

Camping With Dogs Checklist (Free Printable)

One page. Food, water, sleep, paw care, recall gear — checked before you leave the driveway.

DOCUMENTS & CAMPGROUND RULES

- ☐ Dog-friendly campsite reservation confirmed (leash, beach & trail rules checked)
- ☐ Vaccine + rabies records saved offline on your phone
- ☐ Emergency vet, ranger station & campground office numbers saved
- ☐ Current ID tag on collar + microchip info up to date

FOOD & WATER

- ☐ One full extra day of kibble beyond the trip length
- ☐ Backup gallon of clean water just for the dog
- ☐ Collapsible bowls — food, water, plus a spare
- ☐ High-value training treats in a pocket-accessible pouch

SHELTER & SLEEP

- ☐ Dog bed, pad, or thick blanket (tent floors steal heat fast)
- ☐ Crate or travel pen (if your dog uses one at home)
- ☐ Summer shade: tarp, shade cloth, or cooling mat
- ☐ Extra towel per dog, per day of the trip

HEALTH & GROOMING

- ☐ Flea + tick prevention applied before departure
- ☐ Nail trim and burr brush-out the night before
- ☐ Paw check: cracked pads, cuts, hot spots (& wax or boots)
- ☐ No-rinse shampoo or paw cleaner for muddy-dog containment
- ☐ Dog first aid: tick remover, bandages, antiseptic, vet wrap

TRAINING & RECALL

- ☐ Long lead (20–30 ft) for trail and campground walks
- ☐ Training collar charged & tested at home (off-leash trips)
- ☐ Whistle or voice cue — practiced in the yard, not at the trailhead

CLEANUP & COMFORT

- ☐ Poop bags — twice as many as you think you need
- ☐ Two towels: one for paws, one for the body
- ☐ A toy or chew that survives the outdoors
- ☐ Headlamp for late-night bathroom walks and leash tangles

PRO TIP: Dogs lose heat through the tent floor faster than people do — if you are debating the extra blanket, bring it. And one towel is never enough for a muddy dog: the first one becomes the doormat.

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Print one per trip. Happy camping!

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