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Man's best friend your dog , and you, can go camping and have lots of fun. Look at it as a walk that doesn't end, during which he gets to spend all his time with you. For us campers, it can give us another means of security and another way of bonding.

For those of you who are wanting to get involved in this great adventure with their pet, there are some things you need to do to make this as fun as possible for both of you.

First time camping pooches should be shown the wonders of nature slowly. City or urban dogs need to be brought along slow because of their tender pads on their paws, and they need to get used to all open spaces and wonders of nature. Start with taking them on a some day trips to state, county and conservation Parks

The wide open spaces will help your dog get used to unpopulated areas. He will also find new odours and sights in this stress free environment. Going on nature and hiking trails will also help your dog gain muscle strength and fitness before you go camping.

As we enjoy the companionship of our dogs, they become a member of our families. Going with us on family outings, walks, trips around town, just about everywhere we go they tag along with us. Thats fine because we care about them so much. Its not always the same with camp owners who feel dogs are not man's best friend in their camping area. They have good reason to be. A lot of dog owners are not very good in keeping their pets leashed or cleaning up after them. They also don't abide by the camp rules the way they should, but many irresponsible dog owners feel the rules don't apply to them and their dogs. Of course because of these pet owners , we all suffer, thus there are now many campgrounds not allowing dogs. Check ahead to see if the campground you're going to allows dogs, and if so, are they allowed on the trails, or have special trails set aside for dogs. Also some campgrounds charge two dollars a night for dogs as well.

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As loving, caring, pet owners, we need to find a way to take care of our dogs while we go out on the trails with our other family members. We could take turns dog sitting with family, friends, other campers with dogs. One thing we need to do is make sure we are good responsible pet owners. Check ahead before you go camping with man's best friend.

Here are some pre-camping tips:

Try to take your dog for a pre-camping visit for possible needed shots, and a Rabies shot tag for his collar.

Look at a possible Lyme disease vaccine.

Take with you a current copy of his records and his vet's phone number.

Pick up a proper dog license & ID tags for your dog with their name, your name, ect.

Microchips, tattoos and pet registries can be used.

Bring medications and a copy of prescriptions.

Try to get a site with some shade for your dog.

Supervise your dog closely around children, other visitors and other dogs.

Keep your dog quiet. Frequent and continued barking disturbs the wildlife and other campers.

Let your dog have time to adjust to his new surroundings. Give him time to rest

Try to use ziplock bags to pick up after him and properly dispose of it in appropriate trash containers.

Keep an eye on how weather conditions effect your dog, heat, cold, rain etc.

Consider use of a crate for travel and short term restraint, while you are near. Your pet could be stolen if not watched carefully.

You should be aware that your dog will have increased exposure to ticks and fleas. Take the proper tick/flea collars, repellants or use Frontline applications. Other diseases can also be transmitted by wild animals and insects.

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Where To Purchase A Camping Air Mattress Of Superior Quality

By Jodie Philips

Today's camping enthusiast is discovering that the camping air mattress is a very popular and comfortable alternative to sleeping on the ground. As they now come in various shapes and sizes you are certain to find one that exactly suits your particular needs. Make sure a camping air mattress is among your supplies when you are preparing to head out on your next camping trip. You will find that sleeping on an air mattress instead of the hard ground will definitely make your camping experience much more enjoyable.

There are many different ways to find a suitable camping air mattress. The first and most obvious is by visiting your local camping or outdoors store. These stores usually carry a vast range of products including anything you could possibly need when camping or going outdoors. It is vitally important that you carefully look into all the various options before committing to your purchase and don't jump in and buy the first one you come across. Shopping around can certainly help you to get the best deal possible.

If a camping or outdoors store doesn't have anything suitable, a sporting goods store would be the next option for you to visit. Go to the camping section and talk to an experienced salesman. They will be able to fill you in regarding options and information regarding the camping air mattress. By doing so, the salesman can advise on which item would be most suitable to your requirements. This will then help narrow down your choice of camping air mattress.

So, when looking to make your camping experience more comfortable, a camping air mattress is definitely the way to go. Seek out your local camping or sporting goods stores to complete your purchase. Then while organizing your next camping trip think about how comfortable and relaxed you will feel sleeping under a starry sky on your camping air mattress instead of the hard ground.

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