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Pets of Portland

Pittock Mansion opens a new family-friendly exhibit on Portland's love for pets.

PORTLAND, ORE, July 1, 2026 –The Pittock Mansion Society is excited to announce the opening of its summer exhibit, "Pets of Portland." This captivating exhibit will be on view till early fall at Pittock Mansion and is included with general admission. Pittock Mansion hopes that families with children on summer break will utilize this fun and educational experience right in their own backyards.

In 2019, Oregon was ranked the most pet-friendly state in the U.S, and in 2024, Portland was the third most pet-friendly city in the country. The City of Portland alone boasts numerous dog parks, pet hotels, pet specialty-food brands with human-grade quality food, restaurants with dog menus, and high-end groomers. There's no other way to say it: we love our pets!

This history of love, appreciation, and kindness for animals is a long one; beginning with a big, shaggy Newfoundland named Seamen—an integral member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. During Pittock's lifetime, the roles animals played in our cities, homes, and lives changed greatly. This transformation created our special bonds with our pets.

"Portland has had a long love affair with its pets. Animals have figured prominently in the city's history from dogs riding on floats in the Grand Floral Parade to Princess Trixie (the Educated Horse) who was featured in the Lewis & Clark Exposition of 1905," Liz Tilbury, Board Member, Pittock Mansion Society.

This exhibition is produced by Pittock Mansion Society as part of its Pittock Connections Annual Exhibit series. Pittock Mansion is pleased to showcase Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)'s *Oregon Experience: How Oregon Became Such a Pet-Friendly State* within the exhibit.

The exhibit also includes artifacts from Oregon Historical Society's collections and art from private collectors and popular local artists, Carli Davidson and Jessie Jordan. Mike Bennett, well-known cartoonist, has added a fun scavenger hunt experience for children by creating cartoons of Pittock's and Skene's pets which are placed in different rooms.

"As Portland, and broader Oregon, continues to lead the charge in pet stewardship and care, *Pets of Portland* invites visitors to explore this history and discover how animals have

become such important members of our community. Guests can also learn of the many Pittock pets who called the Mansion their home,” Vicky Lorca-White, Associate Curator of History.

On Saturday, July 25, 2026, Pittock Mansion will host an outdoor Family Fun event in conjunction with the exhibit from 11 am – 3 pm on the front lawn with vendors, lawn games, balloon artists, arts and crafts and photo moments. There will be a “Dog Parade” at 3:00 pm. While pets are not allowed inside the buildings, visitors can bring their dogs to enjoy this outdoor event.

As a proud member of the national *Museums for All* access program, Pittock Mansion is offering a much-reduced admission for families with EBT cards who can enjoy the exhibit and the mansion for only \$5/per person for a family of four.

Please check [Pittock Mansion’s website](#) for regular admission prices, parking and further information on other programs.

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About Pittock Mansion: *Pittock Mansion is a 1914 historic house museum in Portland, Oregon operated by Pittock Mansion Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in collaboration with Portland Parks & Recreation that owns and maintains the buildings on Pittock Campus. Pittock Mansion Society has a mission to inspire understanding and stewardship of Portland history through the Mansion, its collections, and its programs.*