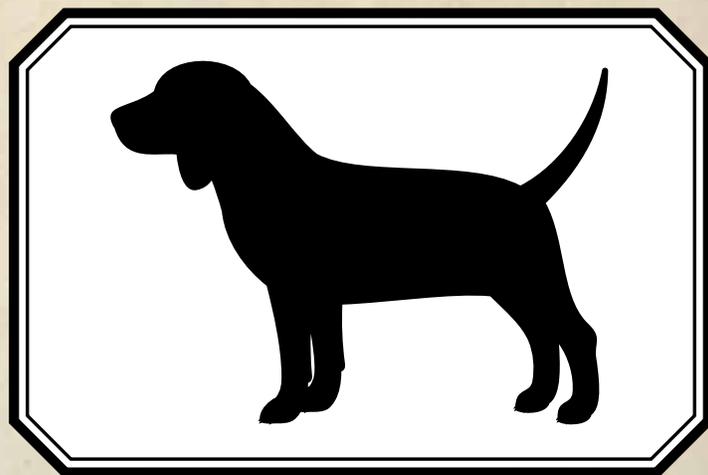


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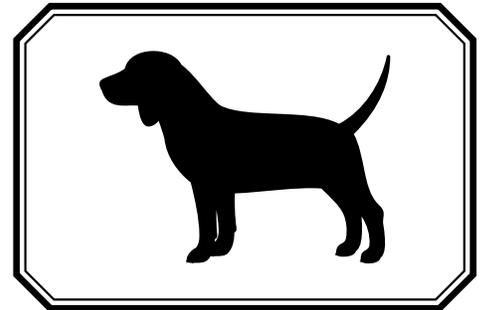


The night before Thomas Jefferson left Europe to return home, he bought a pregnant French Briard dog who gave birth to two puppies while on the transatlantic voyage. Jefferson prized the shaggy breed (herding dogs then known as chiens bergeres de Brie) and named his dog Bergère, although everyone at Monticello called her “Buzzy.”

While Jefferson considered his Briard a working dog, he thought of his mockingbirds as pets and would often allow them to fly free throughout the house. His favorite, Dick, would perch on his owner’s shoulder and sing while Jefferson played the violin. *Note the beautiful silver mockingbird statuettes in Plume.

Inside The Jefferson

Lord Monticello (“Monti”) resides at the hotel as Executive Canine Officer. The rescue beagle came from the Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) and assumed his post in January 2014. The Jefferson welcomes canine guests and Monti is happy to share the map of good walking routes and dog parks near the hotel. Just ask the front desk staff or the concierge for a copy.



Day One Walking Tour

From the hotel, turn right onto 16th St. and walk to Lafayette Square. Turn left on H St., then right on 14th St. In a few minutes you will be on Constitution Ave. in front of the **Smithsonian Museum of American History**, where you can view the **original Teddy Bear**. While bear hunting in the southern U.S., President Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt decided it was unsportsmanlike to shoot a bear that had been surrounded by dogs and tied to a tree. The episode became the subject of an editorial cartoon that portrayed TR as an animal lover. A toy manufacturer quickly capitalized by creating the stuffed “Teddy Bear,” which became an instant sensation.

**If you’re looking for a shady respite off the beaten path, Roosevelt Island National Park across the Potomac River honors Teddy Roosevelt with ranger-led programs in a natural forested area with walking trails like those the avid outdoorsman enjoyed hiking.*

Exit the museum and turn right on Constitution Ave. towards the Capitol. Turn left at 7th St. and walk one block north to Pennsylvania Ave. Notice the heroic dog depicted among the bronze sculptures along the wall of the **Navy Memorial**.

**When you’re ready for lunch, head north on 7th St. to experience Penn Quarter’s plentiful dining options.*

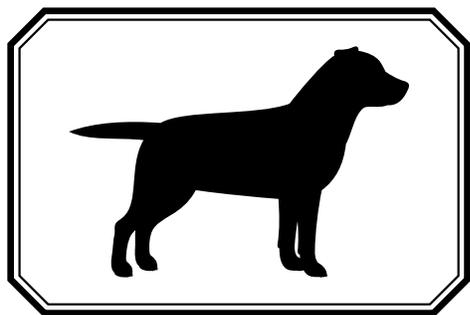
Head back to Pennsylvania Ave. via the National Fire Dog Memorial at 5th and F St. This new monument, named “Ashes to Answers,” is a bronze life-size statue of an arson dog (who searches for clues after fires) looking up at its handler.

Back on Pennsylvania Ave. between 6th and 7th Streets is the **Federal Trade Commission**. It would be hard to miss “Man Controlling Trade,” the two 17’ Art Deco equestrian statues of a muscular man trying hard to hold back a powerful horse.

Highlight Alert: One block farther east on Pennsylvania Ave. is the **Newseum**, which has a wonderful exhibit called “**First Dogs: American Presidents and Their Pets.**” The exhibit celebrates the four-legged occupants of the White House. Among the fun facts you will find: FDR’s Scottish terrier Fala had his own press secretary, Warren G. Harding’s Airedale Laddie Boy had his own seat at cabinet meetings, and George H.W. Bush’s springer spaniel Millie wrote a book that sold more copies than her owner’s!

Day Two Walking Tour

Stroll down 17th St. passing the **White House** on your left. For the first time in decades, there is no first pet living at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. During Jefferson’s presidency, he kept mockingbirds and encountered two new species sent to the White House. The Lewis and Clark expedition sent back prairie dogs and miraculously, they survived. Even more exotic was the 1807 gift of a pair of grizzly bear cubs from Captain Zebulon Pike. At first Jefferson kept them in an enclosure on the White House lawn. However, as the bears quickly grew larger and more ferocious than any bears he’d seen in his native Virginia, he dispatched them to his friend Charles Peale’s museum in Philadelphia. Jefferson’s accompanying letter assured Peale that the pair were “perfectly gentle” and “quite good humored.”



Crossing the Mall on 17th St., give a nod to the **Washington Monument**. The first president kept numerous hunting dogs including hounds named Jupiter, Sweetlips, Truelove, and Vulcan. He bred American Foxhounds at his Mount Vernon home and personally inspected the kennels twice a day. He also owned Dalmatians, Spaniels, and Pointers.

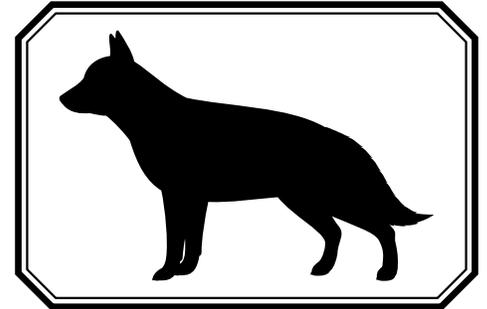
17th St. intersects with Independence Ave, SW.

Turn right and follow the signs to the **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial** on the Tidal Basin. FDR’s beloved terrier Fala (officially “Murray the Outlaw of Falahill”) is immortalized in bronze, the only presidential pooch who has that distinction in Washington.

Make your way back to the Mall and walk east towards the Capitol. Find Independence Ave and walk east towards the Rayburn, Longworth, and Cannon House Office Buildings. **Dogs of Capitol Hill** have been accompanying lawmakers to work since the early 1800s and today the Hill is one of the most dog-friendly workplaces in town. Visit on a weekday and you’ll likely see members of the bipartisan canine caucus. The

same is true of the Russell, Dirksen, and Hart Senate Office Buildings on Constitution Ave, too. All are public buildings open weekdays during business hours and no passes are required for entry. Unfortunately, while Members of Congress can bring their mascots to work every day, you are not allowed to bring yours into the buildings. Their dogs are considered congressional staff.

Turn left onto First St., SW from Independence Ave and look for a wide outdoor staircase on your left before you reach East Capitol Street. Meanwhile, notice the **Library of Congress** on your right with the torch of knowledge on top. Its collection includes thousands of books and photos about dogs and other animals. Films starring canine stars such as **Rin Tin Tin and Lassie** are preserved by the Library's National Film Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."



**When ready to take a culinary break there's a large cafeteria in the CVC. Massachusetts Avenue, NE, H St. NE, and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE are nearby and boast plenty of restaurants and bars.*

If you have more time...

Although Benjamin Franklin made a good case for the turkey, the Founders instead chose the bald eagle as the national symbol. **Where can you spot bald eagles** in the nation's capital? There are three distinct pairs. Annie and Tioga live at the zoo. Liberty & Justice took up residence at the DC Metropolitan Police Academy more than a decade ago and welcomed eaglets again this spring. Mr. President and First Lady had no problem finding a suitable tree to nest in at the Arboretum. They are the proud parents of eaglets Honor and Glory, born March 2017.