

# HAUTE LIVING

## Poochie Pampering



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Brand new luxury hotel in California is for the dogs. The affluent dogs, that is, or as the hotel likes to categorize them, the "Distinguished/Dog." The 13,500-sqaure-foot Hollywood D Pet Hotel offers a promising alternative to the doghouse, with hotel and spa amenities to alleviate the guilt of leaving your pooch while you are away.

First and foremost, the hotel provides modern luxury boarding for your "Distinguished/Dog." Rooms range from the basic "bowWow" design with a doggie bed and small flat screen TV to the "Uber" luxury suite that has a standard queen size bed, a 42" flat screen TV and extensive dog-appealing décor. No news yet on how the dogs will change the channel or how interior decorators discovered which color scheme dogs prefer.

The hotel also offers the very best in doggie daycare since while the owners are away, the dogs will play. For entertainment the hotel has three dog runs, which are segregated by size for safety and fun. There is also a grooming and spa center, should you decide your dog needs a horrible bath or trim while you are on vacation. There is also an adjoining boutique, should your pet decide that it needs to purchase some organic treats or a Chromebones brand leash. A chauffeur will transport your furry friend to and from the hotel, and there is a 24-hour vet on call for unforeseen grass eating. Another amenity pets might enjoy is a custom photo shoot by Furtograph, which can be done with its entire canine posse. It's enough to make any human jealous.

## Poochie Pampering, Miami Style



While dog-ophiles in Los Angeles are able to pamper their pooches at the D Pet Hotel, on the other coast, Fido is also guaranteed 5-star treatment. Guests of Mandarin Oriental, Miami <<http://www.mandarinoriental.com/miami>> can follow in the footsteps and paw prints of Marley & Me characters John (Owen Wilson), Jenny (Jennifer Aniston) and Marley with an interactive guest and pooch getaway that offers a luxurious adaptation to the spirited movie storyline. In celebration of the premiere of Marley & Me on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, and the movie's filming in the Miami area, Mandarin Oriental, Miami introduces "Marley & Me Miami Dog Days" package, including special pet accommodations, gourmet dining and play sessions with a pet butler.

For the humans, Mandarin Oriental is offering two-nights with an American breakfast, while man's best friends can rest content on a plush pet bed and dine on special edible treats and bottled water from a food and water bowls on a bone-shaped place mat. The package also includes a one-on-one Training Date with certified dog trainer; an afternoon fun on the hotel's South Lawn with dog butler services to assist in delivery of refreshments and play items such as frisbees, tug ropes and ball; two-course, in-room dinner for guests and pet; once-daily pet walking services around the island of Brickell Key; and, of course, two Marley & Me movie tickets and a copy of the book by Josh Grogan