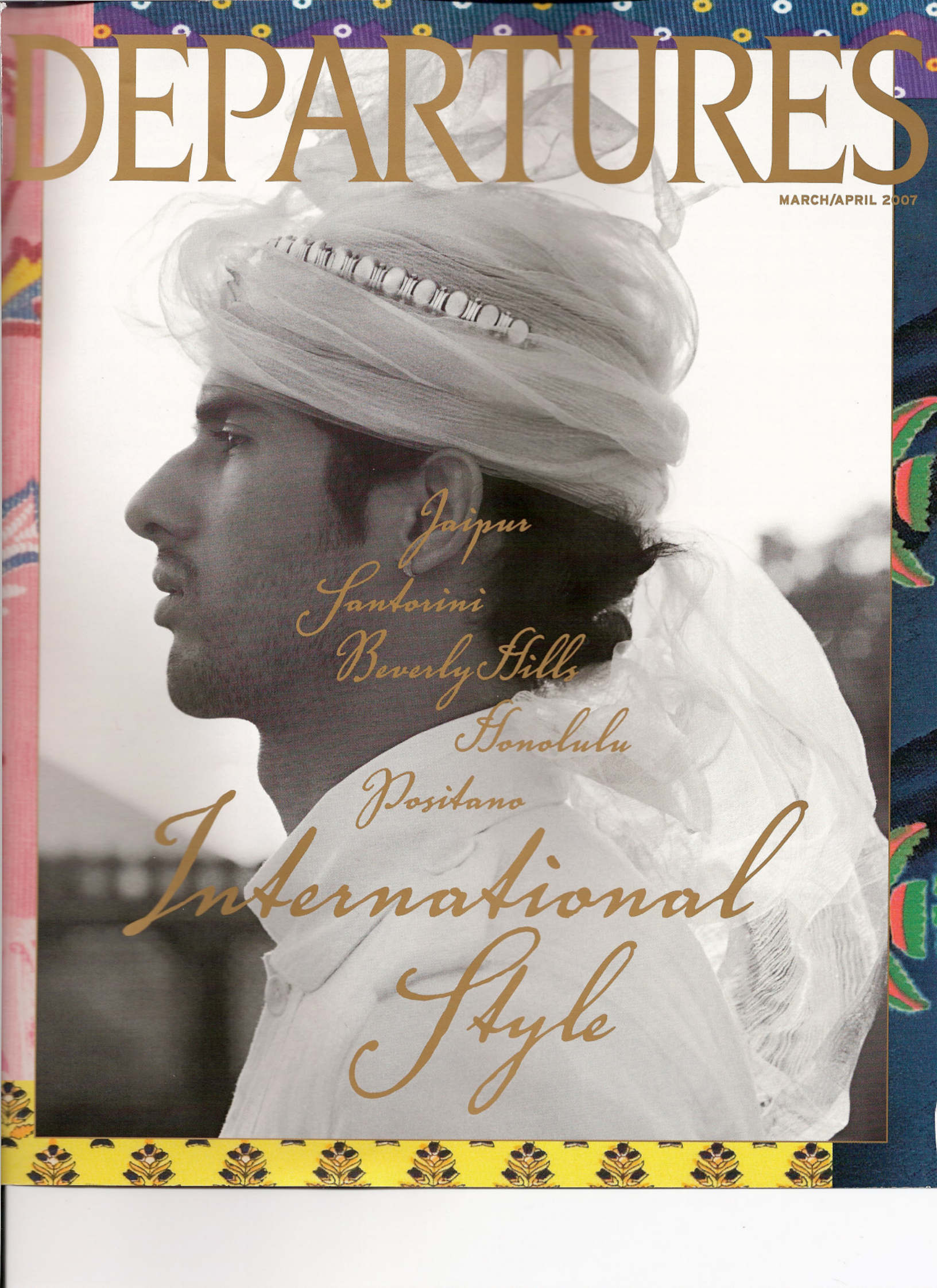


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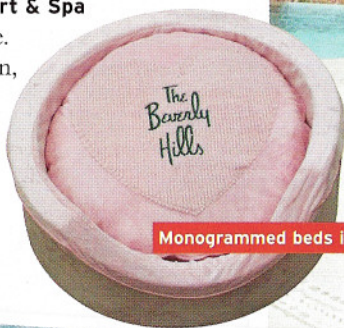


The pet set has never had it so good. The first sign that our Maltipoos had become preferred customers came in the form of room-service menus tailored to four-legged guests: The **Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa** in Phoenix (800-950-0086; arizonabiltmore.com), for example, offers beef, seared salmon, and Zen Yo, a stir-fry created to help pets adjust to jet lag and altitude changes. The **Cavalieri Hilton** in Rome (39-06/35091; cavalieri-hilton.it) serves not just a *primo piatto* of pasta (\$20) but a second course as well (\$18–\$23), and masters staying at **The James** in Chicago (877-526-3755; jameshotels.com) can literally throw their dog a bone—from David Burke's Primehouse (but the real treat is the carob truffle at turndown).

Meanwhile, at the **Beverly Hills Hotel and Bungalows** (310-276-2251; thebeverlyhills.com), canine and feline clients, who are greeted by name whenever they pass through the lobby, receive

THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL AND BUNGALOWS bowls in the hotel's signature pink as well as washable doggy beds featuring the hotel's monogram and bone-shaped cookies with their names written in frosting. On the other coast, New York's **Hotel Gansevoort** (877-426-7386; hotelgansevoort.com) embroiders the pet's name on a sheet that slips over a fluffy dog bed and presents four-legged guests with gift baskets.

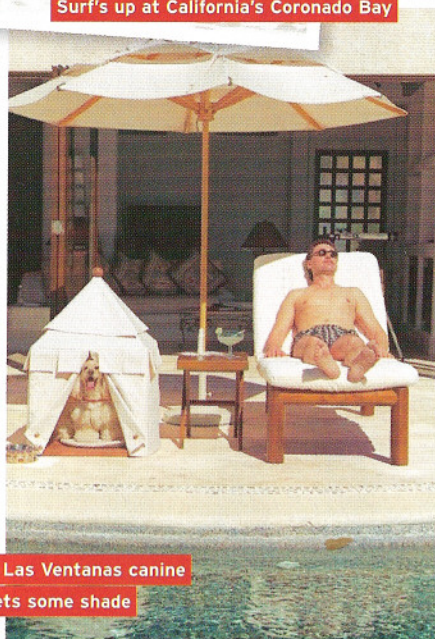
For the pup worried about wrinkles from sun damage—we're looking at you, sharpei—check out the doggy cabanas at **Las Ventanas al Paraíso** in Los Cabos, Mexico (52-624/144-2800; lasventanas.com). More active hounds should head to the **Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa** (866-563-9792; loewshotels.com); the dog



Monogrammed beds in Beverly Hills



Surf's up at California's Coronado Bay



A Las Ventanas canine gets some shade

Spa treatments at Las Ventanas in Mexico



surfing lessons here (\$300 for a one-night package) compete with a program at Honolulu's **Kahala Hotel & Resort** (800-367-2525; kahalaresort.com) that teaches dogs to obey commands in Hawaiian for the Most Amusing Pet-Service Award. A close runner-up: the Sarasota, Florida, **Ritz-Carlton** (800-241-3333; ritz

carlton.com), which rejuvenates pets with four types of massages (\$130 for one hour), including Swedish and sports therapy. Las Ventanas has also added massage to its list of almost unbelievable pet services.

Even if you opt not to bring your pup on vacation but find yourself missing his company once you arrive, don't fret—an increasing number of hotels are keeping pets on staff. At **Parrot Cay** in Turks and Caicos (649-946-7788; parrotcay.com.bz), for instance, you can borrow Bacio, a golden retriever, for a stroll on the beach. Over at **Cayo Espanto** in Belize (888-666-4282; aprivateisland.com), a friendly yellow Labrador named Salty is more than happy to nap alongside guests on their private docks. Both parties agree: It's a soothing way to pass the hours. —KELLY E. CARTER