It's South Padre Island's belief that dogs deserve a vacation too. Pet-friendly accommodations are easy to find and with miles of sandy beach, your furry friend will be entertained all day long. Here's what you need to know about bringing Fido with you on your Island adventure.

**WHERE TO STAY**

On South Padre Island, we welcome all guests – including your pets. There are plenty of options on the Island for you and your furry pal to crash. **Pearl South Padre**, a top-rated, pet-friendly resort, has a massive pool with a swim-up bar and restaurants overlooking the water, making it an awesome place to enjoy some fresh seafood before playing catch on the beach. Another popular resort, **The Isla Grand**, welcomes pets under 50 pounds at the hotel’s prime oceanfront location. And if you’re looking for a budget-friendly option, **La Quinta** and **La Copa Inn** offer great rates and are still just steps away from that water you know your dog is longing to splash in.

**THINGS TO DO**

One of the best things you can do with your pet on South Padre Island is to simply spend some quality time on the beach together. But if you want to get some action in, try stand-up paddle boarding with your dog. With **Eh Brah SUP**, a SPI-based SUP shop, you can take your dog out on the water with you. Don’t forget to stop by and say hi to “Diesel the Dolphin Dog” who joins in on dolphin tours with **Fins to Feathers**, a company that offers glass-bottom ecology tours of the area.

**WHERE TO DINE**

Indulge after a long day on the beach and experience the bold, tropical flavors of South Padre Island at more than 20 local spots. In fact, a solid option is **PadreRitaGrill**, a tiki-inspired restaurant where you can order off the human menu. That distinction is important, because they also have a doggie dinner menu with fresh-cooked meals, like chicken and rice, for your furry friends. Other popular pet-friendly restaurants include **Gabriella’s Italian Grill & Pizzeria**, **Coconut Jack’s** and **Cafe on the Beach**.

**#PUPSOFPADRE TIPS**

- Salt water will upset their tummies. Make sure you have fresh water and a bowl.
- Sand and pavement can get too hot for their paws. Be mindful of peak sun times.
- Make sure your pets are up to date on vaccinations and that you have access to those records.
- SPI has a leash law. Please keep your pets safe.
- Lost or found a pet? Call SPI Friends of Animal Rescue’s 24/7 hotline: (956) 772-1171.
- Bring something to clean up after your dog.

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