



This year we are celebrating half a decade of Call of the Wild Dog Camps! Feedback from past campers has been hugely positive for the most part, and we have many return campers. But we have also learned about things that didn't go so well for some. If you aren't sure whether you and your dog would enjoy dog camp, we'd like to offer some questions that may help you to decide:

#### **Dogs**

- Does your dog enjoy meeting unfamiliar dogs?
- Has your dog played or hung out with a variety of other dogs in the past?
- Does your dog ignore or react positively to other dogs on leash?
- Does your dog relate well with other dogs at daycare or the dog park?
- Does your dog enjoy on-leash and off-leash activities?

If you can answer yes to all of these questions, your dog will almost certainly have a blast at dog camp! If your dog doesn't go to day care or dog parks, but is relaxed around unfamiliar dogs, dog camp is also likely to be a hit. However, some dogs get stressed from being in a large group of unfamiliar dogs and can react in unexpected ways. Please talk to us if you are in any doubt about whether dog camp is a good fit for your dog!

#### **People**

- Is your dog comfortable meeting new people?
- Is your dog relaxed in groups, and around unfamiliar people?

If you can answer yes to these questions, your dog should do fine at dog camp! Again, please talk to us before signing up if you have doubts!

*Please note: In the interest of all campers' safety and enjoyment, aggression towards people or other dogs, on-leash or off-leash, is not permitted. We reserve the right to require anyone whose dog is deemed dangerous or unsuitable for camp to leave. No refunds provided.*

## **Training equipment**

Buckle collars, martingale collars, harnesses with front or rear attachments, and 6-10' leashes are recommended means of control for dogs at camp. You may also find a long line or flexi-leash useful. Please talk to us if your dog is accustomed to using other equipment (head halter, prong collar, slip collar); this will not necessarily disqualify your dog from coming to camp, but we'd like to discuss it with you first, to avoid situations that might cause stress for you or other campers.

## **Food**

We strive to provide delicious meals and snacks that cater to a variety of dietary considerations (including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free). Mostly the feedback to our culinary efforts has been spectacular! But dietary choices are very much an individual thing, and we know we won't be able to please everyone. We still want to try, so please let us know how we might serve your dietary needs.

## **Accommodation**

By popular request, we make a limited number of camping sites available on-site. Most campers arrange their accommodation off-site, at the various dog-friendly motels in town. If you decide to camp, please be aware that what we provide is *very* basic: a camping spot by the river, a porta-potty and wash area. No showers. It's beautiful but you'll be roughing it!

## **Accessibility**

Trails and meadow ground is uneven in places, some hiking trails are rough, with sloping ground, fallen logs, and stepping stones across creeks. We try to make the camp accessible to people and dogs with a variety of fitness levels and physical abilities. Most of our hiking trails are narrow trails made by wildlife; none are wheelchair accessible. Please talk to us before signing up to be sure you and your dog will be able to take part in camp activities.

## **Call of the Wildlife**

Wildlife such as elk, deer, bear, and coyote live in the area, but we have never seen them during camp. Ground bees and yellow jackets are aggressive at this time of year, but we can't know all their nesting spots. Please come prepared if you have a known allergy to any stinging insects or plants.



*We hope you will be able to join us and have a blast! If dog camp isn't a good fit for your dog, you might like to check our website for information about our private Vacation Training Retreats!*