



## Dog Pampering to the Extreme

August Is National Dog Month and Some Pups Are Living the Luxe



August is National Dog Month, a time to celebrate our four-legged best friends and the joy they bring to our lives. For some pet parents, “celebration” means going far beyond belly rubs and extra treats — venturing into the realm of extreme dog pampering.

Think gourmet, chef-prepared dog meals made with organic, human-grade ingredients. Or designer wardrobes complete with raincoats, sweaters, and even custom-fitted Halloween costumes. There are pup spas offering pawdicures, fur conditioning treatments, and aromatherapy massages. For the truly spoiled canine, luxury hotels offer doggie room service, personalized turndown service, and in-room webcams so owners can check in on their furry VIP friends.

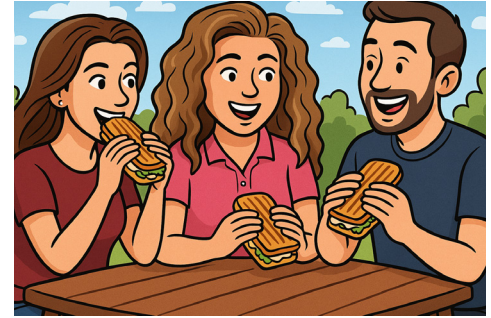
Here are a few locations to spoil your pooch:

- Classic & Classy Dog Spa
- Dogtopia
- Rocket Dog Care
- Downtown Dog Lounge

Whether you’re booking a beachside retreat for your pooch or simply giving them extra snuggles, National Dog Month is the perfect excuse to make your dog feel like the superstar they already think they are.

## Storm the Court with Your Favorite Panini!

Seattle Storm’s Electrifying Season Gets Better with a Chance to Win September Game Tickets!



Seattle’s heating up, and we’re not just talking about the weather. The Seattle Storm are having a standout WNBA season, lighting up the court with fierce defense, record-breaking three-point shooting, and major star power from Skylar Diggins, Nneka Ogumike, and Gabby Williams. With a 16-17 record and climbing, they’re making waves in the Western Conference and fans are feeling the momentum as September playoffs approach.

Now, we’re calling on you, Storm Nation, to bring the heat in a different way! Introducing the “**Storm the Panini**” Contest!

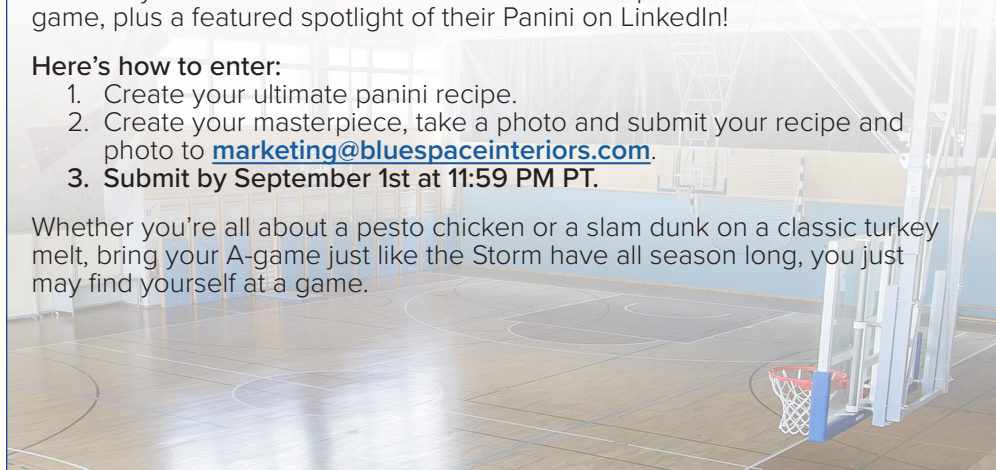
We’re on the hunt for the most delicious, creative panini recipe in Seattle. Sweet, savory, spicy — whatever your flavor, if it brings the fire like the Storm do on game day, we want to know about it!

One lucky winner will receive two tickets to the September 9th Storm home game, plus a featured spotlight of their Panini on LinkedIn!

Here’s how to enter:

1. Create your ultimate panini recipe.
2. Create your masterpiece, take a photo and submit your recipe and photo to [marketing@bluespaceinteriors.com](mailto:marketing@bluespaceinteriors.com).
3. Submit by September 1st at 11:59 PM PT.

Whether you’re all about a pesto chicken or a slam dunk on a classic turkey melt, bring your A-game just like the Storm have all season long, you just may find yourself at a game.



## Upcoming Events for August

**August 15 - 16**  
**Architectural tours**  
Downtown, Capital Hill  
Seattle, WA

**August 17**  
**Storm vs. Phx Mercury**  
Climate Pledge Arena  
Seattle, WA

**August 17**  
**All Ford Car Show**  
ShoWare Center  
Kent, WA

**August 22**  
**Blues Traveler & Gin Blossoms**  
Chateau Ste. Michelle  
Woodinville, WA

**August 22**  
**Redmond Wine Walk**  
Redmond Town Center  
Redmond, WA

**August 22 - 23**  
**Steve Martin & Martin Short**  
Paramount Theatre  
Seattle, WA

**August 24 - 25**  
**Wilco**  
Woodland Park  
Seattle, WA

**August 25 - 26**  
**Mariners vs. SD Padres**  
T-Mobile Park  
Seattle, WA

**Note: Check Event locations for current information.**



All Ford Car Show  
August 17



Redmond Wine Walk





## Crayon Collecting: Extending Kids' Colorful Creativity



August is Crayon Collection Month — a time to honor creativity, sustainability, and the unexpected impact of a small but mighty wax stick. Every year, millions of crayons are tossed into landfills, even though most have plenty of color left to give. The Crayon Collection nonprofit steps in to change that story, rescuing gently used crayons from restaurants, schools, and homes. These rescued crayons are then cleaned, sorted, and delivered to underserved classrooms, where they become tools for self-expression, learning, and joy. By giving crayons a second life, this initiative not only keeps waste out of landfills but also sparks countless moments of imagination for children who might otherwise go without. It's proof that even the simplest objects can inspire change — and that every crayon still has a masterpiece inside waiting to be drawn. Want to know more? Visit: [Crayon Collection](https://www.crayoncollection.org/).

But crayons aren't just for kids. Across the country, passionate collectors have turned these colorful tools into serious treasures. Take Richard Gwyn of Kerr County, Texas, for example: his home houses over 49,000 crayons, including ultra-rare finds like the elusive "Torch Red," a discontinued color from a 1998 Crayola campaign. Gwyn's collection spans over 800 Crayola boxes and tins, some dating back to 1917, and even includes themed sets from Star Wars and Target exclusives. Crayons have become both nostalgic and collectible curiosities.

## Culture Cafe

