Juliana pig, and also meet her farm animal friends, including Frisky the goat and Frank the llama.



Ardmore Open Farm and Mini Zoo, in Co Waterford, has all sorts of animals to see up close and personal, from Capuchin monkeys and a lynx cat to ring tailed lemurs and racoons. There's outdoor dining and play areas, and it's close to the beach, making it a perfect day out.
ardmoreopenfarm.ie

Wexford's Secret Valley Wildlife Park (secretvalley.ie) is home to 35 species of wild animals, including rescue animals from the pet trade and research labs. Make sure to check out its daily timetable of activities, which range from bottle feeding a goat to going for a ride on ponies Snowball, Elvis and Coco!

