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4 high-country, high-end hotels for man's best friend

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Photo courtesy of Stillwater Mountain Lodge

When our German Shepherd was a puppy we took her on a few vacations, but over the years her

boarding facility became her second home. Well, in a few months she's turning 12. That's old for a big dog, and we're trying to find ways to accommodate her on our many trips around Colorado and beyond.

My research reveals that many nice hotels allow dogs that are 50 pounds or less, but that's not helpful for those of us with big dogs. After a little more digging, I discovered these upscale Rocky Mountain hotels that welcome, with open arms, dogs of all sizes.



Photo courtesy of the Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa

1. The newly renovated [Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa at Beaver Creek Mountain](#) in Avon, Colorado, is a dog-friendly property. Greeted with a treat at reception, your dog's special treatment doesn't end there. In your room you'll find a Heavenly Dog Bed, food and water bowl with matt, and dog amenity kit.

The 40-mile Eagle River Trail runs directly in front of the Westin Riverfront and provides an excellent place to walk or run with your dog during your stay.



Photo courtesy of Knob Hill Inn

2. **Knob Hill Inn** in Sun Valley, Idaho, loves dogs. This premier boutique hotel with European charm offers the [Wagging Tail Escape](#) that includes a doggie travel bowl, a canine first aid kit, Alpine Dog Nutrition Bar, waste disposal bags, complementary dog tag with Knob Hill Inn's contact info, and "Field Guide to Dog First Aid" by Randy Aker, DVM.

Knob Hill encourages guests to post photographs of their dogs on Instagram or Twitter and tag [@KnobHillInn](#) so that the inn can share the photos on their social media sites.

3. While they don't provide a dog package, the beautiful [Inn on the Creek](#) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, is a dog-friendly boutique inn. A stream runs through the property's backyard making it an ideal place to hang out with your four-legged friend. There's also a ball field at the base of Snow King Mountain where guests can exercise their dog, and it's only 10 minutes by car to several dog-friendly trails in nearby state parks.



Photo courtesy of Stillwater Mountain Lodge

4. [Stillwater Mountain Lodge & Nordic Center](#) in Whitefish, Montana, is the perfect place for dog lovers to stay. Located on 16 wooded acres and adjacent to thousands of acres of state forest land, there are lots of places for you and your dog to explore.

The Nordic Center offers 25 kilometers of groomed cross-country ski trails (12 kilometers are dog-friendly). During the summer, guests of the lodge can hike with their dogs on the Whitefish Trail system, located across the road from the Stillwater, or take a dip in Murray Lake, just a mile away.

Author's Note: Stillwater Mountain Lodge is currently leased through May 2016.

Please note that fees apply when your dog tags along with you to these hotels, so be sure to let the property know that you're bringing Fido when you book your room.