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Meet Teak

Bernese mountain dogs traditionally thrive in cold weather, but this California pup is a beach bum through and through

BEGGING FOR THE BEACH The first time Alex and Jessica Phillips took Teak to the beach, “he took off as soon as his paws hit the sand, rolling and digging like a maniac,” Jessica says. Once he smells the ocean or sees the sand—which happens frequently at their Manhattan Beach home—the 1-year-old puppy relentlessly pulls his owners toward the shore. “Bernese are relaxed dogs in general,” Jessica says, “but he doesn’t calm down until he gets to the beach.”

DOG’S WORLD Teak, who is named for his woody coloring, tags along with Jessica and Alex on all of their California travels, from touring Griffith Observatory and Napa Valley wineries

to walking along the Palos Verdes sea cliffs and SoCal’s many dog-friendly beaches. His Manhattan Beach neighborhood rolls out the welcome mat, too: “Most of the stores and restaurants here put out water and treat bowls, and a lot of the houses do the same for the local dogs,” says Jessica.

BEACH BROS Inspired by Teak’s playful personality, the Phillips’s neighbors adopted their own Bernese mountain dog, Mogli, who is Teak’s half-brother and lives right across the street. “Every day, Teak will run up to the porch at Mogli’s house to look for him,” Jessica says. “Once they see each other, their tails are wagging and they jump up and down—they’re two peas in a pod.”

FANCY FEAST

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Should We Go? Modern Ceramic Dog Bowl in White Marble, \$25; shouldwego.co



Treat Simple Coconut Shrimp Treats, \$8; barkshop.com



Waggo Dipped Color Ceramic Dog Treat Jar in Coral, \$38; waggo.com

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