



DEDICATED TO A BETTER DIET FOR A HEALTHIER PET

420 NE Windy Knolls 541-385-5298 133 SW Century Drive 541-389-4620

www.bendpetexpress.com

May 2010

Headin' Out

- Food
- Supplies
- Delivery
- DogWash



Pet Friendly Travel

Traveling with your pet is very much like traveling with another person. You really need to consider the destination with regard to your pet's nature and make-up. Taking a Husky to Cancun in summer just wouldn't be nice. And, taking a Chihuahua ice camping makes no sense. Just like any other travel companion, they can either make or break the vacation vibe.

Think ahead, too, about how much time you'll actually be with your pet as opposed to how much time they'll be alone in their crate. Should you look ahead to some pet day care possibilities for those times when you're on a planned tour? Or, is it just a much better idea to avoid the stress, strain and expense and have them stay home at a pet resort or with a trusted friend?

A few helpful travel preparation hints:

Staycations

These days, a 'staycation' is a very tempting choice. And, when you live in paradise, why not?! Other people work very hard and save up just to get to come to Central Oregon to hang out. And you're already here. So here are a few staycation ideas for you!

The new **Oxford Hotel** in downtown Bend. You won't even believe this. Stay at the Oxford with your pet and here is what awaits your arrival: A Personal Pet Bed Proportional to the Size of Your Pet, Two Travel Dog Bowls for Your Use—One is a Gift to Keep!, Joshua Tree Pet Salve Sample, Organic Dog Treats, A Map of Dog Walking Trails and Parks. And, there are more amenities available should you choose, including a doggie massage and pet walking services.

SistersVacation.com and **Sunriver-Resort.com** offer rental properties that are pet friendly as well.

And, funny how being on a staycation can have you looking at life in Central Oregon a bit differently. If you've never taken your dog to a local dog-friendly park or trail, **DogPac.org** is THE place to go to get some ideas. Keeping it real and beautiful for outings with our best furry friends is what they're all about.

Vacations

Planning a real getaway?

PetFriendlyTravel.com is a good aggregator of all things pet friendly regarding travel. They haven't caught up with the Oxford in Bend yet, but we'll give them a break since it's new. At this site, you can choose the state to which you plan to travel and browse around by city for lodging. Given the amazing amount of information they're trying to keep up with, it isn't surprising that they're pretty slim on the listings for pet friendly events. They do have some great information about air travel and an affiliate that lists emergency pet hospitals by state is prominently displayed.

PetTravel.com is a bit easier to navigate, looks more professional and provides a lot more information for international travel. A very nice touch is a direct link to Pet Passport Forms and Airline Forms from the home page.

Need help deciding what accessories are needed when traveling with your pet? Any one of our knowledgeable staff can help you. Just ask!

Cute, Cuddly Companions



Submit a photo of favorite animal friend we'll feature them on our website for the week! Enter at BendPetExpress.com.

Fast Facts

Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest
www.gpa-nw.org 800-767-5139 or 503-784-1285

- Greyhounds live to be between 10 and 15 years old, but are retired from racing between 1.5 and 6 years
- Greyhounds are indoor dogs. They have thin skin and low body fat and can't handle temperature extremes.
- All GPA-NW greyhounds have been living in foster homes and are used to being around people

*Our dedicated staff really know their stuff.
Have a question? Please ask!*

Featured Products

Optigest – Staff Pick :

Wendy and her mini Aussies agree: a pre-biotic helps pets to absorb and digest food better. (No more gas!) A must for all dogs (especially when you're traveling)! – 100g \$18, 300g \$40



Taz Lab Aqua Fur Collapsible Bowl:

Folds up to tuck in the door pocket of the car, or in a coat pocket, or any small space. - \$19

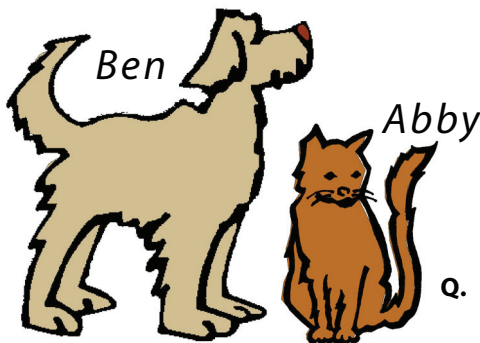


Day Tripper Tent Crate

Tough, yet light and easy to pack, the Day Tripper soft dog crates are the perfect choice for travel. Not recommended for puppies. – various sizes \$32 - \$110



Calendar:	All for Dogs - Adoption:	5/1/10 - Bend Pet Express East
	Rabbit Adoption:	5/16/10 – Bend Pet Express West 11 - 4pm
	Low Cost Shot Clinic:	5/22/10 - Bend Pet Express West
	Puppy Party:	5/23/10 – East and Westside stores 3 – 4pm
	All for Dogs - Adoption:	6/5/10 - Bend Pet Express East
	Wine Tasting & Yappy Hour	6/10/10- Bend Pet Express East 6 – 8pm
		Fundraiser to benefit Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest Tickets \$20 call 800-767-5139 x2



Dear Ben & Abby:

an advice column for your pets

There's nothing like getting your advice straight from the dog or cat's mouth! If you have a question for Ben or Abby, please e-mail them at BenNabby@marketingdept.net, they'd be happy to respond here in the Bend Pet Express newsletter.

Our questions for this month:

I have brown patches all over my back lawn from dog pee. Help!
– John, Sunriver

- A.** **Abby** – (chuckling) Ah, the beauty of being a cat. Our people scoop all of that nasty stuff up for us and leave us a smooth, clean lavatory space. My person did let it go for a couple of days once. She won't do that again.
- A.** **Ben** – Well, Abby, we canines LIKE the great outdoors, so there. John, I recommend you get this product called Dog Rocks. I have no clue how they work, but they do. For some reason, my pee no longer wrecks the lawn. You put these things in your dog's drinking water and that's that! Bend Pet Express has 'em.
- Q.** I know it's still pretty cold outside, but my cat is still starting to shed a bit. Should I let that happen naturally, or should I help the process along? - Betty Sue, Bend
- A.** **Abby** – I'm assuming your feline is mostly indoors, in a lovely kitty condo similar to mine. If so, there really isn't any need for the extra coat. It is a good idea to help eliminate the fur that is shedding so no nasty matted fur ruins her summer. My person uses the Cat Furminator in my weekly day spa routine. I love it.
- A.** **Ben** – Abby's the 'day spa' expert, not me. I do appreciate a good brushing, though, so I guess it's a good idea to groom a bit more aggressively and get rid of the excess fur.