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## Your Pet Can Be a Digital Nomad, Too

When your workplace is the entire world, then you are what's known as a digital nomad. You can work from any place where you have access to the internet and mobile service. Working from your rental space, a coffee shop, or a shared working location is up to you and where you are. That's the kind of flexibility that is the basis of being a digital nomad. Unless you've got your pet with you. You're still able to be flexible — just not *as* flexible — as when you travel solo.

## The Advantages of Having Your Pet With You

The upside of having your pet with you is that — you have your pet with you! What advantages come with bringing your pet along while you work remotely? Right off the bat, they're company for you. You can't be lonely when you've got your best buddy with you.

Pets reduce your stress levels, too. Research has shown that having your pet with you is great for your mental health and well-being, which translates to more productivity. When you have your pet with you, it's easier to meet people, too. Most people like to stop and talk to you when you have a pet with you. And finally, your pet encourages you to get out and walk, which is good for your health.

## **Finding Places for You Both**

There are sites like <u>Bring Fido and Pets Welcome</u>, where you can read thousands of reviews to find the best pet-friendly hotels, restaurants, and attractions. They cover almost all the states and even different countries. In addition, most hotel chains will indicate on their websites whether they are pet friendly or not, though allowing pets is growing in popularity.

Research pet-friendly destinations, too. Look for cities that have a good standard of living along with a pet-friendly culture. For instance, Thailand, Spain, and Portugal are pet-friendly countries, while Portland, OR., San Diego, CA., and Asheville, NC., are very pet-friendly US cities.

## **Becoming a Digital Nomad**

If the nomad life sounds good to you, there are a couple of ways to make that happen. First, you can find jobs that offer remote working opportunities or become your own boss and work when and where you want.

Finding a job that allows you the opportunity to work remotely is a lot easier now than it used to be. Many companies have opted to have their employees work from home, and that has opened a lot of doors.

Look into industries that offer remote work, like the tech industry or the online customer service industry. Use online search sites like <u>We Work Remotely and FlexJobs</u>.

Update your resume and use an online resume template to create it. You want your resume to stand out, so having a template with a library of designs you can use will make yours more eye-catching. They also allow you to upload your own designs and photos, as well as choose your own color and fonts. <u>Click here</u> to find out how great you can make your resume look.

The next option is to start your own business that you can operate from anywhere. This can be a web development company, writing, graphic design, or virtual assistant.

Like any start-up, your first step will be to <u>write a business plan</u>. This will guide you through the process, prompting you to follow all the steps in the right order. This means market research, looking for funding, marketing, and business practices. For business practices, you'll have to decide on how you want to structure it, such as sole proprietor, corporation, or LLC. Deciding on an LLC will offer you the benefit of protecting your personal assets. Plus, it has tax advantages and is something you can set up yourself following <u>an online business formation service</u>.

Fido Pet Food Bank is a great resource for you to use if you need help keeping your pet with you when you're struggling financially. It's also an <u>excellent organization to donate</u> to for anyone who cares about the wellbeing of pets and the bond they have with their families.

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