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BARK YOUR CALENDAR: THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL ANNOUNCES 2020 YAPPY HOUR DATES

*Southern California locals and visitors alike are invited to an oceanfront canine and companion paw-ty
in benefit of Canine Companions for Independence*



(Yappy Hour at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel; photo credit: Pacific Dream Photography)

DANA POINT, Calif. – February 27, 2020 – [The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#)'s beloved and popular [Yappy Hour](#) series returns from May to December 2020. Kicking off on **Thursday, May 21st**, the pet-friendly resort welcome canines and their companions for outdoor barbecue, refreshing libations, and treats overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Pups can enjoy chicken, beef, bacon, or vegan flavored water and housemade peanut butter biscuits, while human companions sip on glasses of Mutt Lynch wine, Tito's cocktails, and beer. Grilled burgers and hot dogs are also available for purchase. Every event proudly supports [The Veterans Initiative of Canine Companions for Independence](#), a non-profit committed to connecting highly trained and loving assistance dogs with disabled veterans. Since establishing the partnership with Canine Companions for Independence in 2013, the resort has raised over \$1.5 million dollars for the charity.

Yappy Hour 2020 Dates

The third Thursday of every month until October.

- Thursday, May 21, 2020 | 5 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 5 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16, 2020 | 5 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, August 20, 2020 | 5 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, September 17, 2020 | 5 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29, 2020 – Yappy Howl-O-Ween | 4 to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, December 13, 2020 – Yappy Howl-idays | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Thursday, October 29th, Yappy Howl-O-Ween features a costume contest and Yappy Howl-idays on Sunday, December 13th welcomes back Santa Paws for the perfect photo opportunity.

Yappy Hour is located on the Dana Lawn and complimentary to attend, with the exception of food and beverage and select retail items available for purchase. For additional details about Yappy Hour, please visit www.ritzcarlton.com/lagunayappyhour.

Canine Companions for Independence has been serving the community of veterans and people with physical disabilities for over 40 years. The Veterans Initiative strives to connect the growing number of wounded veterans with an assistance dog to provide the help they need to regain independence. Beyond the physical assistance a canine partner provides, the love, loyalty, and positivity make a lasting impact on someone struggling to handle difficult emotions that are hard to communicate. To date, The Veterans Initiative has helped serve over 300 veterans and helps veterans with PTSD.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

[The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel](#) opened in August 1984 as the first Ritz-Carlton resort atop a 150-foot seaside bluff with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and direct access to more than three miles of sandy beach. Presented against an extraordinary backdrop, the re-imagined surfside retreat redefines the guest experience by creating distinctive and unforgettable moments that embrace its oceanfront setting – from sea-inspired spa treatments and locally sourced restaurant menus to ocean view accommodations, family-friendly eco-adventure excursions, and unique surfboard displays. The seaside property offers 396 guestrooms and suites with personal patios or balconies, along with six distinctive dining outlets, an intimate Ritz-Carlton Spa, a dedicated Eco-Adventure Center, and unrivaled activities that embrace the surroundings. The iconic resort emphasizes unparalleled Ritz-Carlton service while delivering a genuine experience with a playful approach to luxury. Follow The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [Facebook](#).

About Canine Companions for Independence

Headquartered in Santa Rosa, California, Canine Companions for Independence is the largest non-profit provider of assistance dogs and is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs and the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people. Canine Companions has been enhancing the lives of people with disabilities with its four types of assistance dogs that master more than 40 specialized commands: service dogs, skilled companions, hearing dogs and facility dogs.