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## Grassroots Campaign Launched to Address Hotel Dog Weight Restrictions

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Hey dog lovers Are you having trouble finding hotels that accept your dog due to their size? Do you have to change your vacation plans or not go at all because of weight restrictions?

More and more, hotels are accepting dogs but the majority have weight restrictions varying from 20 pounds and up. That means Labs, Retrievers and even Beagles are being turned away!

GoPetFriendly.com and AndASmallDog.com have teamed up to encourage hotels to lift their weight restrictions. After all, big dogs deserve vacations, too! As part of the effort, campaign founders Amy and Rod Burkert of GoPetFriendly.com and Leila Coe of AndASmallDog.com have started a petition and hope to garner nationwide support.

According to Leila Coe of AndASmallDog.com, "I know a lot of people who automatically board their pets when traveling as it's so hard to find hotels that allow larger pets which is just plain unfair."

The Burkerts and their two large dogs Buster, a 70-pound German Shepherd and Ty, a 40-pound Sharpei, travel extensively with the goal of making it easy for people to plan trips with their pets. "It's ironic that our own lives revolve around helping people find pet friendly accommodations, and our own dogs aren't welcome in many hotels," said Amy Burkert. "We don't want large dogs to be left out of family vacations!"

Click here to sign your name in support of allowing dogs of all sizes to have vacations with their family members and help reach the initial goal of 1,000 signatures.

Visit the petition here: <http://www.petitionspot.com/petitions/givebigdogsabreak/>

You can also join the Facebook cause, Operation: Give Big Dog a Break and follow @AndASmallDog and @GoPetFriendly on Twitter to get campaign updates and find out other ways to help.

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