



COMMUNITY GUIDE

Summer Edition

The ultimate guide to dog friendly businesses
in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge & beyond

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WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY GUIDE!

Our hope is that this guide is the go-to for dog owners in the Waterloo region. The guide contains a variety of resources, whether you're a new or long-time dog owner, fostering dogs, or even just considering adding a dog to your family, there's something in here for everyone!

If we missed a dog-friendly space or dog-related business in this version of the guide, let us know by filling in this [form](#) or sending us an email at woof@dogfriendlykw.com.

How the Guide Works

The guide is updated and published quarterly to ensure it remains as up to date as possible. Our publishing dates are March 1, June 1, September 1, and November 15.

Most of the information included in the guide is hyperlinked to more information. Be sure to click through for more information.

Have a question? Email us at woof@dogfriendlykw.com



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Please note that Dog Friendly KW is not responsible or liable for any changes to information within, any advice found throughout the guide, or anything related to businesses and locations within this guide.

GET INVOLVED WITH US

There are many ways to get involved in the Dog Friendly KW community. Whether you're a business looking to partner on or sponsor an event, or you're looking to volunteer with us, you can find more information below!

Advertise in the Community Guides

We offer advertising space in our seasonal Community Guides, which reach a vast audience in the Waterloo Region and beyond. As a free digital guide containing significant information of interest to the dog-community, it's a great place to reach an audience you might not normally! Purchase ad space [here](#).

Volunteer with Us

We're always looking for volunteers to help with different events and activities. Keep an eye on the '[Get Involved](#)' section on our website and our social media for upcoming opportunities. Questions? Send us an email at volunteer@dogfriendlykw.com.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are often looking for sponsors to support Dog Friendly KW events, activities, initiatives or the podcast. If you'd be interested in learning more, send us an email to speak about an option that's right for you! We recently released a Community Partner Package and it has details about how you can support Dog Friendly KW initiatives.

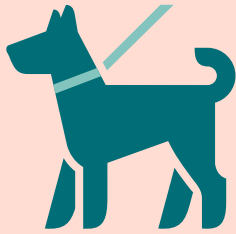
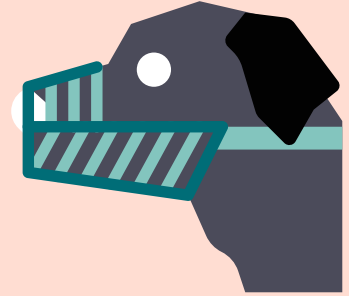
Send us an email for more information - woof@dogfriendlykw.com



EVENTS

Event Guidelines | Community Events

EVENT GUIDELINES



Do you attend our events? Don't forget that we have a set of super important event guidelines to ensure all two & four legged attendees are safe and comfortable!

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- ▶ No retractable leashes - all dogs must be on a 6 ft lead at all times.
 - ▶ Ask permission if you'd like to pet someone's dog or if you'd like to introduce your dog to theirs.
 - ▶ Please give all dogs space to ensure everyone remains safe and happy.
 - ▶ Please refrain from bringing personal chews or toys to any events. If you purchase chews or toys at our events, please wait until you get home to give them to your pup!
 - ▶ Be respectful of all training philosophies - at Dog Friendly KW we support all safe training methods based on current evidence-based practices. This includes the use of prongs, muzzles, e-collars and other training tools.
 - ▶ To reduce the spread of all respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, anyone who feels sick should stay home. For current COVID-19 guidance in Ontario, please visit [Public Health Ontario](#) or your local Public Health Unit for details.

PETIQUETTE TIPS

At Dog Friendly KW, we are big advocates for responsible dog ownership. Heading out to a dog friendly location? Don't forget your petiquette!

Ask for Permission

Even if a business is known to be dog friendly, please ensure you check with staff before entering a business.



Go Pees and Poops

Even if your dog just went, make sure they don't need to relieve themselves to ensure no accidents happen in public spaces!

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DOG FRIENDLY KW EVENTS

We are looking forward to another fun season of events this summer! Enjoy the warm weather with your best friend at one of our events.



June 10th - Aug 26th 2025



June 25th - Sep 24th 2025



Sept 26th, 2025



TBA

Visit dogfriendlykw.com/events for the most up to date information!

[Join our mailing list](#) to be the first to know what's happening.

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October 11th & 12th, 2025



TBA



TBA



August 17-18, 2024

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dog Friendly KW events are not the only cool events in town! Check out these other organizations hosting events in our community.

Create Waterloo Summer Events



[Several events throughout the year](#)



[June 21, 2025](#)

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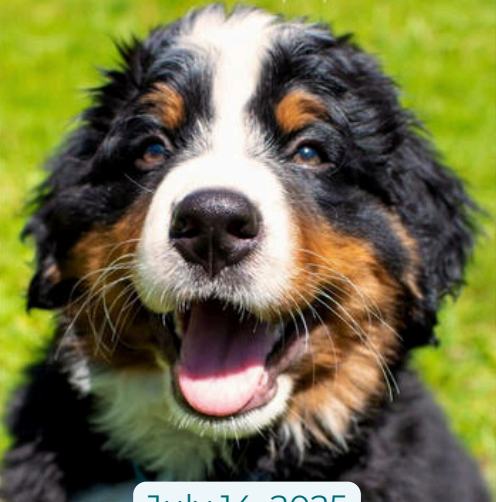
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HUMANE SOCIETY

[July 14, 2025](#)

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All summer - [sign up here!](http://www.houndsoferiewinery.com)



[June 14, 2025](#)



[August 2025](#)

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[June 21st and 22nd, 2025](#)



[Sept 13th & 14th, 2025](#)

EDUCATION

Respecting Service Dogs

PET FIRST AID KITS

It's never a bad time to put together a first aid kit for your pup. You never know when you might need it!

Exam gloves	Gauze	Tensor bandage
EMS utility scissors	Adhesive tape	ABD sterile pad
Triangular bandages with sewn edges; pins	Benzalkonium chloride antiseptic	Disposable cold pack
Emergency foil blanket	Water resistant carrying bag	Saline
Betadine	Tick remover	Dermagel
Septic powder (for nails!)	Stypic powder	Cloth muzzle
Vet wrap (adhesive bandage to itself)	Tweezers	Syringes/eye droppers for flushing wounds
Clean towels	Antiseptic spray	Assorted fabric adhesive bandages (for the humans!)

Don't forget to add emergency vet numbers and addresses!

Thank you to members of the Dog Owners of KW group for getting us started and Walks 'N' Wags Pet First Aid.

PET INSURANCE

With pet insurance, you can focus on ensuring your pet gets the best care without the financial strain often brought on from unexpected medical costs.

Below are some common dog insurance companies.

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Medical insurance for the life of your pet.

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SODACO

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CAR SAFETY

We love bringing our dogs to dog friendly spaces and trails but as much fun as the destination is we need to implement proper safety measures to ensure we arrive safely.

Crash Tested Doggie Seatbelt

- There are crash tested seatbelts that are specially designed to clip onto a harness and in the event of a crash prevent your dog from being overly thrown around the vehicle

Crash Tested Harness

- It is essential the seatbelt is NOT attached to a collar as this can cause serious harm in the event of a crash
- A harness will lower the chances of serious harm

Crash Tested Crate

- Having your dog loose in the car can cause them to be thrown around or out of the vehicle in the event of a crash
- Getting a properly fitted crash tested crate is the easiest way to ensure their safety - they are confined to a small space which reduces the opportunity for injuries
- Work with kennel companies to see which one works best for your dog and vehicle
- Be sure to secure the crate within the vehicle
- Crash rated crate companies include:
 - Ruffland
 - Gunner Kennels

CRASH RATED DOG CRATES

Ruffland and Gunner crates are crash proof rated.
Find them at these Ontario businesses or order online.

Business Name	Location	Ruffland	Gunner
<u>Endeavour K9</u>	West Montrose	✓	
<u>Dakota Creek Retrievers</u>	Acton	✓	
<u>Bauhound Haus Inc</u>	Milton	✓	
<u>K9 Expeditions Inc.</u>	Toronto	✓	
<u>Grassroots K9 Georgia</u>	Willow Beach	✓	
<u>Raw 4 Dogs Inc.</u>	Phelpston	✓	
<u>K9 Country Inn Inc.</u>	Meaford	✓	
<u>Doggy Discovery Zone</u>	Muirkirk	✓	
<u>Gunner</u>	USA, online		✓
<u>K9 Dynamics</u>	Orillia		✓

RESPECT SERVICE DOGS

INTERACTING WITH SERVICE DOGS



Follow P.A.W.S.

National Service Dogs recommends following these steps:

P

Put the person first

Talk to the person and ignore the dog. Doing the opposite is dehumanizing to the person and distracting to the dog.

A

Assume independence

A working dog and their handler represent an independent unit. If you haven't been asked for assistance, it's probably not needed or wanted.

W

Watch your eye contact

Do not engage the dog. Avoid pointing or gesturing toward the dog and/or making eye contact so the dog can do their job.

S

Stay back

Give the team space to work. You should never touch or feed a service dog, especially without permission.

Content courtesy of [National Service Dogs](https://www.nsd.on.ca/).

RESPECT SERVICE DOGS

INTERACTING WITH SERVICE DOGS IN TRAINING

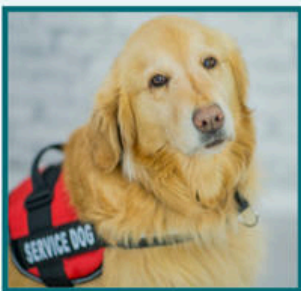
These dogs usually have a jacket that says "In Training."

They are still learning and need lots of space.

Try to ignore them. Avoid eye contact, making noises, or gesturing towards the dog. They will get distracted easier as they are still young.

You are welcome to approach the handler and ask to pet the dog, but please respect their answer.

ONTARIO ASSISTANCE DOGS



Service Dog

Assists one person with their disability. Full public access required with a doctor's note.



Guide Dog

Assists a person with a visual impairment. Full public access.



Therapy Dog

Comforts multiple people in places like schools, hospitals, homes for older adults, etc. Requires management approval for access.

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[Read more legislation about assistance dogs in Ontario.](#)



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DOG FRIENDLY SPACES

*Breweries | Restaurants | Cafes & Coffee Shops |
Services | Car Dealerships | Stores & Shopping*

BREWERIES & WINERIES

Business Name	Indoor	Walk-Up/Patio	Location
<u>Schooner Street Brewery</u>	✓	✓	Waterloo
<u>Short Finger Brewing Co.</u>	✓	✓	Kitchener
<u>Together We're Bitter (TWB)</u>	 ✓	✓	Kitchener
<u>Farm League Brewing</u>	✓ Sunday only	✓	Cambridge
<u>Block Three Brewing</u>	 ✓	✓	St. Jacob's
<u>Rural Roots Brewing</u>	 ✓	✓	Elmira
<u>Sparrow Brewing & Roasting</u>	✓	✓	Hespeler
<u>Shakespeare Brewing Co.</u>	✓	✓	Shakespeare
<u>Paradise Pointe Orchard</u>	✓	✓	Wellesley

NON-ALCOHOLIC

RESTAURANTS

Business Name	Location
<u>Beertown Public House</u>	Waterloo
<u>Brown's Social House</u>	Waterloo
<u>Fratello Pizza</u>	Waterloo
<u>Gourmet Pizza</u>	Waterloo
<u>Kentucky Bourbon & BBQ</u>	Waterloo
<u>Masala Bay</u>	Waterloo
<u>Prohibition Warehouse</u>	Waterloo
<u>Sole Restaurant and Wine Bar</u>	Waterloo
<u>St. Louis Bar & Grill</u>	Waterloo
<u>Thai Sun</u>	Waterloo
<u>The Bauer Kitchen</u>	Waterloo
<u>Arabella Park Beer Bar</u>	Kitchener



RESTAURANTS

Business Name	Location
<u>Borealis Grille & Bar</u>	Kitchener
<u>Casa Toro 88</u>	Kitchener
<u>Concordia Club</u>	Kitchener
<u>Del's Italian Kitchen</u>	Kitchener
<u>Eby Street Bodega</u>	Kitchener
<u>Graffiti Market</u>	Kitchener
<u>Grand Surf Lounge</u>	Kitchener
<u>La Lola</u>	Kitchener
<u>Malt & Barley Public House</u>	Kitchener
<u>Moose Winooski's</u>	Kitchener
<u>Odd Duck</u>	Kitchener
<u>StrykerZ Kitchen & Bar</u>	Kitchener
<u>The Civil</u>	Kitchener



RESTAURANTS

Business Name	Location
<u>TWH Social</u>	Kitchener
<u>Wineology</u>	Kitchener
<u>Beertown</u>	Cambridge
<u>Fiddle and Firkin</u>	Cambridge
<u>The Aging Oak</u>	Cambridge
<u>Thirteen Food & Beverage</u>	Cambridge
<u>The Village Biergarten</u>	St. Jacob's
<u>Village Colonnade</u>	St. Jacob's
<u>Grill on the Green</u>	Elmira
<u>Imperial Market & Eatery</u>	New Hamburg
<u>Scran & Dram</u>	New Hamburg
<u>Crowsfoot Smokehouse</u>	Conestogo
<u>Olde Heidelberg</u>	Heidelberg



PETIQUETTE TIPS

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Be Prepared

Pack a small bag or backpack with your dog's essentials. This may include water and water bowl, poop bags, treats, a blanket, etc.

Be Prepared



Stay In Tune

It's easy to get distracted, but don't lose touch with your dog! Stay in tune to what they're doing, and how they're feeling, to ensure success.

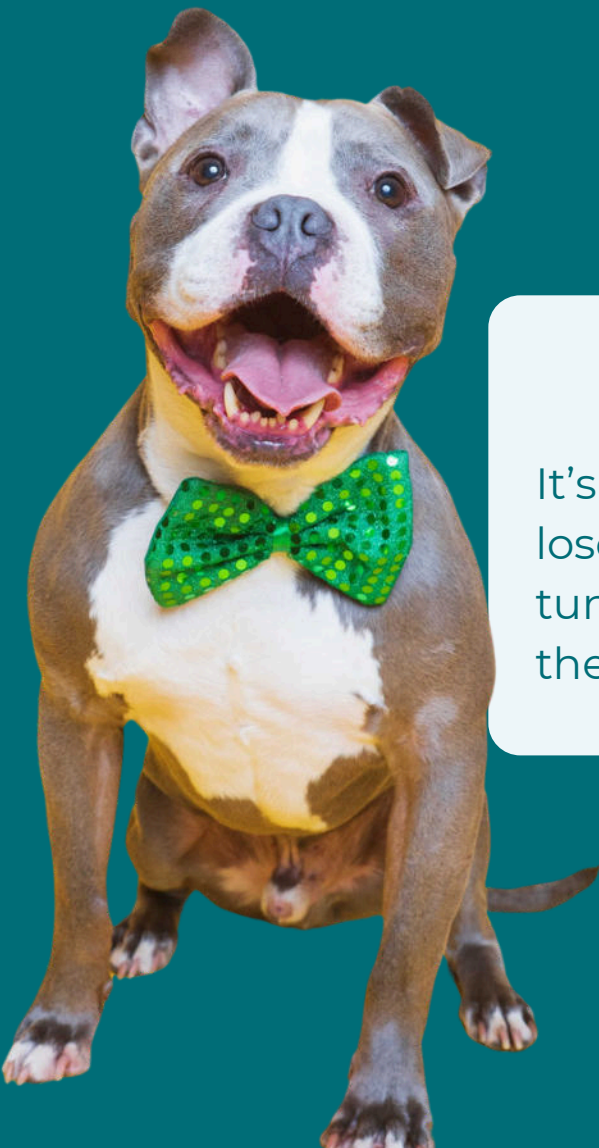


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CAFES & COFFEE SHOPS

Business Name	Indoor	Walk-Up/Patio	Location
<u>Cafe Pyrus Outpost</u>		✓	Waterloo
<u>Camellia Bake Shop</u>		✓	Waterloo
<u>Just Love Pie</u>		✓	Waterloo
<u>Midnight Run Cafe</u>	✓	✓	Waterloo
<u>Princess Cafe</u>		✓	Waterloo
<u>Seven Shores</u>		✓	Waterloo
<u>Cafe Pyrus</u>		✓	Kitchener
<u>City Cafe Bakery</u>		✓	Kitchener
<u>Play a Latte Cafe</u>		✓	Kitchener
<u>Smile Tiger Coffee Roasters</u>		✓	Kitchener
<u>Stockyards Coffee</u>		✓	Kitchener *Dogs cannot go into the cafe, however, the Catalyst Building is dog-friendly



CAFES & COFFEE SHOPS

Business Name	Indoor	Walk-Up/Patio	Location
<u>The Yeti Cafe</u>		✓	Kitchener
<u>The Grove Cafe</u>		✓	Kitchener
<u>Kitchen Cuttings Cafe Inc.</u>		✓	Elmira
<u>Local Renaissance</u>	✓	✓	Elmira
<u>Ecocafe</u>	✓	✓	St. Jacob's
<u>Flight Cafe and Lounge</u>		✓	Galt
<u>No Udder</u>		✓	Galt
<u>Grammy's Boutique and Espresso Bar</u>	✓		Wellesley
<u>Sparrow Brewing & Roasting</u>	✓	✓	Hespeler
<u>Monogram Coffee Roasters</u>		✓	Cambridge
<u>La Sweet Spot</u>	✓		Waterloo



A white dog, possibly a German Shepherd, is sitting upright in a snowy field. The dog is looking directly at the camera and has a black collar with a tag. A black leash is visible on the left side of the dog. The background consists of dark, snow-covered trees and a snow-covered ground.

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Service-Based Businesses

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>Affinity Counselling KW</u>	Kitchener	Counselling Service
<u>Libro Credit Union DTK</u>	Kitchener	Credit Union
<u>The Studio Gym</u>	Kitchener	Personal Training
<u>Walper Barbers</u>	Kitchener	Barber
<u>Wonder Fit</u>	Kitchener	Fitness
<u>City Cabs</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	Transportation
<u>Economy Lube</u> * Weber St	Waterloo	Mechanic
<u>Kintec Footwear and Orthotics</u>	Waterloo	Orthopedics
<u>Romeo Salon Spa</u>	Waterloo	Hair Salon
<u>Water St Auto</u>	Cambridge	Auto Shop
<u>Poop Wrangler</u>	Ayr	Pet Waste Removal
<u>Thatch & Fringe</u> *lapdogs only	St. Jacob's	Hair Salon

CAR DEALERSHIPS

Local Dog Friendly Dealerships Waterloo

Business Name

Forbes Motors GM

Schlueter Hyundai

Stockie Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

Volvo Cars Waterloo

Waterloo Honda

Waterloo Nissan



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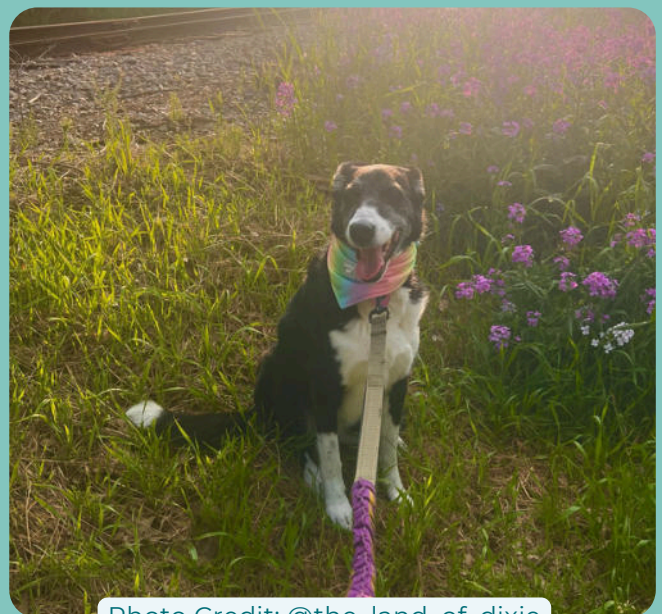


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CAR DEALERSHIPS

Local Dog Friendly Dealerships Kitchener

Business Name

[Audi Kitchener-Waterloo](#)

[BMW Grand River](#)

[Crosby Volkswagen](#)

[Gemini Motors](#)

[Heffner Toyota](#)

[Kitchener Hyundai](#)

[Kitchener Kia](#)

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STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops Kitchener

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>Casalife</u>	Kitchener	Furniture Store
<u>CB Pet Food Supply</u>	Kitchener	Pet Supplies
<u>Gifted</u>	Kitchener	Gift Shop
<u>KW Bookstore</u>	Kitchener	Bookstore
<u>Marlowe General</u> **	Kitchener	Beauty + Gifts
<u>Second Look Books</u>	Kitchener	Book Store
<u>Sheridan Nurseries</u>	Kitchener	Garden Centre
<u>TA Appliances</u>	Kitchener	Appliance Store
<u>Teppermans</u>	Kitchener	Furniture Store
<u>The Clothing Exchange</u>	Kitchener	Clothing
<u>UpMarket</u>	Kitchener	Home Decor
<u>W & W Liquidators Inc</u>	Kitchener	Furniture Store



**Only storefront is dog friendly. Staff dogs are often onsite, and some are not comfortable with unfamiliar dogs. Please be respectful!

STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops Waterloo

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>Crock A Doodle</u>	Waterloo	Pottery Shop
<u>Delightful Dogs</u>	Blooming-dale	Pet Supplies
<u>Devitt House</u>	Waterloo	Gift Shop
<u>Factory Shoe</u>	Waterloo	Shoes
<u>Gibson Sound & Vision</u>	Waterloo	Home Theatre Store
<u>Gold Leaf Botanicals</u>	Waterloo	Plant Store
<u>Harmony</u>	Waterloo	Gift Shop
<u>J & J</u>	Waterloo	Cards and Collectables
<u>Lee Valley Tools</u>	Waterloo	Woodworking & Gardening
<u>Linen and Lore</u>	Waterloo	Home Decor

STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops Waterloo

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>Midnight Snack</u>	Waterloo	Snack store
<u>Old Goat Books</u>	Waterloo	Book Store
<u>Paint by Munzy</u>	Waterloo	Art Store & Gallery
<u>The Crumby Cookie Dough Co.**</u>	Waterloo	Desserts
<u>The Healthy Barker</u>	Waterloo	Dog Food
<u>The Shops at Waterloo Uptown Square*</u>	Waterloo	Shopping Mall
<u>The Truth Beauty Company</u>	Waterloo	Beauty Supplies
<u>Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming</u>	Waterloo	Pet Supplies
<u>Words Worth Books</u>	Waterloo	Book Store
<u>Ontario Seed Home Hardware</u>	Waterloo	Hardware Store

**outside only with cookie dough for your pup

*lobby/main area only

PETIQUETTE TIPS

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Take a Break

Sometimes, your dog might get overwhelmed in a public space, and that's okay. Take a break. Walk away. Hit reset.



Assess Readiness

Not all dogs are ready to visit a busy, dog friendly place. Take baby steps and make sure your dog is ready to be in a stimulating environment.



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STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops St. Jacob's



St. Jacob's is incredibly dog-friendly!

Specific stores and restaurants are highlighted on [their website](#), but you can also check for the dog-friendly sign on store windows to confirm.

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
Angel Treasures	St. Jacob's	Gifts
Artefacts	St. Jacob's	Antiques
Bliss Artisan Boutique	St. Jacob's	
Calling Crow	St. Jacob's	Paper & Gifts
Change Lifestyle & Apparel	St. Jacob's	Eco Living and Apparel
Living Fresh Flower Studio	St. Jacob's	Flowers and Gifts
St. Jacob's Furniture House	St. Jacob's	Furniture Store
The Bath Market	St. Jacob's	Beauty Supply Store

STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops St. Jacob's

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>Creative Landscape Depot</u>	St. Jacob's	Landscaping & Home supplies
<u>Divine Dream Crystals</u>	St. Jacob's	Crystal & Gift Shop
<u>Fog Off Clothing</u>	St. Jacob's	Clothing Store
<u>Hamel Brooms</u>	St. Jacob's	Home Goods Store
<u>Home Hardware</u>	St. Jacob's	Flowers and Gifts
<u>Kultrun Market</u>	St. Jacob's	Furniture Store
<u>La Crème</u>	St. Jacob's	Women's Clothing Store
<u>Magnolias</u>	St. Jacob's	Gift Shop
<u>My Pop-Up Shop</u> <small>*Temporarily closed</small>	St. Jacob's	Home & Gift

STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops St. Jacob's

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>Spanner</u>	St. Jacob's	Women's Clothing Store
<u>Spoil the Dog Bakery</u>	St. Jacob's	Dog Treats & Goodies
<u>St. Jacob's Emporium</u>	St. Jacob's	Gift Shop
<u>Tea, Earth and Sky</u>	St. Jacob's	Tea & Wellness
<u>Traces of Heaven</u>	St. Jacob's	Women's Clothing Store
<u>The Book Loft</u>	St. Jacob's	Book Store
<u>The Weathered Gate</u>	St. Jacob's	Gift Shop
<u>Village Colonnade</u>	St. Jacob's	Gifts and Antiques
<u>Xclusive Elements</u>	St. Jacob's	Home & Fashion

STORES & SHOPPING

Local Dog Friendly Shops Cambridge

Business Name	Location	Type of Store
<u>C & C Gamebridge</u>	Cambridge	Board Games
<u>Cornerstone Furniture</u>	Cambridge	Furniture Store
<u>Crock A Doodle</u>	Cambridge	Pottery Shop
<u>Juniper Artisan Collective</u>	Cambridge	Gift Shop
<u>Rookery Books</u>	Cambridge	Book Store
<u>The Art of Home</u>	Cambridge	Home Decor
<u>The Raw Company</u>	Cambridge	Pet Boutique
<u>Witty & Co.</u>	Cambridge	Gift Shop
<u>The Hero's Tale</u>	Cambridge	Comic Book Store
<u>Colour Paradise</u>	Petersburg	Greenhouse
<u>CDC Landscaping and Design</u>	Wellesley	Garden Store



STORES & SHOPPING

Franchise & Big Box Stores

Generally, these stores allow dogs, however, please check with your local store before entering with your pup.

Note: if these stores are inside, or attached to a mall, they are not dog friendly.

FOR THE PET LOVER



FOR THE OUTDOORSY



STORES & SHOPPING

Franchise & Big Box Stores

FOR THE HOMEBODY



WINNERS

FOR THE PAPER LOVER



FOR THE CRAFTY



STORES & SHOPPING

Franchise & Big Box Stores

FOR THE DIY-ER



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LOCAL DOG COMMUNITY

Community Groups

PETIQUETTE TIPS

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Respect Service Dogs

Respect the space of service dogs, and do not interfere with dogs who are working and in training.



Have Fun!

Enjoying public spaces with your dog is an incredible bonding experience - enjoy it!



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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Group	Location	Additional Details
<u>Leader of the Pack Dog Walking Club</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	Pack walks Sunday mornings at 10am
<u>Kitchener-Waterloo German Shepherd Club</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	Breed specific
<u>Pawgress KW</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	Follow Facebook group for when events are posted
<u>Elmira pack walks and group training sessions</u>	Elmira	Organized by local dog owners
<u>Unleash Clever Canines</u>	Cambridge	Paw Parade, free leash training focused walks. <i>*Note: Celebrated equipment: Head or body harnesses, martingales and flat buckle collars max. 6' lead. Other tools accepted only upon approval.</i>
<u>Robin & Otis from Country 106.7</u>	Kitchener	Occasional group walks, watch the Facebook page for updates
<u>Dog Owners of KW</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	With over 6000 members, the <u>Dog Owners of KW group on Facebook</u> is a fantastic resource for dog owners in the Waterloo Region.
<u>Cani6ix KW</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	Running group to learn Cani Cross together



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

*Trails | Leash-Free Dog Parks |
Private Off-Leash Areas |
Greenspaces & Parks*

TRAILS

Urban | On-Leash

Trail	Distance	Location
Breithaupt Park	1.2 km linear	Kitchener
Homer Watson Park	5.1 km linear	Kitchener
Huron Natural Area	multiple trails	Kitchener
Iron Horse Trail	10 km linear	Kitchener
Kiwanis Park	3.2 km loop	Kitchener
Monarch Woods	1.6 km loop	Kitchener
Steckle Woods	1.6 km loop	Kitchener
Walter Bean Trail	multiple sections	Kitchener



For finding additional trails and trail details, we highly recommend the [AllTrails app](#).



TRAILS

Urban | On-Leash

Trail	Distance	Location
Dryden Tract	3.2 km linear	Cambridge
Grand Trunk Trail	4.5 km linear	Cambridge
Linear Trail	6.3 km linear	Cambridge
Mill Run Trail	16.4 km linear	Cambridge
Paris Rail Trail	18.7 km linear	Cambridge
Puslinch Lake Loop	2.4 km loop	Cambridge
Bechtel Park	2.3 km loop	Waterloo
Columbia Hills Loop	4 km loop	Waterloo
Hillside Park	multiple trails	Waterloo
Spurline Trail	5 km linear	Waterloo
The Hydrocut	multiple trails	Waterloo
Crown Land Trail	5.40 km linear	Kitchener

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TRAILS

Rural | On-Leash

Trail	Distance	Location
Elmira Lions Lake Trail	7.2 km loop	Elmira
Health Valley Trail	2.4 km linear	St. Jacob's
Avon Recreation Trail	121 km linear	Multiple Locations
Grand Valley Trail	250 km linear	Multiple Locations
Kissing Bridge Trailway	45 km linear	Multiple Locations
Baden Hills/Gibney Forest Loop	1.9 km loop	Wilmot
Schmidt Woods Trail	3.1 km loop	Wilmot
Petersburg Bush	3,2 km loop	Petersburg
Sandy Hills Trail	7.6 km loop	Woolwich
Snyder's Flats	5.5 km loop	Woolwich

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LEASH-FREE DOG PARKS

Leash-free dog parks have rules, and are not suitable spaces for all dogs.

Here are some general rules to expect at your local dog park:

- No puppies (under 4 months/unvaccinated)
- Stay in close control of your dog at all times
- No treats or toys
- No dogs in heat
- No aggressive dogs
- Pick up after your dog
- Dogs must have proper licenses and vaccinations
- Dogs older than 7 months must be spayed or neutered

****always use dog parks at your own discretion and risk****



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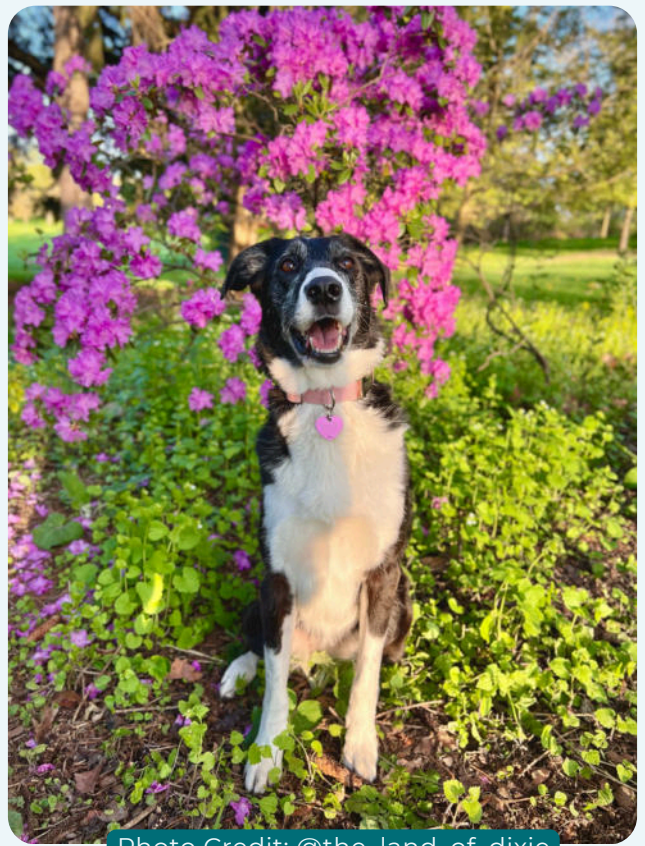


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LEASH-FREE DOG PARKS

We have rated these parks on a scale of 1 to 5 based on Google Reviews and our own research.



Bechtel Dog Park

Kitchener

Large; walking path



Fergus Dog Park

Fergus

Large unfenced area with agility obstacles



Kiwanis Park

Kitchener

1 km walk in; separate area for large & small dogs



Maple Grove

Cambridge

Separate small dog area available; picnic tables for sitting



St. Jacob's Off-Leash Area

St. Jacob's

Unfenced, naturalized leash-free area



Health Valley Trail

St. Jacob's

Fenced dog park



Elmira Dog Park

Elmira

No winter maintenance



The Auditorium

Kitchener

Smaller; no shade



George Lippert

Kitchener

Very small; no parking



Wilmot

New Hamburg

Separate small dog area



McLennan Park

Kitchener

Busy; seating area



****always use dog parks at your own discretion and risk****

PRIVATE OFF-LEASH AREAS

Some of these areas require booking ahead of time.
Please research and plan accordingly.

Name	Location	Notes
<u>Heritage Pet & Grooming</u>	Ayr	Annual memberships only
<u>Pawzone Leash Free Dog Park</u>	St Jacobs	<u>Contact Creature Comfort Pet Emporium</u>
Leash Free Arena	Puslinch	<u>DM Erin on Facebook to book</u>
<u>Pinetree Pet Resort</u>	Guelph	Prices vary
<u>Endeavour K9</u>	West Montrose	Indoor and outdoor spaces available

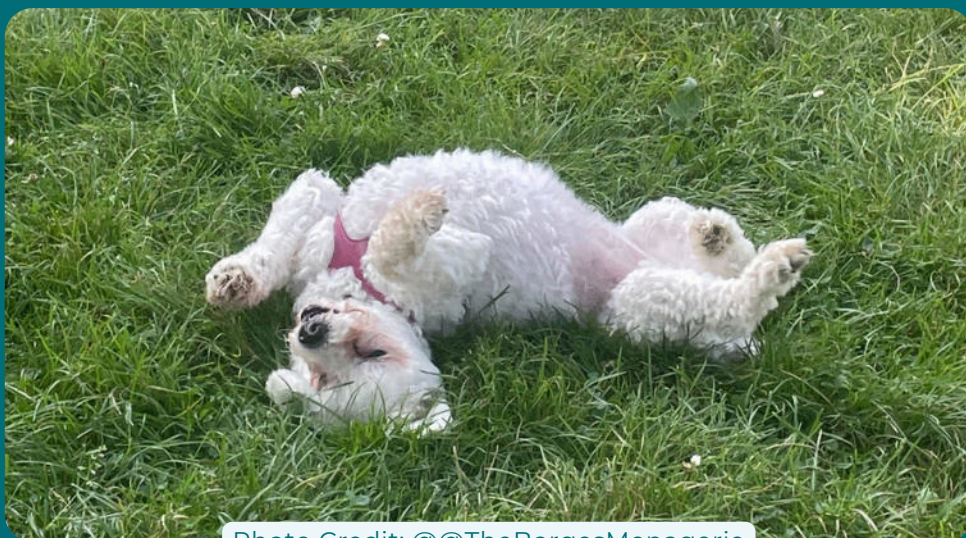


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GREENSPACES & PARKS

GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The GRCA offers many winter, outdoor recreation activities in the Waterloo Region and beyond.

At GRCA parks you can enjoy dog friendly activities such as hiking and walking.



Most GRCA parks charge an admission fee; however, if this is a barrier for you, you can borrow a parks pass from the Kitchener Public Library.

Visit the GRCA website for details.

* Laurel Creek does not allow bully breeds

ONTARIO PARKS



While we do not have any Ontario Parks locations in the Waterloo Region, there are many within a few hours of driving.

Parks along the coast of Lake Huron make for a great day or overnight trip, even in the winter! Ontario Parks charge admission fees unless it is an unserviced park.

You can borrow an Ontario Parks pass from the Kitchener Public Library if needed.

GREENSPACES & PARKS

Please remember these important things when visiting greenspaces:

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times
- Poop and scoop!
- Be respectful of the space, and to others

Trail	Location
<u>Crosby Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Eden Oak Trail Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Forrest West Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Highbrook Park/ Borden Wetlands</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Idlewood Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Kolb Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Lakeside Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Laurentian Wetlands</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>McLennan Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Rockway Gardens</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo

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GREENSPACES & PARKS

Trail	Location
<u>Sandhills Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Schneider Creek (GRCA)</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Schneider Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Stanley Park Conservation Area</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Trillium Trail</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Vogelsang Green</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Willow River Park (Victoria Park)</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Waterloo Park</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo
<u>Cambridge Sculture Garden</u>	Cambridge
<u>Chilligo Conservation Area</u>	Cambridge
<u>Churchill Park</u>	Cambridge
<u>Hillborn Knoll Regional Forest</u>	Cambridge
<u>Hespeler Mill Pond</u>	Cambridge

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GREENSPACES & PARKS

Trail	Location
<u>Linear Park</u>	Cambridge
<u>Northview Heights Lookout Park</u>	Cambridge
<u>Portuegese Swamp Trail</u>	Cambridge
<u>Riverbluffs Park</u>	Cambridge
<u>Riverside Park</u>	Cambridge
<u>Soper Park</u>	Cambridge

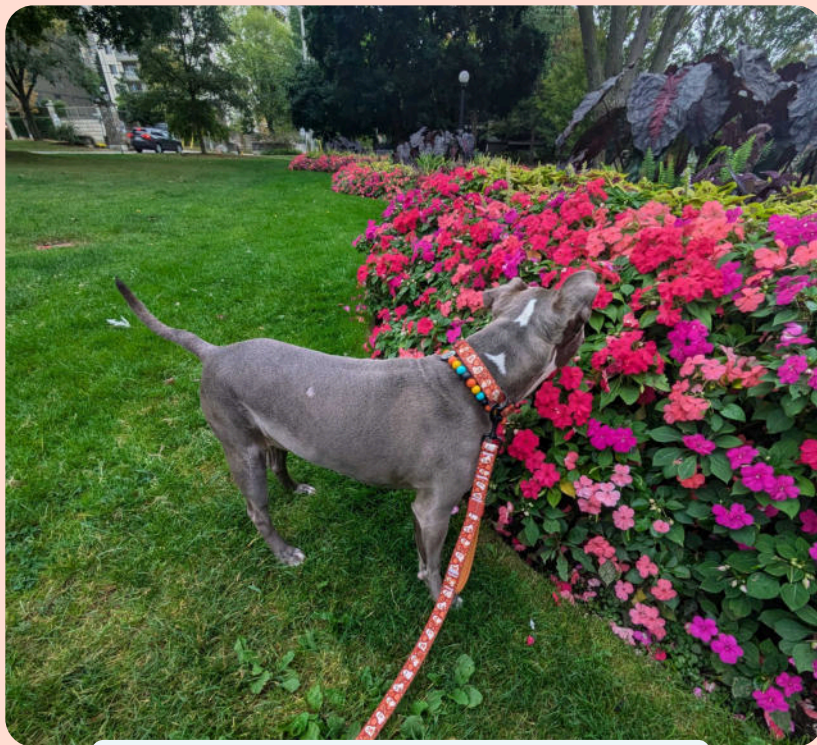


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SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

*Photographers | Service-Based Businesses | Dog
Sports | Alternative Health Care Practitioners |
End of Life Care*

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Business Name	Location	Additional Notes
<u>Alyse Owskiacki</u>	Guelph	Dog, families, friends, events
<u>AP Photo Studio</u>	Waterloo	Themed candid & action studio photos
<u>Avila Photography</u>	Kitchener	Indoor and outdoor photography Capturing magical moments between loved ones - pets included
<u>Avs Photography</u>	Guelph	Pet, portrait, and candid photographer
<u>Cass and her Aussistant Pet Photography</u>	Guelph	Capturing best friends & furevers
<u>Dogby Photography</u>	Guelph	Capturing the authenticity and character of all furry pets
<u>Edgar and Pooch</u>	Kitchener	Studio based & magazine worthy

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Business Name	Location	Additional Notes
<u>Happy Tails Pet Photography</u>	Burlington	Capturing the authenticity and character of pets
<u>Indigo Pet Photography</u>	St. Catherines	A fun, custom photo experience; specializing in dogs and horses
<u>Jacqueline Gori</u>	Breslau	Pet Photography, studio and outdoors
<u>Jenn Wilson Pet Portraiture</u>	Waterloo	On location outdoor pet photographer. Supporting rescue dogs looking for homes
<u>Kinsey Winger Photography</u>	Waterloo	Beautiful portrait & outdoor photos
<u>Koppers Kaptures</u>	Erin	Dogs, couples, family
<u>Laura Wombwell Photography</u>	Guelph	Studio & outdoor photos, and the queen of photoshop

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Business Name	Location	Additional Notes
<u>Liz Johnston</u>	Milton	Capturing lifes special moments. Branding. Portraits. Love. Family
<u>Matty Rodrigues Photography</u>	Rockwood	Getting the best angle of your loved one
<u>Scruffy Dog Photography</u>	Waterloo	Canada's first and longest-running pet-exclusive photographer, creating one-of-a-kind images and artwork of your dog
<u>Soul Studio Photography</u>	Kitchener	Outdoor lifestyle photography. Capturing your happiest moments
<u>Tamrose Photos</u>	Guelph	Capturing the love between pup friendly families through candid and lifestyle photography

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Business Name	Location	Additional Notes
<u>The Doggy Did It</u>	Erin	Specializing in Dog Photography
<u>Three Sugar Photo</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	Lifestyle portraits and wedding photographer.
<u>Trina Koster Photography</u>	Guelph	
<u>Victor Rose Pet Photography</u> 	Waterloo	Studio and location. colourful photos. Multi-Award winning photographer
<u>Little Star Photography</u>	Guelph	Dog and Pet Photographer

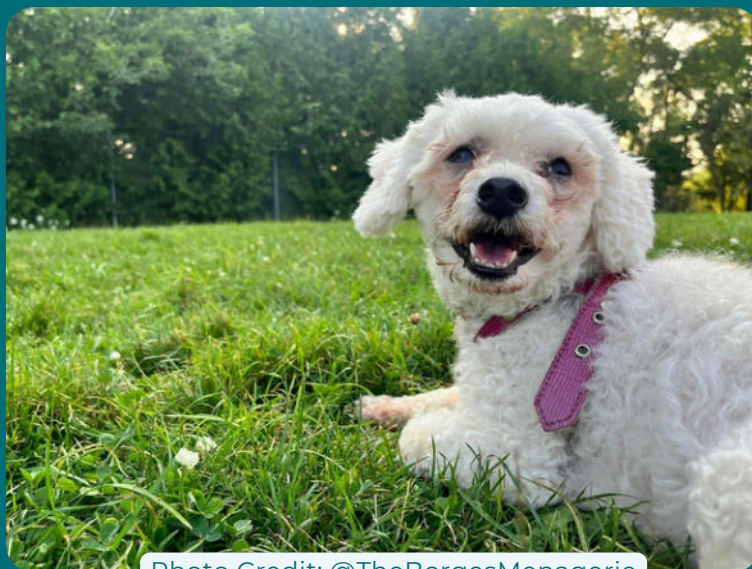


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SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

Business Name	Location	Grooming	Training	Daycare	Walking	Boarding
<u>Countryside</u>	Kitchener	✓		✓		✓
<u>Delightful Dogs</u>	Bloomingdale		✓			
<u>Dogtopia Kitchener</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Fur-Ever Loved Pet Salon</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Grooming with Finesse</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Nails2Tails</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Pampered Pooch Dog Grooming</u>	Waterloo	✓				
<u>Paris and Company</u>	Kitchener					



SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

Business Name	Location	Grooming	Training	Daycare	Walking	Boarding
<u>Paws and Relax</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Pawsitively Purrfect</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Serene Spaw</u> * offers home visits	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Shannon's Pawsitive Pet Services</u> * offers home visits	Kitchener	✓				
<u>TLC Groomery</u>	Kitchener	✓				
<u>Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming</u>	Waterloo	✓				
<u>Meg's Paw Spa</u>	Elora	✓		✓		✓
<u>Country Paws Boarding</u>	London	✓		✓		✓

SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

Business Name	Location	Grooming	Training	Daycare	Walking	Boarding
<u>New Approach Canine</u>	Cambridge	✓	✓	✓		✓
<u>Just-in-time Dog Walking & Boarding</u>	Cambridge				✓	✓
<u>Woof Whisperer</u>	Kitchener			✓	✓	✓
<u>Noble K9</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			✓
<u>KW Tails</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo				✓	✓
<u>Wag and Walk</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Waterloo Pet Services</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo				✓	✓
<u>Wiggles & Whiskers</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo				✓	✓
<u>Lavish Lair Small Breed Doggy Daycare</u>	Waterloo			✓		✓



SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

Business Name	Location	Grooming	Training	Daycare	Walking	Boarding
<u>Endeavour K9</u>	West Montrose		✓	✓		✓
<u>Wagtime Kennels</u>	Breslau			✓		✓
<u>The Wag Inn</u>	Kitchener		✓	✓		
<u>Packlife Dog Retreat</u>	Kitchener	✓	✓	✓		
<u>Dog Gone Walking</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo	✓		✓		
<u>Calm Canine Co</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo				✓	
<u>Tonya's Tails and Trails</u>	Cambridge				✓	
<u>The Fairy Dogmother</u>	Hespeler				✓	
<u>Goldie Hound</u>	Waterloo			✓	✓	



SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

Business Name	Location	Grooming	Training	Daycare	Walking	Boarding
<u>Liv Better Dog Training</u>	Kitchener		✓			
<u>Unleashed Clever Canines</u>	Cambridge		✓			
<u>Impressive Canines</u>	Kitchener		✓			
<u>Elite Dog Training</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			
<u>Full Pawtential Dog Training</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			
<u>Golden Leash K9's</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			
<u>Leader of the Pack Professional Dog Services</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓		✓	
<u>My Girl Friday</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			
<u>Perspectives Dog Training</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			



SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES

Business Name	Location	Grooming	Training	Daycare	Walking	Boarding
<u>Your Favourite Dog Trainer</u>	Kitchener-Waterloo		✓			
<u>Reliable K9</u>	Paris		✓			
<u>Structured K9</u>	Milton		✓			
<u>Clark Training Co</u>	St. Jacobs		✓		✓	
<u>Balanced K9 Pet Services</u>	Kitchener		✓		✓	
<u>Eudaimonia Dog Training</u>	Kitchener		✓			
<u>Working Wolf Dog Training</u>	Kitchener		✓			
<u>Shield K9</u>	Guelph		✓	✓		
<u>Beast Behaviour</u>	Guelph		✓			
<u>Complete K9</u>	Kitchener		✓		✓	✓

DOG SPORTS

So you're interested in trying a dog sport?
Here are a few local training facilities to check out!

Facility	Type	Location
<u>Dog Rink</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility• Lure Coursing	Kitchener
<u>Elite Dog Training</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obedience/Rally	Kitchener
<u>Impressive Canines</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility• Nosework• Obedience/Rally	Kitchener
<u>All Agility</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility	Cambridge
<u>Companion Dog Training</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nosework• Obedience/Rally	Cambridge
<u>Scratch & Sniff</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obedience/Rally	Guelph
<u>Taylor'ed Canines</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bite Work• Wall Climb• GRC• Agility• Slatmill	Guelph
<u>Holland Dog Training</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility	Princeton

DOG SPORTS

Facility	Type	Location
<u>Maza Dog Sports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility• Obedience	Princeton
<u>Acton Agility</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility	Flamborough
<u>McCann Dogs</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility• Obedience/Rally	Flamborough
<u>Oxford Dog Sports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility• Nosework• Flyball• Obedience/Rally	Bright
<u>Venture Hill Barn Hunt</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barn Hunt	Ingersoll
<u>K9 Fun Zone</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dock Diving	Caledonia
<u>Devlin Farm</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dock Diving	Alliston



ALTERNATIVE HEALTH PRACTITIONERS



Canine Pain Relief

Canine Pain Relief

- Physical Rehabilitation
- Osteoarthritis/ Senior Pet Care
- Hydrotherapy
- Chiropractic Care
- Laser Therapy
- Massage & Manual Therapy
- TENS/ NMES
- Cryotherapy/ Thermotherapy
- Mobility Aids



Healing Hearts

MOBILE ANIMAL REHABILITATION SERVICE INC.

Healing Hearts Rehab

- Ultrasound Therapy
- Acupressure
- Therapeutic Exercises
- Gait Analysis
- Kinesiology
- Cryotherapy
- Thermotherapy
- Limb Mobilization
- Electrical Stimulation
- Massage
- Thermal Imaging
- Magnetic Therapy



Kingsdale Animal Hospital

- Laser Therapy



KITCHENER-WATERLOO
ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

K-W Animal Chiropractic

- Chiropractic Care

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH PRACTITIONERS



Bridge Street Vet Hospital

- Laser Therapy



Canine Tech Rehab

- Canine Rehab
- Laser
- Acupuncture



Mitchell Animal Hospital

- Physical Rehabilitation
- Underwater Treadmill



Waterloo North Chiropractic

- Chiropractic Care



Felix and Fido

- At home nursing care connecting pet owners with credentialed vet techs



Katie Speed Equine and Canine Massage Therapy

- Canine Massage

Looking for a vet in Ontario?

Visit the [College of Veterinarians of Ontario](#) to find a vet near you.

END OF LIFE CARE

Saying goodbye to your dog is never an easy thing to do. We have gathered some resources, end of life service-providers, and support services below.

Mobile Veterinary Services & Home Euthanasia

- [KW Mobile Veterinary Services](#)
- [Peaceful Passing](#)
- [Close Veterinary Services](#)
- [Black Creek Mobile Veterinary Services](#)

Support & Counselling

- [Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement](#)
- [Ontario Pet Loss](#)
- [Seeing Through the Label](#)
- [Helen Goldberg, Pet Loss Counselling](#)
- [Gateway Pet Memorial](#)
- [Ontario Veterinary College \(OVC\) Pet Trust](#)
- [The Hospice Heart](#)

Resources

- [Ontario Veterinary College \(OVC\) Pet Trust](#)
- [Quality of Life Scale, Jefferson Animal Hospital](#)

Afterlife Care

- [Evermore](#)
- [Dailley Mobile Veterinary Services](#)

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR DOG

Dog Friendly Hotels

DOG FRIENDLY HOTELS

The following hotels are dog friendly in Waterloo Region:

- [Cambridge Hotel](#)
- [Courtyard St Jacobs](#)
- [Delta Hotel](#)
- [Double Tree Kitchener](#)
- [Hampton Inn & Suites](#)
- [Kitchener Inn & Suites](#)
- [Langdon Hall](#)
- [The Laundry Rooms](#)
- [Staybridge Suites](#)
- [The Walper Hotel](#)

Please note: some hotels charge an additional pet fee.
Also, ensure to confirm with other chain locations when booking.

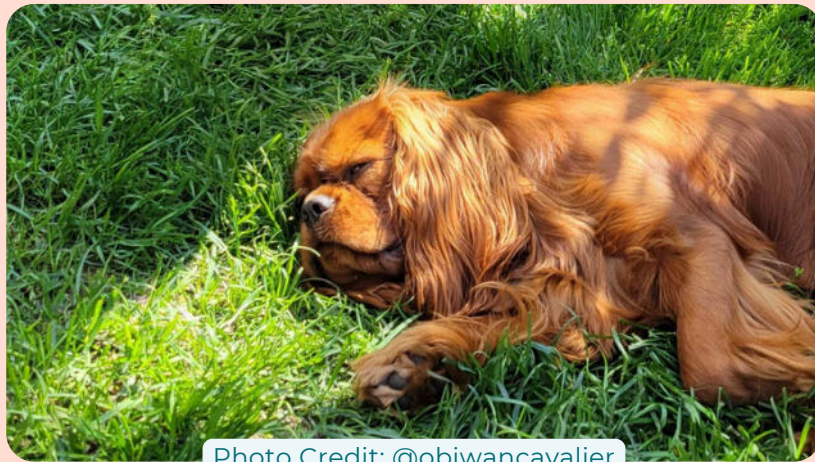
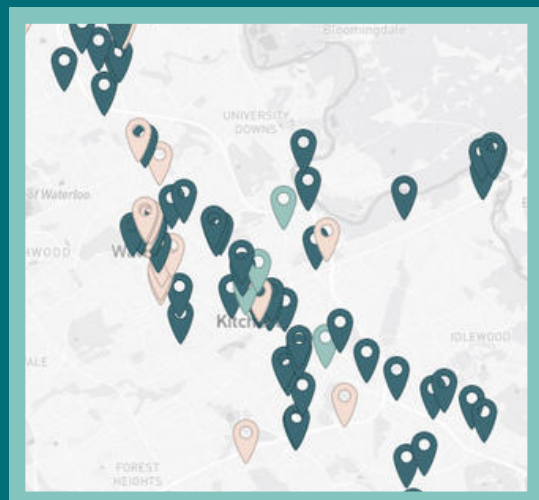


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Looking for more places to visit during your stay?

Visit the interactive map on the Dog Friendly KW website to search & filter for dog-friendly locations!

**[CLICK TO VISIT
THE MAP](#)**



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