

Second Loves

Doris Day's Cypress Inn reflects the stars class and affection for animals.

Sandy Robins

Day Nowadays Tracing the history of the Cypress Inn, Wiese says Carmel has been an extremely pet-friendly town since the turn of the last century. Day was a regular visitor during her movie-star days and used to enjoy walking her menagerie on the town's wonderful beaches long before she came to reside in the area. For more information visit the Cypress Inn website. For additional information about the Doris Day Animal League and Day's tireless campaigning, visit the Doris Day Animal League website and Doris Day Animal Foundation. From the piped music of her famous songs in all the guest areas, to posters from some of her greatest films in which she starred alongside famous names like Rock Hudson and Cary Grant, Day's presence is everywhere in the Cypress Inn. Currently, she lives five minutes away in Carmel Valley. The staff says she still visits, mostly incognito, and is no doubt thrilled to see cats and dogs enjoying family vacations. However, her visits are infrequent.

Her pets are elderly and need her constant attention, explains Wiese. Also she's very involved with the Doris Day Animal Foundation and its lobbying wing the Doris Day Animal League. For years, Day has campaigned tirelessly to get bills through Congress that reduce pain and suffering for all kinds of animals. Some of the laws passed thanks to her legislative initiatives, including the Dog and Cat Protection Act of 2000, banning the importation of products made with cat or dog fur and the manufacturing of dog and cat fur products in the United States. The Exotic Pet Protection Act that President George W. Bush signed into law in 2004 bans interstate commerce of large wild cats, such as lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, cougars and jaguars. It's a labor of love, Day says. As far as I am concerned, animals are the loveliest things on earth.

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