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# Dog Days take over Backyard Kitchen and Tap

The popular Pacific Beach restaurant to host monthly dog-friendly happy hours and events in October

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**Backyard Kitchen & Tap**, a Pacific Beach hot spot known for coastal American cuisine served up in a laid-back atmosphere, has welcomed well-behaved pooches since it first opened. The establishment's concrete patio is a perfect spot for dogs to hang out with their owners. This fall,

Backyard Kitchen & Tap is expanding its pet-friendly vibe to host both monthly and special holiday events that welcome patrons to bring their dogs for themed fun.

Backyard will host its first monthly Dog Days on **Thursday, Oct. 29** from 5 to 9 p.m., featuring special Halloween activities as well. There will be specials for human guests including \$5 Bird Dog Whiskey and Happy Hour until 6 p.m. Canine guests can enjoy house-made dog treats and plenty of fresh water during the special events as well as any time they visit Backyard with their owners.

"I wanted something that would tie us in with the community and give everyone something fun to look forward to," said Garrett Vomfell, Backyard Kitchen & Tap manager. "San Diego is such a dog-loving community anyway, so it just made sense to incorporate that at the restaurant."

While monthly Dog Days will be regular addition at Backyard Kitchen and Tap, the Oct. 29 event will do double duty as a Halloween-themed event for dogs and their owners. "Howl-O-Ween" will feature a costume contest for dogs with a \$25 gift card for the winner.

"It will be a doggone good time!" said Vomfell. "The winning dogs and owners will receive various prizes and gift cards after the contest. Not to mention, the whole event is family-friendly!"

The special party will also provide opportunities to support animal-themed nonprofit organizations. Backyard Kitchen & Tap's Dog Days and "Howl-O-Ween" offer \$5 Chateau La Paws glasses of wine, and a portion of this company's sales going to support "no kill" shelters nationwide. Backyard will be accepting donations to benefit Second Chance Dog Rescue, a local nonprofit that benefits pups looking for a new home.

"Guests are invited to give donations in any amount but are not expected to and will not be pressured to either," said Vomfell. "There will be dogs hanging out at a tent on our patio for those interested in adoption as well!"

While enjoying festivities with their four-legged friends, patrons can enjoy Backyard Kitchen & Tap's homemade specialties as well as an extensive list of craft cocktails and local beers. The Jerked Chicken entree with Mary's boneless chicken, rosemary potatoes and sauteed kale can be especially great for health-conscious guests.

"I would also suggest our Steak and Frites, which is our marinated skirt steak served over our sea salt fries and topped with herb butter and a side of our house steak sauce, which is a customer favorite!" Vomfell added.

To learn more about Dog Days, "Howl-O-Ween" and other great happenings at Backyard Kitchen & Tap, guests are invited to follow the establishment on [Facebook](#). The kitchen is open until 10 p.m. daily and well-behaved dogs are always welcome. Visit [backyardpb.com](http://backyardpb.com) to learn more.