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DOG LOVE IS SPREADING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THESE TOWNS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE LIFE GREAT FOR OUR FURRY BEST FRIENDS.

NORTHWEST

Bend, Oregon

PEOPLE: 82,000

DOGS: 16,090

Oregon has a reputation as a great place for outdoorsy people. During the past decade, its seventh-largest city has earned the same for dogs. Trails, parks, and other venues have joined in welcoming the doggie set into the fun.

Bob Wenger, a board member of DogPAC, which spearheaded the effort to take the leash off Bend area trails, says a big part of Bend's success is due to the number and quality of organizations dedicated to helping and promoting dogs. "[We have] an exceptional humane society, several animal placement and spay and neuter groups, DogPAC, and search and rescue and avalanche rescue dog groups."

It's not all about fun, though. Sixty to 70 percent of Bend's dogs are spayed or neutered, thanks to low-cost clinics and conscientious owners. The Humane Society of Central Oregon accepts any animal regardless of age, health, or temperament, finding homes for 87 percent of them.



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Bend offers plenty of dog-friendly outdoor activities.

