

Charlotte Hot Dog Tour
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"Street Dog"

The Chili Man is located on 4th and Tryon Tuesday to Friday from 11am to 2pm. This is a remarkable man who loves what he's doing and it shines through in his homemade chili, ketchup and spicy mustard. He is serving up both hot dogs and bratwurst.

"Lucky Dog"

Being in the South, everyone always thinks of chili, mustard, onions and slaw, but we also are known for adding pimento cheese. Pinky's Westside Grill does just that at 1600 West Morehead St. in Charlotte, NC or in Huntersville at their new location on Gilead Rd. Pinky's hot dogs also get bonus points for serving late night hours.

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"Yard Dog"

Hinson's Drive at 12420 E Independence Boulevard in Matthews. This is the quintessential hot dog joint. When I walk in the door, I ask him to start my hot dog on the flat top because I like it well done. I have only been when Phil is working and he makes every hot dog and sandwich with care. The interior is a dive bar, complete with a kitchen refrigerator. They also offer BBQ sandwich specials, burgers and Karaoke the first Friday every month. Heaven.

"Show Dog"

JJ's Red Hots must get a mention alone for their pickle bar: house made pickled jalapenos, carrots, red onions and pickles. My favorite hot dog is JJ's version of the Chicago Dog, it isn't traditional, but it is delicious. You can find them on East Blvd. or at their new spot on John J Delaney Dr. Or you can follow them their new food truck, Frank the Tank, on twitter @JJsRedHots.

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