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The Best New Bars in Dallas 2013

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It's hard to believe 2013 is nearly over. (Although, when we consider all the new bars we visited, it could explain the time lapse.) It was hard to narrow our most beloved new establishments down to just 10, but we think we've done it. Cheers to our favorite new watering holes of the year.



Mutts Canine Cantina (photography by Raya Ramsey)

MUTTS CANINE CANTINA

Neighborhood: Uptown

Opened in: June

Why it makes the list: Finally, a bar where your dog doesn't have to stay awkwardly tucked under your chair on a patio. Here, instead, it's a dog's world, and pups can hang by the bright yellow picnic tables with their human companions or roam free in two fenced-in grassy arenas: one for small pups, one for larger breeds. During our first visit, we found the sweet spot. While hanging at a table, munching off the menu (lots of adorably-named hot dogs available) is nice, the real treat is grabbing a chair under the shade of a tree with your pooch at your feet and a Lonestar in hand. Or Brooklyn Summer Ale, or margarita, or mimosa, or whatever.

THE RUSTIC

Neighborhood: Uptown

Opened in: October

Why it makes the list: The masses turned out like cattle for the opening night of this new Uptown restaurant and music venue. After all, Pat Green, one of the restaurant's partners, was playing. But also because co-owners Kyle Noonan and Joshua Sepkowitz seem to know what Texas bar-goers want. (They're also behind Mutts Canine Cantina and Bowl & Barrel.) Despite the excessive Lone Star State vibe (Texas-themed art and horse saddles in bathrooms) The Rustic attracts an eclectic mix. We've spotted everyone from bikers in leather to SMU grads in Sperrys and polos. When we can snag a spot in "Pat's Backyard," the outdoor concert area, that's where we're the

happiest. Just us and a few Texas beers (the menu boasts at least 40 local brews on tap) or a an Indian Paintbrush cocktail with Texas-made vodka, lemon, and boysenberry.



The Rustic (photography by Louie Solomon)

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