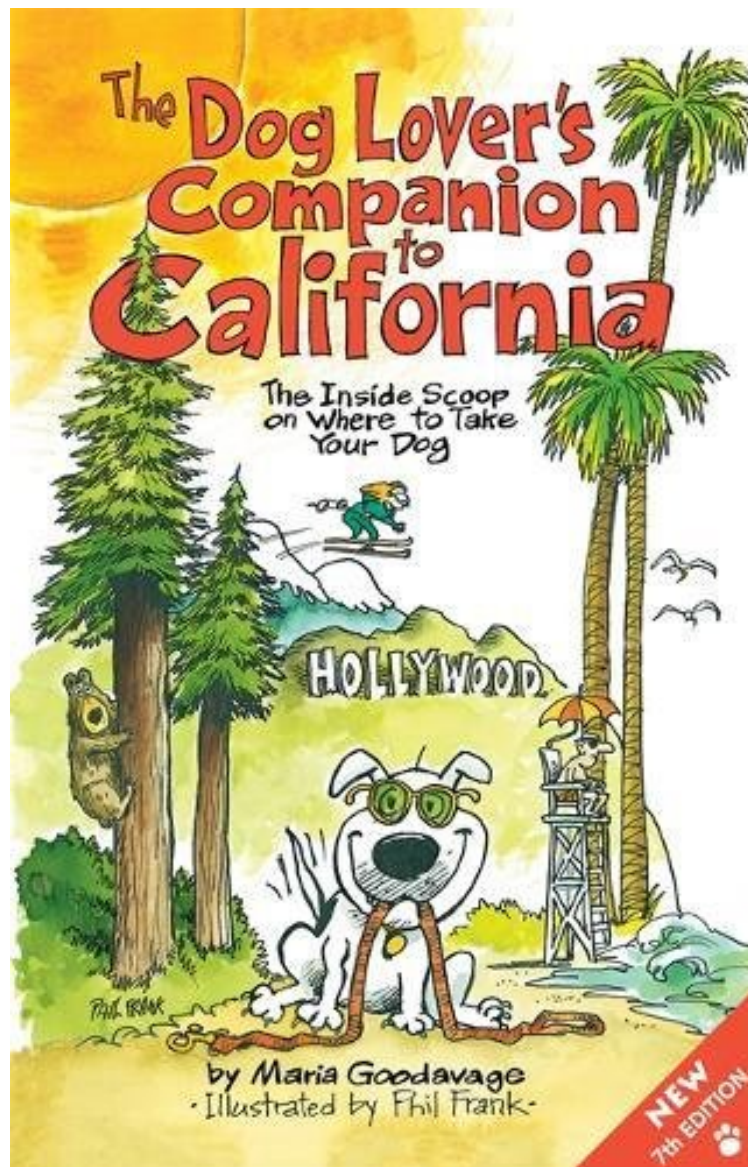


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By Joanne R Fong  
THIS REVIEW IS FOR THE KINDLE VERSION  
I bought the e-version for a trip to San Diego on Thanksgiving 2012. Turns out the latest physical book edition is 2011, but the only Kindle version is 2008. I looked up 6 restaurants in the SD area, 4 had gone out of business, 1 had moved locations 2 years ago, and the sixth had removed their dog-friendly patio seating last year. In addition to out-dated information, this is not an e-book; it is a bunch of text and some images dumped into a file. Table of Contents items are links to chapters, and some businesses have websites that are web links, but there are no links for map references, or for mentions in a review of another nearby businesses or park location. For example, the beginning of each chapter has "Pick of the Litter", a list of the best of each subsection. It will say something like "MOST DOG-FRIENDLY PLACES TO EAT", BOB'S DINER, (page 100). Well, thanks for giving me a page number for a thing that has no page numbers. The two stars I've awarded this title are based on the previous 2 editions I've owned (paper books, not kindle books): past books have been pretty helpful and on a few occasions it's really saved me a lot of time. I'd recommend the current, physical edition of this book, but I absolutely would not recommend the Kindle version right now. If the publisher does eventually update the Kindle version, I'd recommend that you wait until there are reviews so you can figure out if they've actually spent some resources on designing a usable e-book.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. WONDERFUL GUIDE!!  
By Stefanie Boros  
We were new to the Bay Area when we purchased this book and it has become our go-to weekend guide! We simply decide where we want to go and then read through the descriptions to see what suits our mood. On really hot days, we'll look for a place that is nestled in a eucalyptus grove or on the beach. We can also pick out where we want to eat before or after our adventure. I haven't been blown away by the restaurant recommendations, but the park descriptions have been great. We have two smaller dogs and the author is reviewing from a big dog owner's perspective. Again, we just look at the initial summation (how highly rated it is, if it's off-leash or not) and then we look through to see what our dogs will appreciate most. They aren't too interested in getting wet or muddy, but they do love exploring new landscapes with few people around. All in all, this book is absolutely wonderful and we've gotten a lot of use out of it. I only wish they had one for every area!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars  
By Lori Ann Dingman  
Such a great book. I give to friends when they get a dog.

The Dog Lover's Companion to California has the inside scoop on the best dog runs, parks, beaches, hiking trails, camping areas, pet-friendly businesses, and much more. Local author Maria Goodavage and her trusty companion Jake have dug up many surprising resources available to dogs in the Golden State, such as baseball games, summer camps, and pet parades. For the less outdoorsy dog, there are doggy spas, art openings, and even winery visits! Packed with helpful maps, up-to-date leash laws, and a useful "paw" ranking system for all locations in the book, The Dog Lover's Companion to California is a dog's best friend.

About the Author  
Jake the Yellow-Lab-sort-of-dog and Maria Goodavage have traveled throughout California to check out some of the most dog-friendly parks, beaches, lodgings, and restaurants in the world. As part of their research, they've ridden on ferries, horse-drawn carriages, cable cars, gondolas, and steam trains. They've visited chichi art galleries, dumpy drive-in movies, kitschy tourist attractions, dog-friendly wineries, high-end stores, ski resorts, major-league ballgames, and even had high tea together. They've eaten at restaurants where dogs are treated almost like people (except they never get the bill). They've stayed at the best hotels, the worst flea-bitten motels, and everything in between. Jake's favorite saying: You're not really gonna leave the house without me, are ya? (This is usually accompanied by all his extra folds of neck skin drooping forward into his face, his floppy ears hanging especially low, his tail sagging dejectedly, and his big seal-like eyes looking wet and wide and oh-so-woeful.) Since Jake still doesn't have a driver's license after all these years, he relies on Maria, former longtime USA Today correspondent, to be his chauffeur. Maria is well qualified she started chauffeuring dogs many years back, when her intrepid Airedale, Joe, joined her during some of her travels for the newspaper. With all of their experiences on the road, it was only a matter of time before a book was born, followed by a series of books. Both The Dog Lover's Companion to California and The Dog Lover's Companion to the San Francisco Bay Area are now in their seventh editions. Maria is a freelance writer, as well as an editor and blogger for Dogster, one of the most widely read dog websites in the world. She lives near the beach in San Francisco with her husband, their daughter, and Jake. Phil Frank (19432007) penned the cartoon strip Farley for more than 21 years.