

ShopSmart Spotlights The Best Online Road-Trip Planners and Travel Apps

There are tons of online sites to help you plan your summer getaways this season, and the June 2012 issue of *ShopSmart* magazine, from the publisher of *Consumer Reports*, highlights some of the best. There are great road-trip planning websites and must-see travel apps that can help you plot your route, find fun adventures—even on a moment's notice—and save you money. "With the right websites and apps, this summer's vacation planning can be a cinch!" said Lisa Lee Freeman, editor-in-chief of *ShopSmart*. "These tools can help you do everything from plan the perfect road-trip filled with attractions to nab a deal on a hotel room at the last minute."

Road-Trip Planners

Best for mapping your route—AAA.com: You don't have to be a member of the travel club to use this site's helpful trip-planning tools (and TripTik app). Click on the travel tab to get started, then use the TripTiks to plan your adventure, including points of interest, with round-trip directions.

Cool tool: Look under "Member discounts" for hotel and meal deals.

Best for finding attractions—RoadTripAmerica.com: The site is loaded with tips on how to plan a great road trip, find roadside attractions and budget fuel costs. The map-based trip planner has nine categories of attractions, including natural wonders, parks and recreation and events, and it can tell you a little about each of them.

Cool tool: The Road Trip Compatibility Quiz analyzes how compatible you are with your trip mates.

Best for locating national parks and scenic byways—US-Parks.com: This site lists all the parks, including scenic, wide-open spaces in the West and historical East Coast attractions. It will alert you if a site has specific restrictions (no campfires, for example), and it will pinpoint nearby hotels and campgrounds.

Cool tool: The road-trip planner offers predetermined routes that allow you to take in several parks and monuments in one trip, depending on the time you have available.

Best for planning a trip with your furry family members—TripsWithPets.com: This site will help you find pet-friendly hotels as well as pet policies for major airlines, hotels, and rental-car chains.

Cool tool: Review hotel choices and book your rooms through the site.

Must-See Travel Apps

Best for helpful features—Booking.com: Prices are fairly standard on this app, but last-minute travelers will appreciate that you can filter results to see, for example, only pet-friendly hotels or those with free parking or an airport shuttle service.

Best for same-day hotel deals—Hotel Tonight: This easy-to-navigate app has lots of same-day hotel deals, and you can't beat the prices. Deals show up at noon local time for each city on the app. Hotel Tonight categorizes hotels using its own labels: Luxe, Hip, Solid, Basic, and Charming.

Best for researching deals—Kayak: The app, like the website, allows you to search for days and months ahead of your trip. It shows you prices on hotels, flights, cars, tours, and other services all in one place; just be sure to compare prices with those at Hotels.com, Hotwire, and Orbitz. Kayak's app generally offers the same deals as its site, but the other apps often beat its prices.

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E-mail us timely articles which you think should be shared among other Sheltie folks. We accept Specialty show dates and contact information, along with timely announcements...such as symposiums and teaching events.

Trips With Pets

Pups Can Now Make Waves at Dog-Friendly Beaches: TripsWithPets Launches Dog Beach Directory

TripswithPets.com has launched the most comprehensive online directory of dog-friendly beaches—spanning all 50 states and Canada, too! For dogs, there's no better way to spend a summer day than digging in the sand, romping on the beach and body surfing in the waves. Whether your pup is a water dog, sand dweller, or digger extraordinaire, now pet parents can help find the best beach to beat the heat with their four-legged friends.

TripsWithPets Named Best Pet Travel Site

TripsWithPets was named BEST pet travel website by *Consumer Reports' ShopSmart Magazine* (June 2012). They were featured on *The Today Show* when *Consumer Reports' ShopSmart* editor announced their picks for best online road-trip planners and travel apps.

We are so proud and excited to have been chosen as the best website for planning a trip with furry family members!

Top 7 Tips for Traveling with Your Cat in the Car

Amongst pets, dogs are the most frequent travelers. They account for over 85% of pet travelers. Trips to the beach, family vacations, traveling to pet-friendly accommodations...no matter what the adventure, most dogs love car rides and can't wait to hop in and hit the open road. Cats on the other hand—not so much. Most cat's car travel takes place when they are going back and forth to the vet (no wonder they don't like the car).

NEW! Hotel Chain Pet Policies

While most hotel chains have different pet policies for each of their individual pet-friendly hotels, there are a handful of hotel chains that make it easy by having the same pet policy at all of their pet-friendly properties.

Drury Hotels Pet Policy

Drury Hotels are 100% family-owned and operated, with more than 130 hotels in 20 states. Pets stay FREE at all Drury Hotels. Limit of two pets per room. Dogs and cats only. Pets are not allowed in the public gathering areas of the hotel. Pets should not be left alone in your guest room for more than 30 minutes.

Red Roof Inn Pet Policy

Red Roof Inn welcomes your pet at over 435 locations. At Red Roof Inn you stay happy, pets stay FREE! Pets stay FREE of charge. One well-behaved family pet per room. You must notify front desk upon arrival. Guest is liable for any damages. In consideration of all guests, pets must never be left unattended in the guest room.

Warmest Regards,

TripsWithPets

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Heartworm From Dog to Man

A report in *Radiology* tells of several patients with coin-sized round shadows in their chest X rays. In each case, surgery was undertaken for suspected lung cancer, but under the microscope, none of the removed tissues proved to be cancerous, and all were found to consist of inflammatory tissues surrounding dead heartworms.

Heartworm is usually fatal to dogs, but the vast majority of human cases have no illness and go undetected. Mosquitoes convey the parasite from dog to man. In nearly every infected person, the immune defense system kills the heartworms so quickly that they don't get past the skin. In rare cases, they survive a little longer and reach the lungs, where they finally become surrounded and killed by antibodies and white blood cells. This gives rise to an irritable cough lasting several days, during which chest X rays will temporarily show a round tumorlike mass in the lung.

Left untreated, human heartworm patients do well. However, if found to have a tumorlike shadow in their chest X rays, they must undergo lung surgery to make sure it is not a cancer. It should be reemphasized that very nearly everyone who gets bitten by heartworm-infected mosquitoes quickly destroys the parasites in the skin and suffers no illness. Also, getting rid of your dog will not help in the slightest because infected mosquitoes can carry heartworm parasites clear across town. So, dog lovers, don't worry.

Upcoming Specialties

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MAINE EVENT CIRCUIT — August 30 to September 2, 2012

Union, Maine

KVSSC supported entry on Aug. 30 in conjunction with Central Maine KC

Breed: Kathy Ryan

KVSSC Specialty on Aug. 31 in conjunction with CMKC

Breed: Jean Fournier,

Sweepstakes: Jeanne McNally

DESSC Specialty on Sept. 1 in conjunction with Midcoast KC

Breed: Sulie Greendale-Paveza

Sweepstakes: Paige Henderson

DESSC Specialty on Sept. 2 in conjunction with MCKC

Breed: James Reynolds

Sweepstakes: Denise Wardwell

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CAPTION CONTEST!

In each issue we'll print a photo and you can send in what you think are appropriate captions. Enter as many times as you wish (they don't have to be mailed or e-mailed separately). We'll print the caption we judge to be the best, along with those worthy of honorable mention.

The winner receives a free business card ad in the next 3 issues of the magazine! Honorable mention winners receive a free business card ad in 2 issues of the magazine.



First place—Nan McClure:

"Which do I eat first—the chicken or the egg?"

Honorable Mention—Jesse Hatfield (Hatfield's Shelties):

"I've heard of chicken a la carte, but what's this chicken under foot?"

Honorable Mention—Vicki Betker (Shimoda Shetland Sheepdogs):

"Here Kitty, Kitty, Kitty. Glasses...what glasses?"

Honorable Mention—Mary Jean Simpson (Fifesong):

"Where is Colonel Sanders when you need him?"

Honorable Mention—Billie Adams (Lakewood Shelties):

"Looks like the Colonel is going to have a little competition with the cooking tonight."

Honorable Mention—Karen Coombs (Arenray Shelties):

"Original or Krispy? I'll take original please!"



The photo above needs a caption. Send all captions and any color photos you'd like to submit to: s.pacesetter@sheltie.com.

Preventing Heat Strokes

Pets and parents alike look forward to spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger, warn ASPCA experts.

"Even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat," says Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA Vice President of Veterinary Outreach, "and heat stroke can be fatal if not treated promptly."

Watch out for the following symptoms of overheating in pets: excessive panting or difficulty breathing, drooling, mild weakness, stupor and even collapse. Pets can also suffer from seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomiting, along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

Take these simple precautions, provided by ASPCA experts, to help prevent your pet from overheating. And if you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your veterinarian immediately.

- Avoid dehydration by always having fresh, clean water available and lots of shady places where pets can cool off. When the weather's extremely hot, keep your pets indoors.
- Give your pet a light summer haircut to help prevent overheating. Shave the hair to a one-inch length, but never down to the skin, as fur offers protection from the sun. Brushing your pet more often than usual can also help prevent problems caused by excessive heat.
- When using sunscreen or insect repellent, be sure the product is labeled specifically for use on animals.
- Never leave an animal alone in a parked vehicle. "On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time—even with the windows open—which could lead to fatal heat stroke," says Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine at ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital.

Please visit ASPCA.org for our complete list of hot weather safety tips!

Bainbridge Therapy Teams Operation Purple



What a wonderful rewarding experience this was. "Truit" was a hit with the kids. The staff allowed "Truit" to be off leash so he could amaze the kids with his athletic abilities—to catch his Frisbee in the air and also jump into the arms of the kids at the command of "FLY."

I gave the kids one of "Truit's" trading cards too. They loved it and did not want "Truit" to leave.

I have included a couple of photos for you and have posted the video to Facebook (Truit "IvanLee Too Good To Be True").

This has been a truly rewarding experience for me and "Truit" as well as for the families and children of those who serve our great country. I would love to do this again anytime and anywhere.

Thank you.
Laurie Carlisle and "Truit"