

# Dog Training by PJ

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## Summer time Fun! Hiking, Camping or Training!

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Are you looking forward to some camping, kayaking, hiking with your canine companion? A few things you may wish to consider before heading out for that trip.

It is important that you pack plenty of water for everyone. Remember your dog cannot perspire like us humans. If your dog will wear a Cooler Bandana it could help keep them more comfortable. Longer hikes may require you to carry food or a snack for your friend.

If you are in rough terrain, consider investing in those great pack dog boots or each day check your dog's pads before you head out on the trail. If you are bringing your smaller dog, yes, they can hike too (my Chihuahuas hike and kayak) consider a pack to allow them to rest. Bigger dogs can generally stay with you and often times hike more distance than we do, since they run up and back.

Planning on being near water or doing some calm water kayaking, be sure to have a life vest for your dog too. These vests come in various sizes and styles to fit that harder to fit dog. Bring a towel or two (one for you and at least one for your friend) - you never know if they encounter some foul smelling "something" that your dog thinks is the best perfume available and rolls in it. Naturally, bring a first aid kit and "poop bags" for easy clean up. Don't ever leave feces on or near a trail...be a responsible dog owner. Be aware of ticks and fleas and take precautionary measures to ensure your dog's safe hiking trip.

Remember nights can be chilly, when you camp, so bring a pad or bed for your best friend. A crate may be necessary when camping to allow your dog some "down time." There are great collapsible crates available. Consider other accommodations to help make your trip *what you want it to be and enjoyable for both of you.*

If your dog has been a sofa-spud all winter long, they also need to be conditioned before taking off on the trail. The age and health of your dog should be

considered too. Older, winter-sofa-spud dogs may need to have a vet health check before heading out for the hiking or camping trip.

If you are camping, hiking or other fun activity with your dog, consider the other campers or hikers...just because you love your dog, doesn't make others *love your dog too*. You say you have a barker - they may need to be left at home with a pet sitter or at the doggy resort (kennel.)

If you wish you could bring your canine companion, but don't think your dog will behave on the trail or camping trip...here is the best part...join the new classes offered at Dog Training by PJ.

### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLASS:**

- Dogs must be at least 6 months of age.
- Class size is limited to 6 dogs and must have graduated as a LEVEL II dog.
- 6 class sessions, each session is 1 hour in length.
- Dogs practice and proof every session in the "outdoor adventure" at various locations (TBA at first class)
- Class takes the walking on leash, heel, proof stays, come, focus and more into trails, lakes, parks, and other outdoor situations.
- Dogs are exposed to increasingly difficult situations while teaching reliability and focus.

### **REAL WORLD CLASS:**

- Dogs must be at least 6 months of age.
- Class size is limited to 6 dogs and must have graduated a LEVEL II dog.
- 6 class sessions, each session is 1 hour in length.
- Dogs practice and proof every session in the "real world" at various locations (TBA at first class)
- Class takes the walking on leash, heel, proof stays, come, focus and more into real life situations.
- Dogs are exposed to increasingly difficult situations while teaching reliability and focus.

**Outdoor Adventure & Real World class pre-requisites:** Proof of current vaccinations series. Dogs and puppies must be in good health. Dogs must be 2nd level dogs; **NO dog-dog or dog-human aggressive dogs.** Should your dog be

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aggressive and you wish to help him with this behavior problem, please call us at 775-828-0748. We can schedule a private session to perfect your recall.

## Class requirements:

Several kinds of special soft treats in "fanny pack" or treat bag	Flat Collar or Harness; head halters are encouraged
Toy for play and reinforcements (please no balls, they roll away from dog.)	4' or 6' Leash - DTBPJ recommends "Rogz for Dogz - Multi Purpose Lead" or "Halti Training Lead" (two snaps or clips on both ends of leash)
15 to 30 foot long line	Flat comfortable shoes for owners
No retractable leashes, chain collars or chain leashes - please	<b>MUST BRING "POOH" BAG &amp; WATER FOR BOTH HUMAN &amp; DOG</b>



**Happy trails to you and your dog; keep it safe and enjoy!**

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