# Pets are Profitable Craig Smith and Kelly Earnest, The Peabody Memphis

Emotional Buying... "I just can't live without it"

### Emotional decision making....

Emotional decision making is the process of making a decision without an objective rationale or reason.

One way of thinking holds that the mental process of decisionmaking is (or should be) <u>rational</u>: a formal process based on optimizing <u>utility</u>.

Rational thinking and decision-making does not leave much room for <u>emotions</u>. In fact, emotions are often considered irrational occurrences that may distort reasoning.

Really just boils down to a bunch of 4 letter words... Love.... Hate.... Hapy... Sadd...

### Without reason or rationale...

One of the most powerful motivators in the history of purchase.... Emotions...

While it's a non-tangible state.... Emotional buying can be and is generally more powerful than anything you can exploit or compete against

> "Don't bore me with the facts.....I'm in the middle of a critical decision"





### Brunches



#### Bottom line....

#### "You find a way to afford what you can't"

Pets are Profitable

### ~Teaching Old Hotels New Tricks~



What do cars, brunches, people and pets all have in common....

Its ALLLLL about...

The emotion.....

The unconditional love...

The helpless innocence....

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Specialty Dog stores... Don't do it... It's a trap

Tails By The Lake

3 Dog Bakery

Bark and Scratch Outpost

Metropawlis

2 Paws Up

# Local bank deposit...

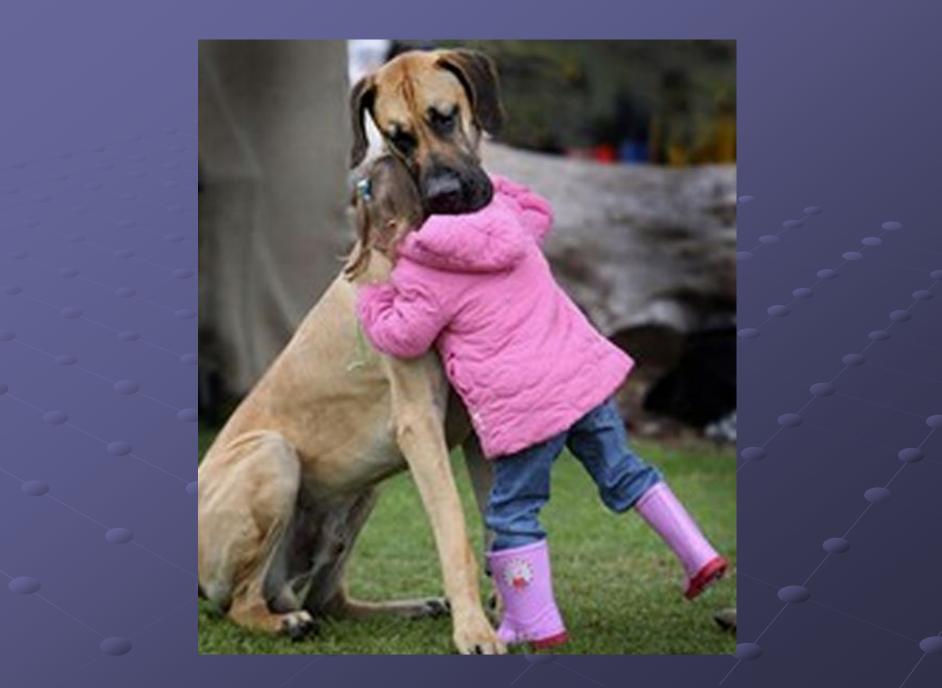


# Not a French Bakery...





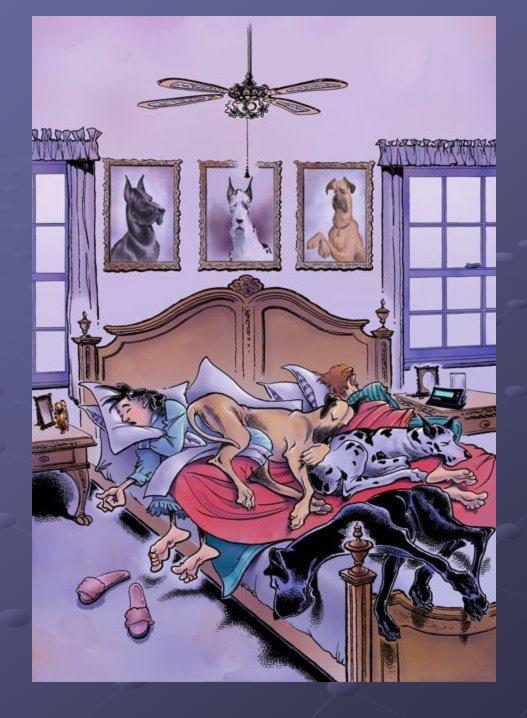




#### People are CRAAAA-ZEEEEE.....Cont.

"Animal lovers might be even pickier about travel accommodations for their pets than they are for themselves," said Michele Perry, director of communications for TripAdvisor. "B&Bs dominate our pet-friendly accommodations list because they do a great job catering to the most finicky pet owners."





### Pet Travel ~ Crazy Statistics

- 57% of American households = Pet owners
- 48 million households = dog owners
- 9 of 10 pet owners consider their Pet a member of the family
- 61% of Dog owners travel with their best friend
- 80% of Pet owners believe the most important part of traveling with your pet = safety
- 66% of pet owners choose to stay @ Pet friendly hotels (even when traveling pet-less)

# Hotel Canine Ambassadors

#### The Fairmont Copley Plaza

- "Catie Copley" Canine Ambassador
- Greets hotel guests, accompanies guests on walks/runs throughout the city, visits during meeting breaks
- Kimpton Hotels
  10 Directors of Pet Relations
  Host "Yappy Hour"
  No restrictions, no fee

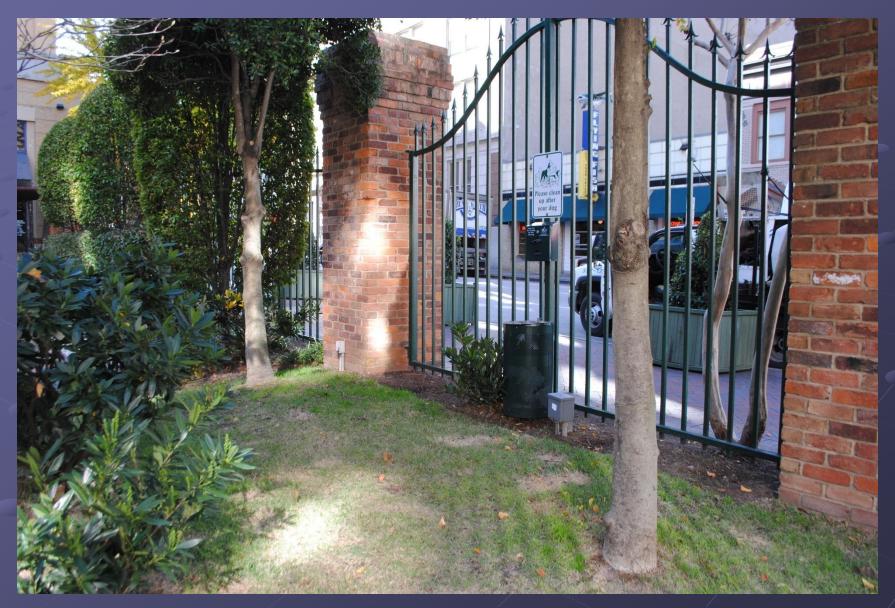


### **The Peabody Memphis**

#### The Program

- Advanced reservations required
- \$75 per night additional
- Pets up to 75lbs
- Inclusive logo'd Pet Amenities
  - Water bowl
  - Waste bags
  - Welcome dog biscuit
  - Walking map
  - Pet hospital info
- Dog walking services available
- Lower floors end of hall specific rooms
- Specific rooms/location due to noise potential, allergies, fleas, sanitation
- Logo'd items in gift shop
- Pets not allowed in F&B areas... includes the lobby area (unless a service animal)
- Guests responsible for clean up and or any damages related to their pet stay
- Pet must have all vaccinations up to date with a copy of current records
- Created a grassy area adjacent to motor entrance









### The Peabody Memphis

Annual results....
Over 3 years as a Pet Friendly hotel

500-600 rooms per year

■ ADR for PP = \$290

Pet owners will want to upgrade

Average \$200,000 in annual revenue

## <u>A few Pet Travel Websites</u>

Pet Friendly Searches in Popular OTAs Expedia Trip Advisor

Websites Specifically for Pet Friendly Hotels (some charge fee): <u>GoPetFriendly.com</u> <u>TakeYourPet.com</u> <u>PetsWelcome.com</u> <u>FidoFriendly.com</u> <u>OfficialPetHotels.com</u> <u>PetsCanStay.com</u>

