



Leavenworth,
WASHINGTON

Eddy loves to visit
Regina at Haus Dog
Kaffee & Tea.

Lovin' Leavenworth

Whether you choose to dine al fresco, explore local trails, shop or settle in for a little nap—this mountain town has it all for you and your canine companion.

By **Megan Kopp**

Leavenworth, WA, has more than mastered the art of re-invention. Long ago, American Indian tribes hunted and fished in this part of the North Cascades. Pioneers migrating west quickly settled the land, and by 1890 a small town called Icicle Flats was established. The arrival of the Great Northern Railway Company spurred on the growth of a booming logging industry that lasted for years. But when the railway was re-routed and the sawmill closed, the town began a slow decline.

In the early 1960s, Leavenworth's leaders planned a radical move. Seeing a future in tourism, they turned the dying town into a Bavarian-style village. Festivals were organized to attract tourists and the plan succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. Visiting Leavenworth today, the Bavarian theme is still strong, but there is a new wave of tourism complementing the unique appeal of dirndl skirts.

Oom-Paw-Paw!

Leavenworth's Bavarian charm is not a secret, but its pet-friendly nature has been until now. When it comes to choices, Leavenworth exceeds expectations. We arrived midday with an appetite and quickly discovered the flavor of authentic Mexican dishes in the heart of the Northwest. But South's charms extend beyond the taco platter sampler and Poblano chili enchilada. South has a cozy deck out back where you can savor your Stinger—a local favorite created with tequila, fresh cilantro and jalapeno muddled with fresh-squeezed lime juice—while your best Fido friend lolls at your feet. If you'd rather have a beer and bratwurst, Munchen Haus (just down the street), offers a barking good Bavarian equivalent.

Bellies full, we strolled across the street to investigate "A Paw Above." A new graduate with a dream, Susan Darlington started the business with \$800 tuition money, \$1300 from her mom and a month's free rent from her landlord. Six years later she has doubled the size of her store. If you need a can of Brauts-n-Tots (beef sausage links, sweet potatoes, carrots, garden peas and

If You Go

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South Food & Drink

(509) 888-HEAT (4328);

www.southleavenworth.com.

Munchen Haus Bavarian
Grill & Beer Garden

(509) 548-1158; www.munchenhaus.com.

Haus Dog Kaffee & Tea

617 Front Street 4D, Leavenworth, WA
98826; (509) 669-9466.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

A Paw Above
Specialty Pet Store

(509) 548-DOGS (3647);

www.apawabove.us.

BARKING GOOD FUN

Leavenworth Ranger District

(509) 548-6977.

Tube Leavenworth

www.letsgotubing.com.

SLEEPOVERS

Sleeping Lady
Mountain Resort

WA 98826; (800) 574-2123;

www.sleepinglady.com.

Granny Smith apples) or a set of lederhosen for your pooch, you can find it here!

If your dog is in need of a good stretch after lunch, stroll down to down to Blackbird Island or walk toward Waterfront Park along the Wenatchee River paths. Bump up the exercise level with a climb up Icicle Ridge (US Forest Service trail off Icicle Road). Or lay back and enjoy a canine-friendly river float with Tube Leavenworth.

Weary legs (whether two or four) can find a wide selection of comfy beds in Leavenworth. We chose Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort. The wooded property, situated along the banks of Icicle River, is a luxurious retreat from town. In summer months, gourmet meals prepared in the Kingfisher Dining Lodge can be carried out to the expansive deck where your four-legged friend can join you for the repast. Keep an eye open and you may see Roki, the Icelandic shepherd companion of owner Harriet Bullitt, roaming the property.

Leavenworth—sweet dreams, fun activities and good food. Who could ask for more? 