

10 of the Best Cities for Dogs to Live

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When choosing the place to live, people often do not consider what is best for man's best friend. But don't we want to keep our "best friend" happy?

Featured below are 10 of the most dog friendly cities to live in from [MyLife](#). These cities were selected based off of pet store population, veterinarians in the area, the dog population in the area, number of sunny days a year and walk score. From places to explore to perfect weather, these canine friendly cities have everything a dog could want.

1. Miami, Florida

The sunny state of Miami ranked number one in pet stores per capita. Miami had an average overall score of 3.6. Your dog will also enjoy nearly perfect weather year round, providing many opportunities for walks on the beautiful endless beaches.



2. Las Vegas, Nevada

Las Vegas has more going for it than gambling and bright lights. Las Vegas had an average overall score of 3.8. The city of sinners was the only city to rank in the top 10 for four different categories. These categories included sixth place for dog parks and eighth place for sunny weather!



3. Tucson, Arizona

Tucson, Ariz. serized the number 3 spot for best cities to be a dog. Tucson had an average overall score of 5.0. It's no secret that Tucson has beautiful weather nearly year round, making it the twelth place for number of sunny days a year. Tucson is also ranked number 15 for dog parks!



4. Sacramento, California

Sunny Sacramento ranked number 8 in dogs per capita and number 27 in veterinarians per capita. Sacramento had an average overall score of

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5.2. Your canine buddy will have several dog compadres and be quite healthy!



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5. Orlando, Florida

Orlando, Fla. is not only good for palm trees and sunshine, but is a great place to take your favorite furry friend. Orlando had an average overall score of 5.2. Orlando is ranked number 2 in dog stores per capita, along with second in veterinarians per capita!



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6. Scottsdale, Arizona

The Valley's own Scottsdale, Ariz. seized sixth place for best cities to be a dog. Scottsdale had an average overall score of 5.4. Scottsdale ranks number 3 in sunny days a year, along with number 21 in dogs per capita.



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7. Honolulu, Hawaii

Here today, gone to Maui! Honolulu had an average overall score of 5.4. Honolulu came in seventh in dogs per capita. Honolulu was also one of the only two cities to not fall below 36th in every category.



8. Tampa, Florida

Yet another city from Florida stole a coveted spot on this list for places for your furry friends to live. Tampa fell right behind Honolulu, also having an average overall score of 5.4. Tampa ranked third in pet stores per capita and fifth in veterinarians per capita.

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9. Saint Louis, Missouri

Saint Louis had an average overall score of 5.4. They also received sixth place in number of dog stores and fifth in dogs per capita!



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10. Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta had an average overall score of 5.6. This state capital of Georgia ranked eighth in number of pet stores per capita and ninth in veterinarians per capita.



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Featured below is the full list with all the rankings.

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RANK	CITY	POPULATION	SCORE	PET STORES PER CAPITA	DOG PARKS PER CAPITA	VETRINARIANS PER CAPITA	WALK SCORE	# OF SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR
1	Miami, FL	413,802	3.6	1	27	7	10	34
2	Las Vegas, NV	596,424	3.8	5	6	10	57	8
3	Tucson, AZ	524,295	5.0	16	15	13	58	12
4	Sacramento, CA	475,516	5.2	17	8	27	45	23
5	Orlando, FL	249,562	5.2	2	13	2	56	43
6	Scottsdale, AZ	235,114	5.4	3	21	8	89	3
7	Honolulu, HI	408,049	5.4	34	7	35	72	21
8	Tampa, FL	347,645	5.4	9	30	5	37	36
9	St. Louis, MO	318,172	5.4	6	5	12	24	80
10	Atlanta, GA	443,775	5.6	8	20	9	38	60
11	Long Beach, CA	467,892	6.0	29	17	74	15	10
12	Cincinnati, OH	296,550	6.2	4	12	1	33	94
13	San Jose, CA	1,238,348	6.4	22	18	52	34	24
14	San Francisco, CA	850,463	6.6	33	9	63	5	30
15	Portland, OR	661,106	6.6	10	3	21	21	99
16	Denver, CO	634,265	6.8	15	29	54	29	37
17	Glendale, AZ	232,143	7.0	32	24	25	79	9
18	Madison, WI	240,323	7.0	14	1	24	36	89
19	Pittsburgh, PA	306,211	7.4	12	22	17	25	96
20	Riverside, CA	313,673	7.8	11	35	64	59	19
21	Louisville, KY	241,167	8.0	40	52	14	2	83
22	Seattle, WA	634,525	8.0	13	4	63	13	98
23	Hialeah, FL	231,941	8.2	31	40	72	19	32
24	Minneapolis, MN	392,880	8.2	25	16	51	18	82
25	Lexington, KY	305,489	8.2	66	33	4	4	88
26	Albuquerque, NM	555,417	8.4	51	25	53	52	16
27	Austin, TX	842,592	8.4	18	36	22	71	48
28	San Jose, CA	950,450	8.4	44	30	73	35	35
29	Reno, NV	231,027	8.6	7	86	6	66	33
30	Buffalo, NY	259,384	8.6	30	47	15	17	97
31	Henderson, NV	265,679	8.8	28	10	75	95	6
32	Fremont, CA	221,986	9.0	74	38	42	39	25
33	Oakland, CA	400,740	9.0	92	14	69	14	27
34	Saint Paul, MN	290,770	9.0	26	31	45	28	84
35	Irving, TX	259,085	9.2	54	70	47	40	14
36	Bakersfield, CA	338,507	9.2	27	60	43	74	20
37	Baton Rouge, LA	230,058	9.2	55	23	11	64	68
38	Gilbert, AZ	221,140	9.4	50	37	34	97	7
39	Colorado Springs, CO	431,834	9.4	24	66	20	78	39
40	New York, NY	8,336,697	9.6	58	34	89	1	50
41	Brentwood, AL	212,688	9.6	20	64	3	77	70
42	Irvin, TX	245,582	9.8	65	44	53	47	22
43	Lubbock, TX	236,065	9.8	23	71	38	72	26
44	Plano, TX	272,968	9.8	21	75	30	68	45
45	Tulsa, OK	393,987	9.8	53	48	16	67	49
46	Wichita, KS	385,577	10.2	19	46	41	83	52
47	Jersey City, NJ	254,441	10.2	39	45	99	6	59
48	Mesa, AZ	434,141	10.4	37	68	61	75	1
49	Phoenix, AZ	245,428	104	59	26	71	87	5
50	New Orleans, LA	340,250	104	73	30	58	30	62
51	Phoenix, AZ	148,750	108	62	65	70	62	2
52	Norfolk, VA	245,782	108	90	3	65	42	64
53	El Paso, TX	673,338	11.0	43	67	88	61	4
54	Anaheim, CA	343,248	11.0	10	49	90	82	32
55	Los Angeles, CA	3,857,799	11.4	71	76	92	20	13
56	San Antonio, TX	2,141,162	11.4	77	41	65	43	41
57	Jacksonville, FL	836,102	11.4	35	58	33	96	53
58	Omaha, NE	421,570	11.4	48	82	28	49	66
59	Lincoln, NE	265,404	11.4	64	74	23	50	67
60	Nashville, TN	634,406	11.4	72	63	60	3	77
61	Washington, DC	632,323	11.4	85	10	84	12	79
62	Santa Ana, CA	211,255	11.6	38	87	76	60	17
63	Cleveland, OH	240,009	11.6	45	89	37	27	95
64	Chula Vista, CA	353,422	11.8	75	43	87	54	28
65	Aurora, CO	339,030	11.8	46	59	78	63	38
66	San Antonio, TX	1,382,951	11.8	56	53	49	75	55
67	Columbus, OH	809,798	11.8	69	32	40	51	93
68	Kansas City, MO	464,110	12.0	52	41	50	84	65
69	Baltimore, MD	240,123	12.0	41	86	19	65	76
70	Stockton, CA	207,584	12.0	63	77	66	53	31
71	St. Petersburg, FL	246,541	12.2	98	11	98	55	35
72	Virginia Beach, VA	447,021	12.4	26	83	18	86	71
73	Oklahoma City, OK	599,199	12.6	67	84	26	81	44
74	Philadelphia, PA	1,547,607	12.6	83	54	90	9	74
75	Houston, TX	2,160,821	12.6	76	57	48	41	78
76	Phoenix, AZ	2,000,120	12.6	80	61	59	73	40
77	Raleigh, NC	423,179	12.8	60	59	39	91	73
78	Baltimore, MD	621,242	13.0	91	55	85	16	69
79	Milwaukee, WI	598,916	13.0	61	62	79	26	85
80	Chicago, IL	274,856	13.0	68	51	91	11	87
81	Santa Ana, CA	330,920	13.4	95	97	95	23	18
82	Greensboro, NC	277,080	13.4	86	49	32	92	61
83	Durham, NC	239,558	13.6	57	72	44	94	56
84	Memphis, TN	1,040,140	14.0	47	70	31	83	100
85	Memphis, TN	655,155	14.4	96	56	54	80	57
86	Chesapeake, VA	228,417	14.4	78	69	35	100	73
87	Irving, TX	225,427	14.6	84	93	86	48	42
88	Charlotte, NC	775,202	14.8	70	73	62	98	58
89	Boston, MA	636,479	14.8	93	79	96	7	81
90	Indianapolis, IN	2,045,130	14.8	42	89	44	93	91
91	Fort Worth, TX	771,962	15.2	89	85	67	85	46
92	Corpus Christi, TX	312,195	15.2	79	91	77	69	51
93	Indianapolis, IN	834,852	15.2	81	81	29	90	86
94	Toledo, OH	284,012	15.2	82	92	55	46	92
95	Garland, TX	233,564	15.4	87	94	80	70	47
96	Newark, NJ	277,727	15.4	100	100	100	8	75
97	Las Vegas, NV	2,040,150	15.6	94	96	98	88	11
98	Laredo, TX	244,731	16.0	97	98	97	44	54
99	Detroit, MI	701,425	16.8	98	98	94	31	90
100	Winston-Salem, NC	234,349	17.4	88	95	81	99	63