

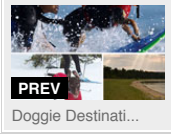


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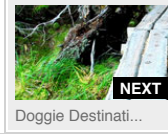
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Surfdog Abbie and owner, Michael Uy, head out to surf during a training session at dog beach in Del Mar, California, May 13, 2010. The popular San Diego area contest, like many of the growing number of dog surfing events being held in southern California each year, is a fundraiser for pet-related charities. Photo: MIKE BLAKE/Reuters/Corbis

Plan A: San Diego, Calif.

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Teaching your dog to surf is no longer just a pipe dream for Spuds MacKenzie groupies.

In the last few years, Southern California has become something of a dog-surfing Mecca, with annual events and clinics offered by multiple outfitters. In late-September, Huntington Beach hosts the Surf City, Surf Dog Weekend (surfcitysurfdog.com), featuring a doggie fashion show and two-round doggie surf off, and in June the Loews Coronado Bay Surf

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Dog Competition ([loewssurfdog.com](http://loewssurfdog.com)) draws serious surf dog competitors to San Diego. The Coronado Surfing Academy gives surf-dog lessons at the leash-free Coronado Dog Beach (\$40 for one-hour lessons in June; [coronadosurfing.com](http://coronadosurfing.com)) and the Helen Woodward Animal Center offers lessons at the Del Mar Dog Beach on weekends in July and August (\$45 for 50-minute sessions; [animalcenter.org](http://animalcenter.org)).

**When to Go:** SoCal beaches see consistent small to moderate waves from June through October. Water temperatures during this period range from the low to high 60s.

**Know This:** Beach rules can vary dramatically, from no dogs to leash laws to voice command, so read signs carefully. And bring a water bowl—a soaking wet pooch can still easily get dehydrated if she’s working hard.

**Doggie Diner:** Just down Orange Avenue from Coronado Beach are half a dozen dog-friendly restaurants, including Leroy’s Kitchen ([leroyskitchenandlounge.com](http://leroyskitchenandlounge.com)), a great spot for farm-to-table sandwiches and truffle fries.



A dog and its owner run along beach in the Lake Michigan National Recreation Area. *Photo:* Aaron Peterson

**Plan B: Nordhouse Dunes, Mich.**

When you hike down the trail to the beach at Nordhouse Dunes ([fs.usda.gov](http://fs.usda.gov)), a wilderness preserve hitched to the southern boundary of the Lake Michigan Recreation Area, one sign points to the people beach, the other to a secluded stretch of pristine dog beach, where Rovers can ramble off leash for over a mile. Even better, the Dunes and the Lake Michigan Recreation Area include miles of hiking trails, fishing, and campgrounds, with the quaint town of Ludington, 25 miles south, offering restaurants and B&Bs ([visitoludington.com](http://visitoludington.com)).

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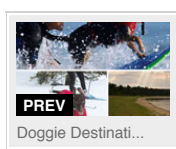
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