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PET-FRIENDLY BEACHES IN ANDALUSIA

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Pet-friendly tourism as a global trend

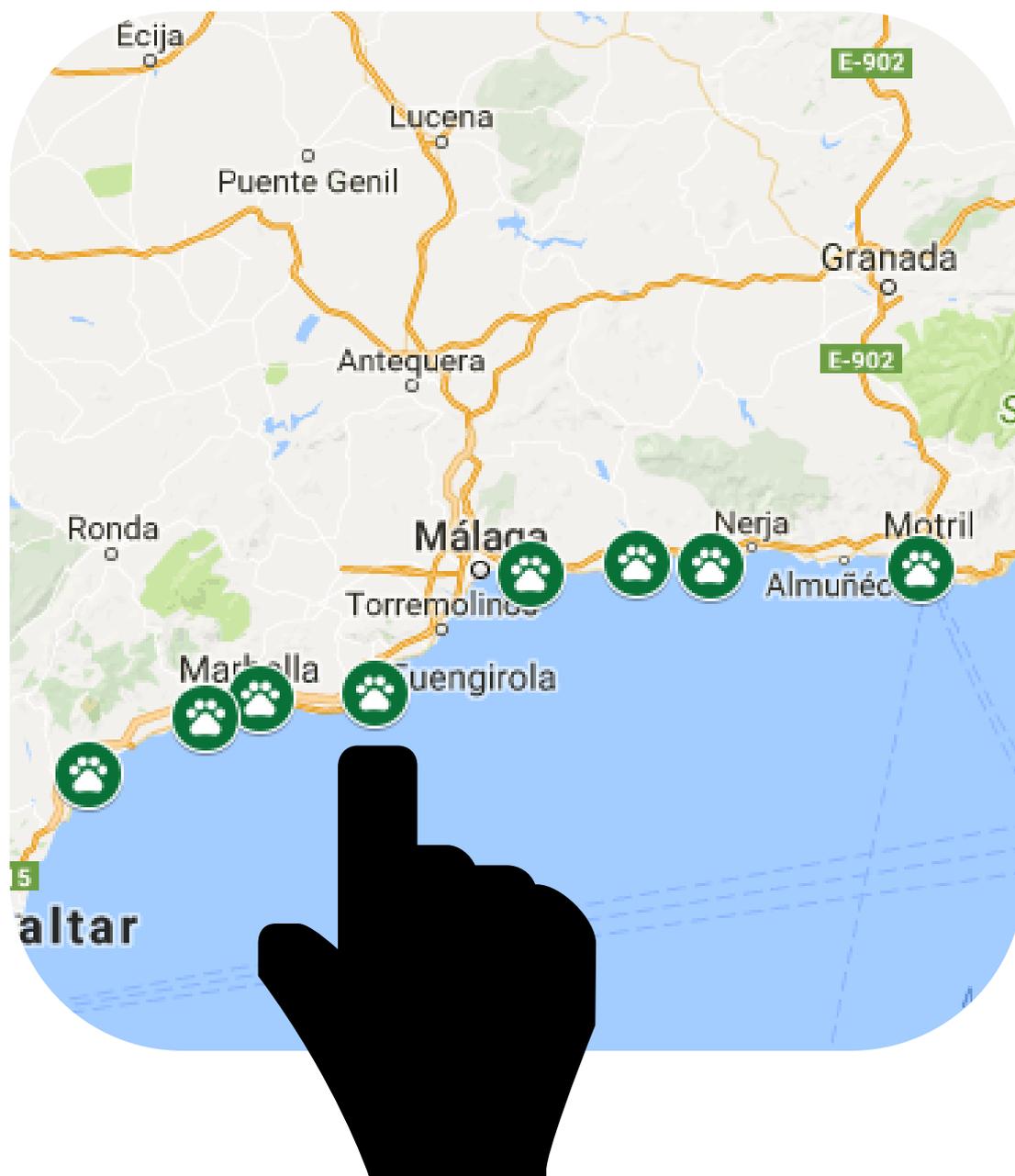
Pet tourism is one of the latest emerging trends in the touristic branch, both in Andalusia and worldwide. As frequent travelers become more aware of their pets' situation during the holiday season, they have started to look for new solutions. Only in Andalusia there are more than 6,000 hotels offering to host dogs. Instead of leaving a dog or cat with neighbours over the weekend, pet owners can make them be a **part of their holidays**, as any other family member.

Likewise, many pet-owners like to enjoy a day on the beach day with their '**most loyal friends**'. Official pet-friendly beaches have been specifically authorised by the regional government. Most of them are not in optimal conditions, as one of the main requirements for changing its use is that they weren't suitable for swimming.

Andalusia is the second region in Spain by number of pet-friendly beaches, most of which are in the province of Málaga, with 7 official dog-friendly beaches along the Costa del Sol.

Although the most popular Andalusian beaches for visiting with pets are Cabo de Gata (Almería), Guadalhorce river mouth (Málaga), Caños de Meca (Cádiz) and Mazagón (Huelva), this is the official list of **authorised** beaches for pets.

CLICK on the map and get the exact **LOCATION** of the beaches



Pet-friendly beaches in Málaga

1. Arroyo Totalán Beach

La Cala del Moral, Málaga



A rocky beach located at the mouth of the Totalán stream. Frequent visitors have been demanding better cleaning and improved access for people and animals. Previous demands regarding bins and showers have already been fulfilled, which means the rest of services should improve in coming seasons.

2. El Castillo Beach

Fuengirola



Despite being one of the first pet-friendly beaches in Andalusia, users have been complaining that it gets very crowded during the summer season peaks. However, the nice sand, the absence of rocks and the good atmosphere makes it one of the most appreciated beaches. In any event, remember to take good care of your pet, as there is heavy traffic on the highway nearby.

3. Piedra Paloma Beach

Casares



Another rocky beach without any special facilities, but situated in a really beautiful spot which doesn't get many visitors. It has a good car park area.

Pet-friendly beaches in Málaga

4. Pet-Friendly Beach



Torre del Mar

Arguably one of the best dog beaches in Andalusia. It has a smooth sand and a special play zone for pets. It's also equipped with showers, water fountains for dogs, bins and a lifeguard post. Unfortunately, car park is not good and access to the beach is not adapted for disabled people.

5. El Pinillo & Ventura de Mar



Marbella

They are both two of the biggest pet beaches off the Costa del Sol. A small promenade, the smooth sand and a calm sea, make them two of the best options in Málaga.

6. Pet-Friendly Beach



Torrox

It's the newest one in the list, as it has just been inaugurated in 2018. It has some basic services like showers on an area of sand and gravel, but users complain about car park possibilities.

Pet-friendly beaches in Cadiz and Huelva

1. Camposoto Beach



San Fernando

The only pet-friendly beach in the province of Cadiz has bad reviews because of its difficult access. The truth is you need to walk more than 10 minutes from the car park to the sea. However, it is a lovely sandy beach offering many services, such as showers, bins, a lifeguard and more.

2. Espigón Beach



Huelva

Probably the biggest pet beach in Andalusia with over 2500 square metres. It is close to the city of Huelva. Users praise its cleanliness and the quality of sand and water of the Atlantic Ocean, but they miss some basic services, like showers.



Pet-friendly beaches in Almería and Granada

1. Playa de la Rana



Adra

The only beach in Almeria province is in Adra, more than 40 minutes by car west of the capital. One of the reasons this spot was chosen is because it wasn't very popular with locals and visitors. It is a virgin beach nearly 350 metres long and to enjoy. The basic rules to follow are the same as in other places: have your pet 's papers available, a vaccination proof, picking up any dirt it can leave. If you bring a dog from a dangerous breed, a leash and a muzzle will be required.

2. Playacan



Motril

The only dog beach in the province of Granada, but this time it's centrally located, close to the Poniente beach near Motril harbour wall.

It has a big car park and many services are available; including showers, bins, adapted access, etc. Because of the rocky surface, you must take care your pet doesn't get its paws hurt.

Conclusion

So now you know where to spend a fantastic day on the beach with your dearest friends. Remember to bring water for both of you, try to avoid hottest hours in the sun and be careful with high temperatures on sand and rocks in order to prevent burns on your pet's paws.

