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Kids on the court

Competitive genes run in the family for local coaches

Derby daze

Springfield residents enjoy the annual Run for the Roses

Summer suds

Pale ale or light lager; try a seasonal brew

The Iron Horse Hotel

Less than a year old and the Iron Horse Hotel in Milwaukee is getting rave reviews from travel magazines as well as motorcycle magazines. This luxury boutique hotel can handle everything from a weekend romantic getaway to pampering a business traveler who has a week's worth of grinding business in the city.

Milwaukee is the mecca of motorcycle enthusiasts, so it's only natural that the hotel should decide to fill that niche. And it's not easy to find hotels with amenities for motorcyclists and five-star dining and ambiance.

The hotel has secure, covered motorcycle parking, rag bins, an on-site bike wash, packed saddle bag lunches, road trip maps and special in-room storage areas for boots, riding leathers and helmets.

The hotel, a transformed 100-year-old industrial warehouse, is located just across the river from the new Harley-Davidson Museum, which is projected to draw between 350,000 and 500,000 visitors a year.

Iron Horse offers a number of guest packages, but by far the most innovative is the "Big Dog" package.

This offers premium accommodations for man's best friend. Of the 62 million dog owners in the United States, a survey conducted by BringYourPet.com indicates 30 million travel with their pets. Of those travelers, 47 percent said their dog weighs more than 40 pounds. Many hotel chains limit four-legged guests to 30 pounds and under.

The "Big Dog" package includes:

- custom deluxe guest room
- oversize in-room pet pillows



- food and water bowls
 - check-in doggie bag that includes "H2O to Go" bottle and doggie toys
 - dog bakery snacks
 - "Big Dog" room service menu
 - Temporary "dog tags" with hotel contact information
 - dog walking maps, a list of dog-friendly parks and outdoor dining options
 - pre-arranged dog sitting services, shampoo/grooming and canine massage available for an additional charge.
- Human amenities include: complimentary wireless Internet, complete connectivity panels with iPod docking stations, 42" LG LCD flat-screen television, luxury linens, fitness center and spa treatment rooms, and 24-hour room service.

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