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# Driving, Hotel, Emergency Vet

Events at the Smart Dog Training Center

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## Airports

**William P. Hobby (HOU)**, South of Houston  
**George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)**, North of Houston

## Driving Directions

**Smart Dog Training Center**  
**910 Curtin Street, Houston, TX 77018**  
[Google Map](#)

Smart Dog is near the center of Houston, off Loop 610 which is a major freeway loop around the entire city. 610 will connect you to the main freeways to go north, south, east and west. Curtin Street can be hard to see from Shepherd Drive. A major stop-lighted intersection is W 43rd St / W Crosstimbers and there is a large Sears nearby that intersection. Curtin Street and Thornton Road is by the Gulf gas station, which is the easiest business to spot clearly. Please see the last page of this letter for a bird's eye view of the landmarks and side roads. The building is a large tan metal building that is gated along the front. The training center does not have a sign out front, so don't bother looking, but I will have a K9 Nose Work sign out for you to make it easy to find.

**Note:** We have a few toll roads in Houston, and some of them only allow payment with an EZTag so you'll get a ticket if you don't have a tag. You can get to the site *without* the toll roads.

- **Sam Houston Tollway (Beltway 8).** There are cash lanes so this is a viable option if you need or want a toll road option. If you come from either airport, take this toll road!
- **These have EZTag only or portions that are EZTag only so stay away!** Hardy Toll Road, Fort Bend Toll Road, Grand Parkway (99), Westpark Tollroad, and Katy Tollroad (this is a managed center lane on Interstate 1-10. I-10 is *not* a toll road).

## Hotels

Houston is a huge city! We have LaQuinta hotels, which are 99% dog friendly, on all the major freeways from all directions of travel. There are many to choose from that are within 30 miles of the site. I strongly suggest you go to their site [www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com) to find one along your route that is most convenient. The trial site is quite urban in the city and the prices and neighborhoods tend to get a little better when you drive just 15-20 minutes away. There is one LaQuinta 3 miles from the test site that we recommend during dog events but the availability can be tricky at times:

**La Quinta Inn - Houston Northwest**  
**11130 Northwest Fwy (290), Houston, TX 77092**  
**713-680-8282**

## Emergency Veterinary Care

VERGI Emergency Clinic (713-932-9589 )  
8921 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77024  
<http://www.vergi247.com/>



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**Not to Scale!**

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Test Site

GULF

N SHEPHERD DRIVE

CURTIN STREET

W 43rd St. / W Crosstimber (stoplight)

SEARS

N DURHAM DRIVE

N SHEPHERD DRIVE

To 290W, To I-10W

I-610 (N LOOP W FWY)

To 45, To 59/69