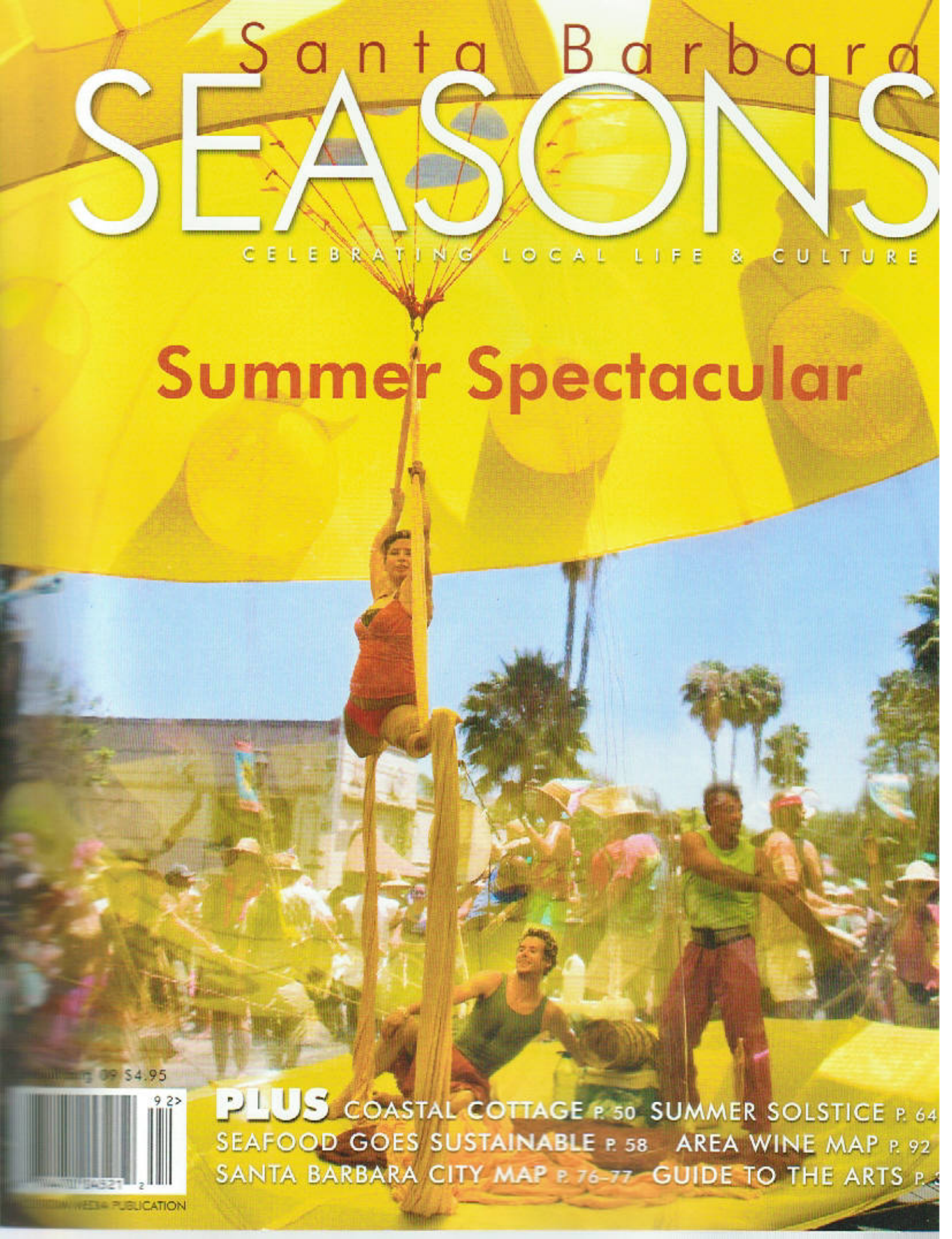


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## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The dog days of summer are upon us, heralding in some red-hot deals on cool canine classes and couture. A few of our favorites:

### Camp Canine Pet Resort & Spa

**What:** The Coffee Shop Dog™ training program, a brand-new fitness and training method for pampered pooches and the people who love them.

**Why:** "Our classes teach dogs to be calm, confident and comfortable in all situations, even sitting on the patio at the local coffee shop," says John Sorosky, owner of Camp Canine, which he affectionately refers to as "Adventureland for Dogs." Separate "Puppy Magic" classes give

brand-new four-legged youngsters a special spot to romp and run and start their critical early training and socialization.

**When:** Saturday mornings, call for dates and times.

**Where:** 803 E. Montecito St., Santa Barbara, 805/962-1013, [www.campcanineinc.com](http://www.campcanineinc.com).

### Dioji K-9 Resort & Athletic Club

**What:** Newly-installed Pregra Turf grass. Not the fake looking stuff of days gone

by, this tough turf is designed for excellent drainage (for you know what) and quickly absorbs and neutralizes odors. The luxurious lawn is also available for sale at this popular doggie daycare and boarding facility, so your furry friend can frolic at home too.

**Why:** "The dogs absolutely love playing on the turf and we love it because there's less stress on their pads and joints," says Jeannie Wendel, co-owner of Dioji. A side benefit: no more muddy little paw prints on your clothes or car seats.

**When:** Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m.

**Where:** 7340 Hollister Ave., Goleta, 805/685-6068, [www.dioji.com](http://www.dioji.com).

### The Little Dog House Pet Grooming & Self-Serve Dog Wash

**What:** A series of six classes that demonstrate how to properly brush your dog. "There's more to it than you think," says owner Annabelle Hofmann, who points out that hidden tangles and mats in a dog's fur can cause discomfort and pain. Even if you're a beauty school dropout, you'll learn a thing or two about dog grooming so that every day becomes a good fur day.

**Why:** DIY classes allow your pup to go from bow to wow, without forking over big bucks for a professional groomer (a plus for cash-strapped families struggling in this roller-coaster economy). Nominal fee includes brush and comb for use at home.

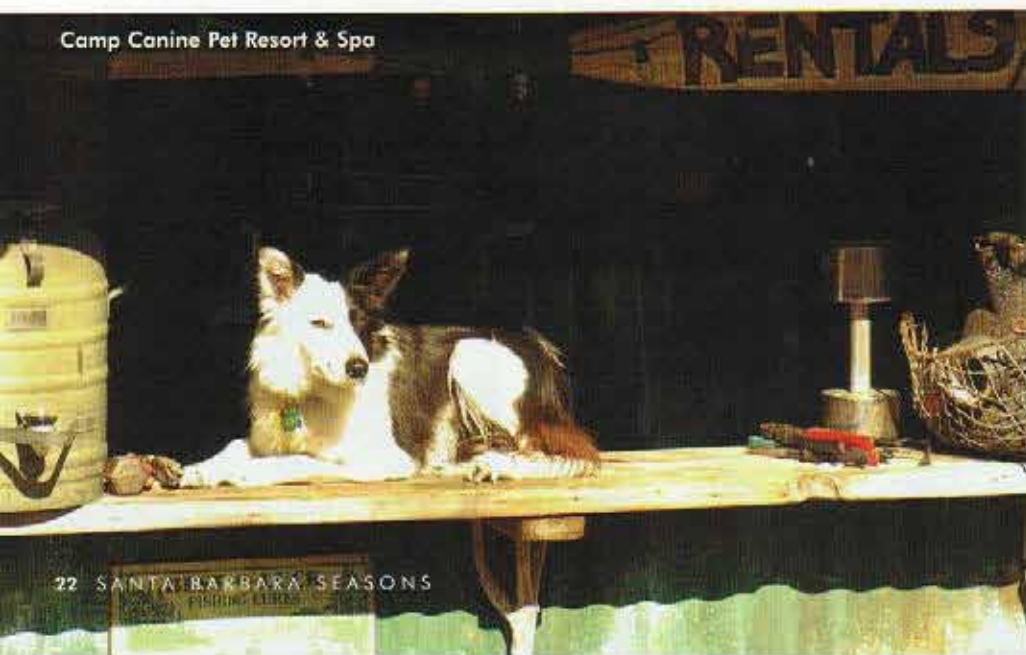
**When:** Dates to be arranged.

**Where:** 5758 Hollister Ave., Goleta, 805/964-2446.

### Loose Pooch Social Club and Boutique

**What:** Puppia® dog harnesses, which are made from soft air-mesh material and provide style and comfort for pint-sized pups during those long walks at the

Camp Canine Pet Resort & Spa





beach or dog park. Harnesses come in a variety of easy-breezy styles, colors and sizes, including Hawaiian prints for summertime.

**Why:** "They're made out of a lightweight material, so your dog stays cooler in the summer," says Shannon Rodgers, Loose Pooch's owner. "Plus, harnesses reduce strain and provide neck support, which is especially beneficial for small dogs who have delicate tracheas."

**When:** Monday–Friday, 7:45 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Saturday, 8:45 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Where:** 1925 State St., Santa Barbara, 805/569-5201, [www.loosepooch.com](http://www.loosepooch.com).

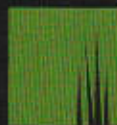
—Karen Lee Stevens

### Take a dog-friendly walk!

We know according to your best friend, every day is a good day to get outside, and dog-friendly parks and beaches keep you on the right side of the law while enjoying your excursion. Our favorites include **Tabano Hollow** in Goleta, **Elings Park** off of Las Positas Rd., **Douglas Family Preserve** on the Mesa, **Arroyo Burro (Hendry's) Beach** and **Toro Canyon Park Meadow** in Montecito. For a complete list of dog-friendly parks, beaches and hotels in Santa Barbara, visit [www.dogpacsb.org](http://www.dogpacsb.org).



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