

Angel's

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Alive!Angel Gomez,  
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## Huntington's



## Hello again!

This month, we're going to the dogs. Literally!

This month we will be visiting Dog Beach in Huntington Beach. One mile of golden sands and the exciting Pacific Ocean have made Dog Beach a paradise for dogs, where they can frolic in the water. **(1)**

Dog Beach is run by volunteers who work hard to keep the beach clean and safe for all canine visitors, who literally come from all over



Say hello to my American bulldog, Dakota. She loves the beach and her doggy friends.

the globe.

The volunteers rely on donations to keep this beach available to dogs.

There are several stations of disposable poop bags along the walking path. Remember to bring bottled water for you and your dog, but in case you forget, there are two new dog drinking fountains installed

**(1)** Dogs and their owners walk the beach.

between lifeguard Towers 20 and 22, courtesy of a gift from Purina. **(2)**

You must maintain control of your dog(s) at all times. Pick up after your dog(s) and dispose of the waste in the trashcans. You and your four-legged friends can doggie paddle or backstroke in the rolling waves of Huntington Cliffs beach. **(6)**

For the surfers among us, Huntington Cliffs surf spot is considered among the good beach breaks along Huntington Beach, and the surfing scene is less competitive and more laid back than further down Huntington Beach. West and south swells are generally from two to six feet, and medium tide is most manageable.

Under the existing city ordinance, dogs must remain leashed. But, from my experience, almost everyone seems to let their dogs off the leash.

Just a few miles south of Huntington Cliffs



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**(2)** Angel, Dakota, and Aden stop by a doggy water fountain.



**(3)** We love you, Dakota!



**(4)** Dakota and her new friends swim in the water.



**(5)** An overview of Dog Beach, with Huntington pier in the far left.



**(6)** Aden and Angel have fun in a small shaded area on sea cliffs.

Beach (Dog Beach) is the famous Huntington Beach Pier, one of the largest pleasure piers in the world and certainly the largest on the West Coast. **(5)**

The pier offers the best fishing for anglers, and snag bonito, croaker and mackerel are among the catch. (The midsection of the Pier often proves most fruitful.) If you've got the stomach to stalk the sharks, head out to the end of the pier at night, and some of the local anglers will give you the low-down on how to reel in a shark.

If you have a dog or dogs, this is a great place to spend a few hours. You start to relax right when you get to the PCH, and that great feeling continues onto Dog Beach. Our dog is sweet, and she loves to play with all the other dogs. She had fun running along with her new friends. I did not know how she would react to the ocean, but she was a real trooper. **(4)** Feel free to send me your pictures if you happen to visit Dog Beach. I promise you will enjoy it. You need to visit just once, and you will be hooked. Your dog will absolutely love the freedom and will make new friends. We go to Dog Beach at least once a week, and our Dakota knows right when we get to PCH; she gets really excited and starts to wiggle her tail like a hummingbird flaps its wings. **(3)**

**Until next time,  
be safe and Be Alive!  
— Angel**

### Directions and Parking

- Dog Beach is at 100 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

From Los Angeles, take the 5 South (8.7 miles), then the 605 South (10.9 miles), then exit onto 405 South toward Garden Grove/San Diego/CA-22 (1.6 miles). Take Exit 22 for Seal Beach Boulevard toward Los Alamitos Boulevard. Keep left at the fork; follow signs for Seal Beach and merge onto Beverly Manor Drive. Turn left at Seal Beach Boulevard (2.6 miles) Turn left at CA-1/Pacific Coast Hwy (6.8 miles) then turn left at Goldenwest Street. Dog Beach is on the right.

- Parking is available from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. There is plenty of metered parking available in lots along side Pacific Coast Highway. The meter fee is 25 cents for each 10 minutes. The meters accept quarters, dimes and nickels. The city sometimes issues citations for early morning parking without paying the meter. After 8 a.m., you will almost certainly get a citation if you don't put money in the meter..

