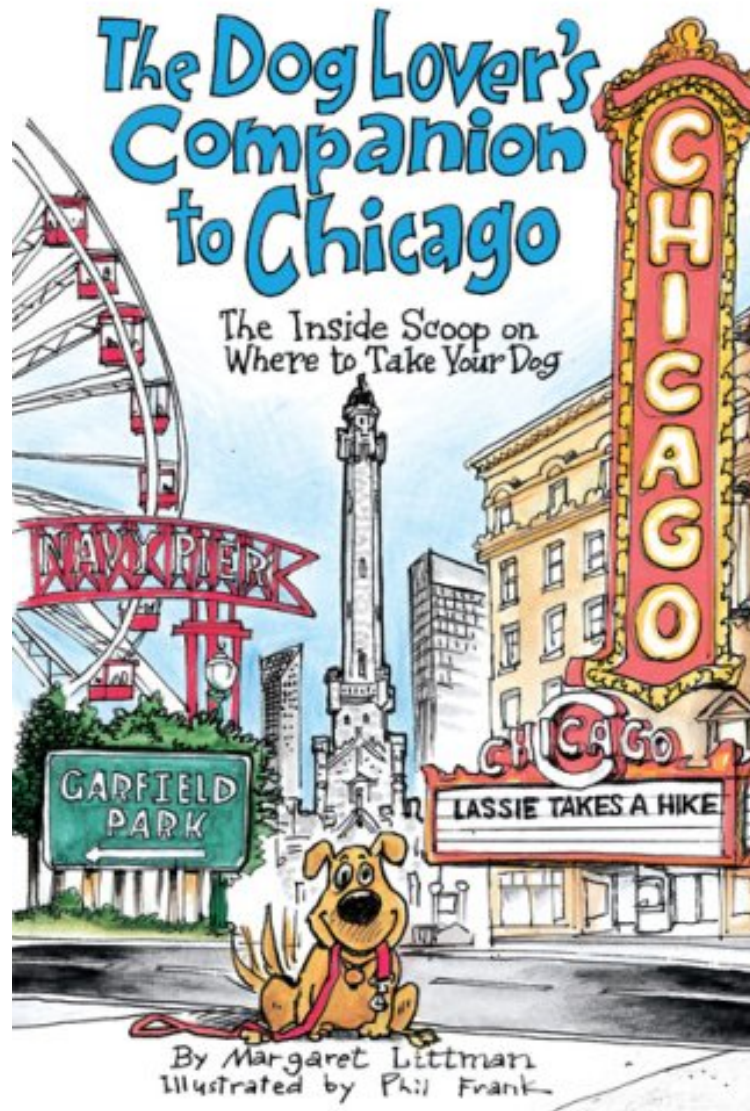


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The Dog Lover's Companion to Chicago has the inside scoop on the best parks, dog runs, beaches, forest preserves, and pet-friendly businesses in the Windy City and neighboring suburbs. Local author Margaret Litman and her savvy pooch, Natasha have dug up many surprising resources available to dogs in Chicago, such as doggy spas, art openings, church and synagogue services and off-leash areas. 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 Chicago is truly a pet's best friend.This special breed of guidebook features extensive information on everything from the best hound-hospitable parks, beaches, and recreation areas to the dog-friendliest restaurants, hotels, and shops in select regions across the country. Each guide features the illustrations of celebrated San Francisco Chronicle cartoonist Phil Frank.

Indispensable to dog owners, dog lovers, or indulgent onlookers, and vastly entertaining as well.