

Paws To Rails: The Grand Canyon Railway's Pet Resort Offers Furry Friends A Retreat While Pet Parents Vacation

WILLIAMS, ARIZ. (August 12, 2013) --- Nearly everyone who boards the Grand Canyon Railroad in Williams, Ariz. to the south rim of the Grand Canyon arrives by car – and many travel with their family dog or cat in tow. While pet parents enjoy a trip to the Canyon or an extended stay at the AAA Three-Diamond rated hotel, their furry friends have something to wag about at the **Grand Canyon Railway's (GCR) Pet Resort.**

The GCR's Pet Resort boasts an entire residential wing for pets: 28 spacious rooms for dogs and 16 cozy condos for felines. Served by a caring and attentive staff, The GCR Pet Resort is a modern retreat for pet parents who want to experience the iconic Route 66 in the town of Williams, an entertaining historic train ride and take in the splendor of the Grand Canyon without leaving their four-legged family members at home or in a kennel far away.

Featuring cat condos with natural sunlight and en suite entertainment with custom-made sitting ledges looking out onto sports courts, the Pet Resort also offers canines the chance to enjoy private indoor space with personal outdoor runs. The temperature controlled, spotless facility features individual state-of-the-art ventilation and evaporative heating and cooling systems thus eliminating the scent of other animals and increasing your pet's comfort zone. Dedicated staff ensures that the dogs and cats receive individual playtime and attention.

The pet resort is conveniently located adjacent to the GCR Railway, Hotel and RV Park. Daily rates begin at \$16 for cats and \$23 for dogs, with the option of adding a second cat or dog to the same kennel for just \$12 and \$16 respectively. Extended stays of seven nights or more are available for a weekly rate of \$98 for cats and \$140 for dogs. Pet owners are encouraged to bring their pet's favorite foods, beds and toys. All animals must have paperwork to provide proof of current shots.

<u>Xanterra Parks & Resorts</u> owns and operates the Grand Canyon Railway as well as restaurants and lodges in several National Parks. The Grand Canyon Railway operates year-round and departs Williams at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. daily.

For more information and to book a stay for your pet at the Grand Canyon Railway Pet Resort, visit thetrain.com or call 1-800-843-8724.

Photos and interviews available upon request.

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