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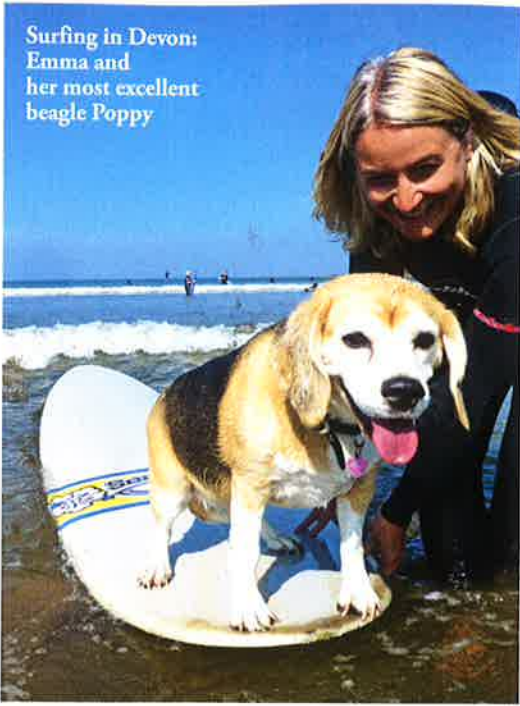
A GUIDE TO
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Pretty posh

ISN'T PETRA PALUMBO LOVELY?



Surfing in Devon:
Emma and
her most excellent
beagle Poppy



aren't I coming?' It's the face that would then haunt you on the hour, every hour, until you were back, busting him out of dog prison and clutching him to your breast until his face stops saying: 'I hate you so much right now.'

To conclude: going on holiday without your dog is a bad business.

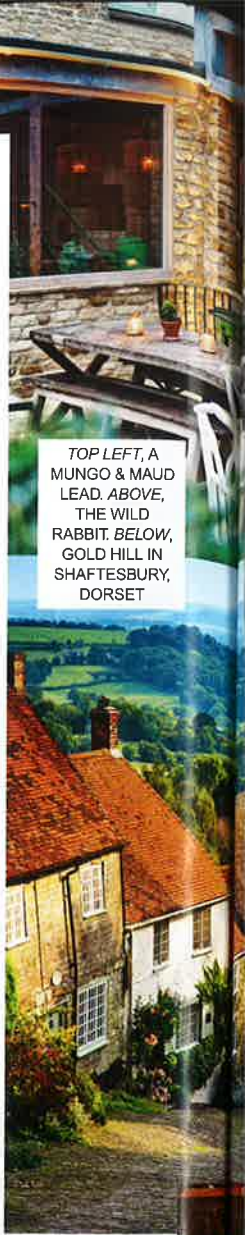
I've been embracing the joys of taking my beagle Poppy on holiday with me ever since I've had her. I won't lie, it's been a mixed bag. Highs include seeing her face on feeling sand under paw for the first time. Lows include having to explain to a furious villager precisely why I'd 'allowed' her to nip into her kitchen, climb onto her counter and eat the crab risotto she was cooking for her family. Ahem.

But holidays with my dog come rammed with anecdotes and that alone justifies her inclusion. My favourite being the time she took herself off out the back door of a Cornish farmhouse at 5pm on my 40th birthday. She was still not back at 7. Off I went, into a veritable gale, rain slashing mascara down my cheeks as I struggled through muddy fields like some sort of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* re-enactment. By midnight there was still no sign of her, I'd given up all hope of ever seeing my beagle again and my birthday was in shattered dog biscuits on the floor. Cut to a small plaintive howl at four in the morning. Up I leap to discover Poppy, bone dry, standing in the kitchen wanting to come for a snuggle. The mystery of where she had been was solved three days later when I bumped into a neighbouring farmer. 'Oh,' she said, on spotting Poppy. 'You again.' Turned out Poppy had trotted herself along to the next farm, had a good go at emptying their bins and then, stuffed stupid with all matter of domestic waste, had decided the best thing to do was to let herself into the house, quietly climb the stairs and tuck herself into the farmer's bed, where she was found at 3.30am and shown the door. I mean, really. Where are her manners?

Then there was the time we went to the Lake District and found ourselves on a blissful walk. Poppy sniffed food half a mile away and sparked up the boosters; five minutes later I heard the screams. I spotted Poppy in the middle of a picnic, knee deep into a birthday cake, and did what every responsible dog owner would do. I hid behind a tree. This is the stuff that lifelong memories are made of. Why wouldn't you take your dog with you?

Your dog can enjoy everything you do on holiday: walking, playing, swimming, eating cake. You can even teach your dog to surf. I did this with Poppy down in Devon. She was rubbish, but who cares? Point is – dogs need holidays too.

TOP LEFT, A MUNGO & MAUD LEAD. ABOVE, THE WILD RABBIT. BELOW, GOLD HILL IN SHAFTESBURY, DORSET



GIVE A DOG A BREAK

Otherwise they may never forgive you, says Emma Kennedy

Ah! The joys of the family holiday! Everyone packed into the car! Family song being sung lustily as dad takes a detour down the scenic route! Everyone awash with the joys of an impending getaway!

But hang on, you've left someone behind. Someone, I suspect, you love more than anyone else in the car... your dog.

Time was, unless you were indulging in that ghastly activity camping, that come holiday time you always had to leave your beloved pooch behind in some sort of wretched kennel. You felt like Mr Bumble dumping children in the workhouse, the vision of your dog's uncomprehending face as the door clangs shut burning into your retinas. It's the face that says, 'Hang on! What did I do? Where are you going? And why



Poppy, left, out and about with Emma.



THE BOW-WOW FACTOR

Much like their owners, different breeds have their dream destinations too. Yes, really.
By Celia Thursfield and Francisca Kellett

WHIPPET

GO TO **THE WILD RABBIT, OXFORDSHIRE**

WOOF FACTOR This scrumptious Cotswold bolthole from the ever-brilliant Lady Bamford has 12 rooms, each so cosily, airily stylish that you'll want to trade in your canine and live here forever. No need, though – the four dog-friendly rooms have plush dog beds (up to two per room) and water bowls.

TREATS Dog biscuits at the bar. Local ales and game carved at your table for humans.

WALKIES The surrounding area of Kingham is just the spot for some cross-country yomping.

BOOK IT Double, from £135; £15 extra per dog (thewildrabbit.co.uk).



WEST HIGHLAND TERRIER

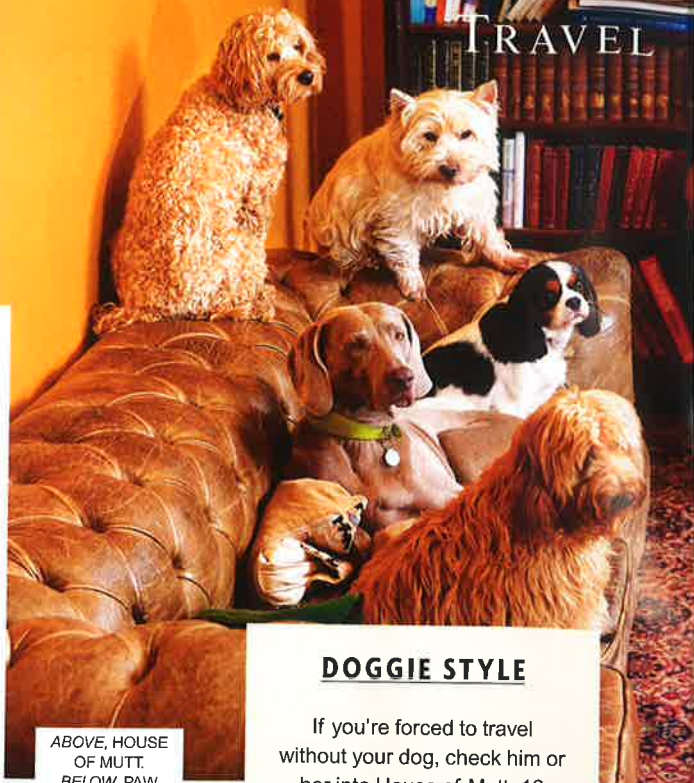
GO TO **THE GROSVENOR ARMS, DORSET**

WOOF FACTOR A recently spruced-up, timber-framed coaching inn in lovely Shaftesbury. Romp around the Dorset countryside by day and collapse next to a crackling fire with a warming cabernet come nightfall. The rooms are bright and light and almost too pretty to share with your hound (dog beds are included).

TREATS Mungo & Maud organic-granola dog biscuits, *far left*, on arrival, plus a full doggie menu in the conservatory. Dogs are allowed everywhere except the main restaurant, which does a nice turn in comfort food – steak with Cornish snails or crispy pork belly.

WALKIES Nab the hotel's leaflet about walks in town and country, including a hike up Gold Hill – remember that cobbled lane in the Hovis ad? That's where you are.

BOOK IT Double, from £130 including breakfast; £10 extra per dog (thegrosvenorarms.co.uk).



DOGGIE STYLE

If you're forced to travel without your dog, check him or her into House of Mutt, 12 acres of doggie decadence on the Duke of Grafton's Suffolk estate. Service includes a chauffeur-driven car to pick up your dog, squishy sofas and an artist in residence. From £39.50 a night (houseofmutt.com).

Or, if the pup fancies a cosy cottage in the Cotswolds with soft feathery beds, or a pretty abode in Wiltshire with a humongous garden, seek out Paw Seasons, the go-to for swish doggie breaks. It offers a regular shuttle service too.

From £40 a night (thepawseasons.co.uk). Finally, if you want the mutt to stay local, pair up with like-minded dog-lovers on borrowmydoggy.com – it's a sort of dating service for dogs and people who like dogs. Without the dating. ▷

ABOVE, HOUSE OF MUTT. BELOW, PAW SEASONS



Borrow My Doggy members

Above left and below, the Grosvenor Arms



JUST LIKE HOME

A brilliant option is choosing a pet-friendly holiday pad. The smartest houses come from Petersham Properties (petershamproperties.com), such as Odintune Place in Sussex, or the gorgeous pale-stone Peak District House, in, um, the Peak District. Other options include holidaycottages.co.uk and classiccottages.co.uk.





Camber Sands,
East Sussex



The Montpellier
Chapter, Cheltenham



The Gallivant,
East Sussex



ABOVE &
BELOW,
GLENEAGLES



PORTUGUESE WATER DOG

GO TO THE GALLIVANT, EAST SUSSEX

WOOF FACTOR This breezy, beachy hideaway has 20 rooms decked with a chalky coastal palette and driftwood furniture. Their 'Biggest Rooms' are perfect for the pooch, with a dog basket and direct access to the beach. Best bit: Brock, the resident Norfolk terrier, is a ready-made playmate.

TREATS Endless dog biscuits and, for the two-legged types, a rustic bistro with a British menu.

WALKIES Camber Sands is just a few pawprints away, with five miles of pristine sand to bound along.

BOOK IT *Dog Lovers' Escape, £250 for two nights, including breakfast, three-course dinner and afternoon tea (thegallivant.co.uk).*



SPOT THE DOG

GO TO THE MONTPELLIER CHAPTER, CHELTENHAM

WOOF FACTOR Cool, calm, crisp-as-a-packet-of-Walkers rooms that are sweetly dog- and child-friendly. They (dogs and children) are allowed everywhere. Beds and bowls are provided and fires are lit for post-walk snoozes.

WALKIES Snap up a lead and a map of local dog walks from reception and stroll in the lovely, chuck-a-ball-about Regency parks.

BOOK IT *Canine Retreat package, from £335 for two nights, including breakfast and £40 towards dinner in the restaurant (themontpellierchapterhotel.com).*



SPRINGER SPANIEL

GO TO GLENEAGLES, PERTSHIRE

WOOF FACTOR A Scottish great with more than 200 plaid-clad rooms, three tip-top golf courses and, for your sidekick, a shiny new Gundog School, where obedience and agility are put to the test. The custom-built 'scurry pen' is a riot, with jumps and obstacles galore.

TREATS Dog food is BYO, but the rest of us can tuck into Michelin-star meals thanks to chef Andrew Fairlie.

WALKIES There are a whopping 850 acres to mooch about in.

BOOK IT *Double, from £245, including breakfast; £40 extra per dog in kennels, £50 extra per dog in room (gleneagles.com).*



BEAGLE

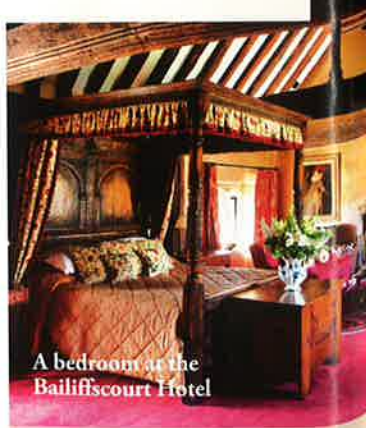
GO TO BAILIFFSCOURT HOTEL, WEST SUSSEX

WOOF FACTOR This bonkers 1927 imagining of what a medieval manor should look like – courtesy of the 1st Lord Moyne and his wife, Lady Evelyn – has whacking-great wooden beams, stone fireplaces big enough for a litter of wolfhounds, and grand old four-posters. If you like subtle, look away now. Doggie draws include a dog concierge, biscuits, beach towel and ball thrower.

TREATS Mullioned windows and tapestries aplenty continue the Camelot theme in the restaurant; dogs have their very own organic room-service menu.

WALKIES Race along Climping Beach, two minutes' walk away, or sniff around the 32 acres of private parkland – the dog concierge has a list of local dog-friendly walks.

BOOK IT *Double, from £199 (with dog sharing), including breakfast and dinner (hsbotels.co.uk).*



A bedroom at the
Bailiffscourt Hotel

Climping Beach,
West Sussex



BAUHAUS LEAD,
FROM £89, BY
MUNGO & MAUD



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CANINE CONVENIENCE

By Annabelle Spranklen



BOOSTER SEAT

Off on a road trip? Rover too tiny to see out the window? Pop him in this box (it fits around the headrest and the seat) and BAM! – it's as if he's had an adolescent growth spurt. £14.99 at petplanet.co.uk

POOP TORCH

Your weekend bag is stuffed with Very Important Things (like heels, even though you're in Glos), so you really don't want to be packing a torch and hundreds of poop bags. What's that? A torch with a little hole for you to fill with an entire poop-bag roll? CLEVER. £3.23 at fetch.co.uk



TRAVEL QUILT

There are times when that whiffy, hairy, mud-stained bed just won't do. Like when you're visiting your non-dog-owning, interior-designer friend's horrifyingly spotless house. Time to whip out this roll-up bed. It's comfy and may even match her scatter cushions. From £45 at eastendbestfriend.com



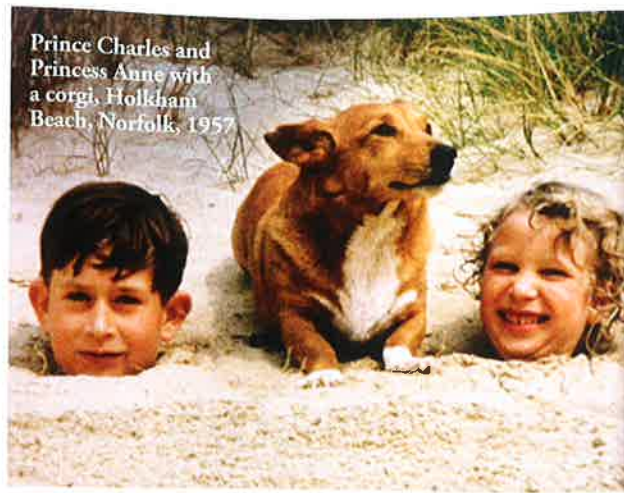
TRAVEL BOWL

This is the dog version of those contraptions you find in nifty picnic sets – the ones where cups collapse, plates fold and champagne flutes squish to the size of a thimble. Unzip this classy number by Tumi and two waterproof bowls appear, as if by magic. £95 at uk.tumi.com

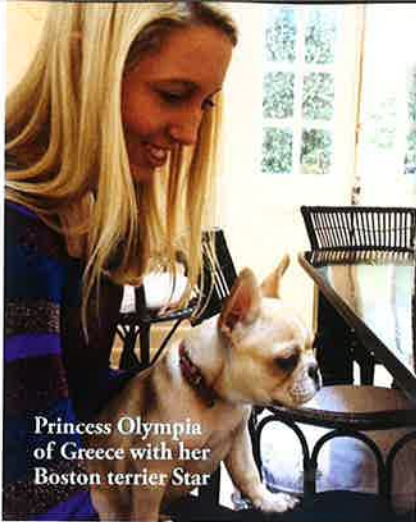


TRAVEL SUITCASE

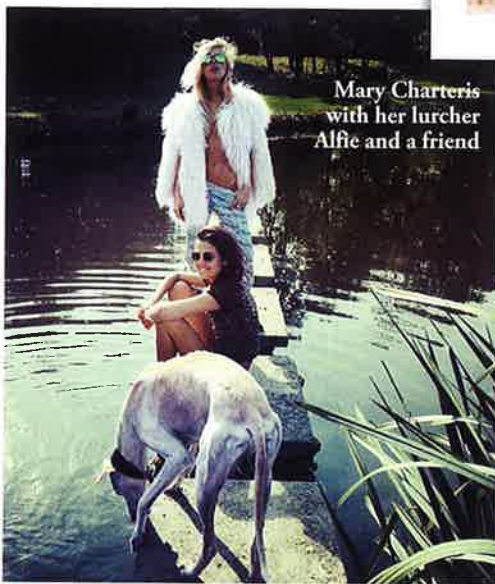
What's even better than a swishy Globe-Trotter-style retro case? One with a dog door, of course! This is more of a portable bed than an actual suitcase (because of the gigantic hole, obv's). £738 at petspyjamas.com



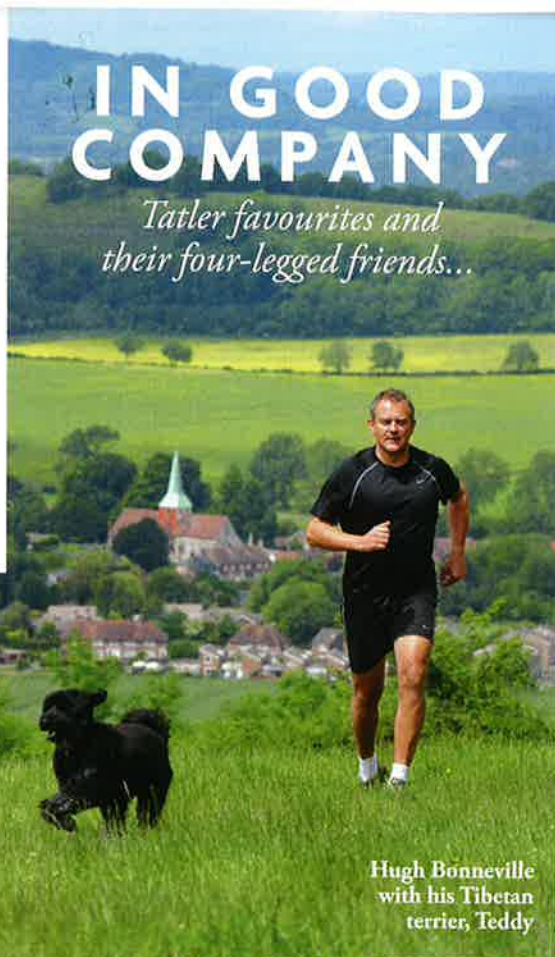
Prince Charles and Princess Anne with a corgi, Hollham Beach, Norfolk, 1957



Princess Olympia of Greece with her Boston terrier Star



Mary Charteris with her lurcher Alfie and a friend



IN GOOD COMPANY

Tatler favourites and their four-legged friends...

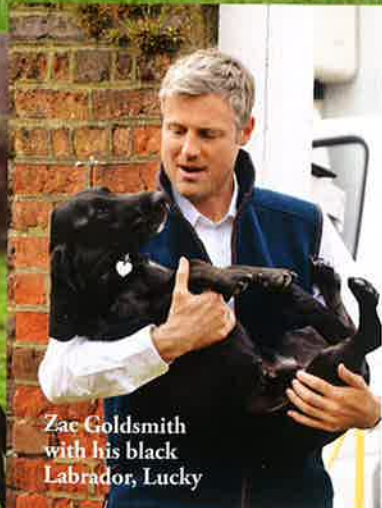
Hugh Bonneville with his Tibetan terrier, Teddy



Jemina Khan with Brian, her German Shepherd



LEFT, MARIELLA FROSTRUP WITH KATYUSHA, HER YORKIEPOO. RIGHT, PRINCE & MICHAEL OF KENT WITH THEIR BLACK LABRADORS, 2002



Zac Goldsmith with his black Labrador, Lucky