TAIL-WAGGING ADVENTURES: DISCOVERING DOG-FRIENDLY DELIGHTS ACROSS SOUTH AFRICA



Venturing out with your furry companion can lead to unforgettable experiences, and South Africa offers a plethora of opportunities for you and your dog to explore together. Let's embark on a journey through some of the top dog-friendly activities in South Africa, where every outing becomes an adventure filled with wagging tails and cherished memories.

1.Farmers Markets

Farms and dogs were made for each other. But if you can't get the whole farm, South Africa's farmers markets are a must-do sensory delight. With fresh produce, hand-made crafts, and deluxe breakfast vetkoeke, these markets offer loads of smells to stimulate your dog's curious nose.

The Boeremark in Pretoria, Shongweni Farmer's Market in Durban, and the Wild Oats Community Farmers Market in Sedgefield are some top choices that welcome dogs and their owners, too.

2. Make a run for it.

Parkrun. Yes. Every Saturday morning, people willingly jump out of bed to go for a 5km run at one of 217 locations across the country. Parkrun is dog-friendly, absolutely free, and if you are a Discovery Health member, you get 300 points, too.

Some Parkrun spots offer stunning views in beautiful nature locations. Grab the leash and check out parkrun.co.za to find an event near you. You don't actually have to run, and it is a fantastic way to get some exercise while bonding with your pet.

3. Dog-Friendly Parks

For off-leash fun and frolics, dog parks are the place to be. These designated areas provide a safe environment for dogs to socialise, exercise, and let loose. South Africa has some top-rated dog parks that offer a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of urban life.



Walkhaven Dog Park in Zwartkop, in Joburg, is a favourite among locals and pets alike. Radloff Park Dog Park in Somerset West is a lovely river-side nature space with towering trees, trails, and huge open spaces where dogs can run, jump, and play to their heart's content.

Is your dog anti-social or anxious around other dogs? Check out Ark Walk Park in Fourways, Johannesburg. You can book a safe private park for your dog to run free. Bark Park in Gqerberha, Eastern Cape offers a fully enclosed, membership-based dog park run by experienced dog trainers.

4. Eat Out

Treat yourself and your dog to a dining experience at one of South Africa's dog-friendly restaurants. Many eateries offer speciality doggy-menus, snacks, and amenities to make them feel right at home.

Places like Paul's Homemade Ice Cream offer delicious treats-on-a-stick for dogs alongside their human-friendly menu items. Naughty Monkey Café in Wilderness and Rachella's in Pretoria are also known for their pet-friendly atmospheres and tasty offerings. Enjoy a meal or an ice cream for yourself while your furry friend indulges in a puppacchino or pupcake – it's a win-win situation for everyone involved.

South Africa is a paradise for dog lovers, with a wealth of pet-friendly activities to discover. Whether you're exploring a farmer's market, pounding the pavement at a Park Run, or dining at a dog-friendly restaurant, there's something for every canine companion to enjoy. So, grab your leash and embark on an adventure that you and your furry friend will find remarkable.



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