

Where to Eat With Your Dog

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ining out is more fun in a group. So why not bring your dog along? Unfortunately, due to health codes and other laws, taking your pup to restaurants can be a hassle. It's not impossible, though. If outdoor seating is available, you and your dog can usually be accommodated. And some restaurants feature treats or menus specifically for dogs. It's just a matter of finding these places.

One spot that's dog-friendly is **Kush** (2003 N. Miami Ave., 305-576-4500), the popular burger joint on the border of Wynwood. The interior is tiny, but the outside seating area is perfect for you and your dog to set up shop. You can enjoy one of the eatery's signature burgers like the Johnny Utah with pastrami, diced onions, and cheddar cheese, or Kush's famous Florida alligator bites. Rotating draft selections include rare finds that will help wash everything down. Meanwhile, water bowls and plain burger patties should keep your pooch happy and fed.

If your dog needs more space to roam -- or you want something lighter to nosh on -- walk over to **1-800-Lucky** (143 NW 23rd St., 305-768-9826), a few blocks north. The Asian food hall

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features all types of staples like dumplings, poke, ramen, and more. Our recommendations: the inventive sushi rolls at **B-Side** and the perfect-for-Miami-weather ice cream from **Taiyaki** (you can't miss the fish waffle cone). The outdoor area is expansive, with room for your pooch to play, but only during the daytime; at night, the venue gets slammed with only enough room for humans.

Another place with ample space for both owner and dog: **Ms. Cheezious** (7418 Biscayne Blvd., 305-989-4019) in MiMo. While known for its gooey and delicious grilled cheese sandwiches, the business has recently started expanding its menu offerings with fun pop-ups. One of the more popular ones is Good Time BBQ, where you can enjoy mountains of smoked ribs, brisket, and wings. Order some grub, and chill out together in the spacious backyard. You can track the pop-ups on Ms. Cheezious's social media pages.

Feeling healthy? **The Alchemist Aventura** (17830 W. Dixie Highway, 786-916-3560) offers a variety of lighter, European-influenced fare. Their claim to fame is the slicer, an open-faced sandwich on Tuscan bread with toppings like mozzarella, avocado, shrimp, and melted brie. Should you need a pick-me-up, the cafe's signature golden coffee with espresso, turmeric, cinnamon, coconut oil, and grass-fed ghee is a must. While you chow down, your dog will be pampered with doggy bowls.

OPENINGS

In non-dog news, downtown Miami recently welcomed **Sovereign** (22 NE 3rd Ave., 786-534-8712) to the neighborhood. This new location for the Plantation-based Asian fusion shop features crowd favorites, such as spicy tuna poke bowls, pork bao buns, shrimp dumplings, and miso soup. It's also one of the few places on this side of town that sells bubble tea, the Taiwanese treat known for its signature tapioca pearls.

Up in North Miami Beach, plant-based eaters are raving about the new **Holi Vegan Kitchen** (3099 NE 163rd St., 786-520-3120), where soups, salads, sandwiches, and pizzettas abound. Highlights like the jerk tempeh panini and Impossible meat-ball sandwich make for a hearty lunch, as do the warm Tex-Mex bowl and mushroom flatbread pizzetta. The restaurant also

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serves breakfast with vegan takes on scrambles, waffles, and pancakes.

Further north, Food Network celebrity chef Guy Fieri opened his first South Florida outpost of Chicken Guy (Aventura Mall, 19565 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2946, 305-428-2444). This fast-casual ode to poultry keeps things simple with a menu comprised of chicken tenders and chicken sandwiches. Fieri prides himself on the sauce selection; guests have 22 to choose from. Flavors include Nashville hot honey, sweet sriracha BBQ, cumin lime mojo, and lemon pepper. Customers who want something sweet to balance all the savory stuff should order the apple cinnamon cereal, a vanilla soft-serve dessert mixed with Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Apple Jacks.

CLOSINGS

Restaurants closings have -- thankfully -- been few and far between as of late. But some local eateries couldn't escape the slow season's wrath this year. One of the more notable restaurant closings is **C Si Bon** in Edgewater. The business bid diners adieu, leaving the area with one less option for French cuisine.

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