



Camping with your Golden

It's time for vacation. When those exotic tropical destinations draw you to them with their warm weather and charm—naturally you bring your golden to The Resort at Crystal Glen to sample our amenities. But this time you have decided to go camping and you want to share the outdoor wilderness with your canine companion.

Before loading your golden into the car for parts unknown, you need to prepare. Camping with your dog isn't difficult but it does take some forethought.

Site Scooping:

With your dog in tow, you need to research where you plan to camp. Consider the following:

Are dogs allowed?

Not all national, state or regional parks allow dogs. Call ahead or check out the park's website. Some parks allow dogs in the campgrounds, but not on the trails. All parks require your dog to be on leash. So know your park.

Do you need reservations?

When camping with your dog it is good to have a

campsite reservation, especially if the place is popular.

Having a dog with you makes it harder to find an alternative place to camp if your first-choice is full.

Do you need health info?

Some campsites require proof of a rabies vaccine. Call ahead to find out if you need to bring a copy of your dog's rabies certificate with you. Overall it is a good idea to have a copy with you anytime you travel with your dog.

Finding dog-friendly campgrounds requires some research. But thanks to the Internet, you won't have much trouble determining if the areas you are considering allow dogs. Almost all parks that allow public camping have websites that post the rules for pets.

Also consider campground amenities. If you plan to camp in an RV, you may not need to worry about campground facilities unless you need electrical, water or sewer hookups. If you plan to tent camp with your dog, think about whether you want to camp where water and bathroom facilities are provided, or if you plan to bring your own

(and your dog's) water.

At The Site:

Once you arrive at your destination, get your dog settled. If you've been on the road for a long time, take it for a walk to potty and stretch it's legs.

Before you set up camp, get your dog settled, either with a tie-out, or if you have the room an "ex-pen" both are excellent ways for you to keep your dog close by. Make sure he has water and shade while you set up camp for yourself. After settling in take the opportunity to enjoy the area with your dog.

Hiking. If dogs are allowed on trails or the beach take the time to enjoy the area with your dog, he will give you a whole new perspective on the wilderness. The distance you go depends on you and your dog's fitness level. Don't push your dog if he is not use to this kind of activity or if he is overweight, especially if the weather is warm. Remember to bring plastic bags to pick up any waste and of course taking water and a collapsible bowl so he can drink, this is a necessity.

Looking for wildlife: One of the best things about

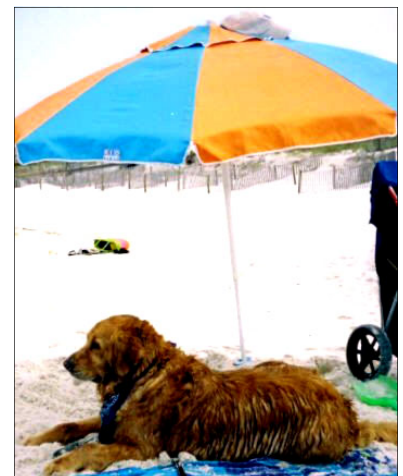
Is My Dog Camp Ready:

Before you take your dog camping make sure it's ready. Most dogs love to camp, but some find the situation difficult—or make it difficult for their human companions.

Is my dog well behaved? If you have done all your homework with your CG golden this should not be a concern, but your golden should come when it is called, be calm and quiet, and not be overly aggressive towards strangers or wildlife.

Is my dog healthy? Dogs battling serious illness or suffering from arthritis or other physical maladies may not be comfortable camping. The excitement of camping combined with the change in routine and weather can aggravate health problems.

Is my dog too old or young? It's a great idea to take puppies camping because it helps with their socialization and bonding. However puppies younger than 17 weeks may be at risk if they spend time at a campsite frequented by other dogs. If they have received all immunizations it is ok, but if not they should not go with. Old dogs usually enjoy camping but if they have trouble getting around, or get stressed with all the travel and temperature changes they too may be better left behind at a familiar place, home or of course Crystal Glen's Resort!



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Getting Ready:

Packing the suitcase:

- ◇ Leash 6 ft and Flexi
- ◇ Tie-out (long cord that attaches to a stake or Exercise pen.
- ◇ Food bowl and food
- ◇ Water bowl and water
- ◇ Dog bed and crate
- ◇ Treats
- ◇ Toys
- ◇ Bags for picking up waste
- ◇ Collar with identification (*your name, address, phone number*).

First Aid kit:

- ◇ Elastic Bandage (3M Vetwrap)
- ◇ Gauze Pads
- ◇ First-Aid tape
- ◇ Antiseptic Wipes
- ◇ Triple antibiotic ointment
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Sterile eye wash
- ◇ Tweezers
- ◇ Cotton swabs
- ◇ Antihistamine
- ◇ Diarrhea remedy

Track down the name, address and phone number of a veterinarian located near your campground in case of an emergency.

camping with canines is their ability to help you locate wildlife. Their keen senses of smell and hearing enable them to detect creatures you never would have known were around. Don't let your dog interact with wildlife, however. Not only is harassment of wildlife against regulations in most parks and national forests, but your dog could get hurt.

More Than One:

If your household consists of multiple dogs, you'll have more considerations. First, decide whether all your dogs are up for a camping trip. Very old or unwell dogs may

- Mind all regulations regarding dogs, especially leash laws.
- Do not allow your dog to chase wildlife.
- Pick up after your dog and yourself.
- Properly dispose of all your and your dog's waste.
- Do not allow your dog to bother other campers or their dogs.
- Make sure that your dog is quiet when it is time for lights out.



find the experience too taxing. Also if you have dogs that don't get along well they will be forced together this could be a recipe for disaster. Best to leave them at the kennel.

If you go hiking with multiple dogs they must remain on a leash, which could pose difficulties. Narrow tracks or steep climbs might make it close to impossible for you to handle multiple dogs, unless there are multiple people to take them on the trail.

- Do not leave your dog unattended at the campsite—while you hike, or swim, or bike. An unattended dog is a lonely dog and also one that can easily be stolen.

Remember that your dog is an ambassador for all canines when out in the wilderness. The better he behaves and the more responsible you act the more dogs will be welcome at campsites.



Sleeping arrangements could be a bit tricky with multiple dogs, especially if you are tent camping or it is wet—sleeping with a wet dog is by no means a picnic. However, this is where a crate can come in handy, a crate in your vehicle will give both your dogs and you a good night sleep.

Leave No Trace:

Respect your fellow campers, the environment and the wildlife.





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We love hearing from you!



Bodhi

(Louie x Faith) Bodhi continues to be a wonderful dog. As I write, I'm reviewing the training video again. It is a marvelous resource, and I'm training Bodhi to look at it so he can learn directly from the master. Today was his first snow storm. Since having moved to the new place, the camera, which was lost, never emerged. Thus the new camera just one day before the snow. Mickey McMillan



know I could crate her at night but she is content on the bed and I let her have her way. Linda Clark

Skipper (Levi x Rebecca?)

Thanks so much for sending the e-Christmas card. We're always so happy to hear from you! We so enjoy reading your Holiday Newsletter and seeing all the photos of other happy Crystal Glen goldens. I haven't finished reading all the newsletter, but will do so when time permits. It's always so chock full of wonderful information. Thought you might like a picture of our Christmas boy, Skipper. He remains an absolute joy and delight!! He's so full of life and so full of himself and he makes us laugh all the time. I'm currently working on teaching him directional commands which should be a big help in working away from me on the agility field. He's really a quick study and learns things so quickly. We love him SO much!! Tina Martin



Ripple & Liana

I wanted to give you an up-date on "the girls". They are getting along great - Liana has adjusted to our routine. She has calmed down some but gets real excited if she is going for a car ride. She has lost weight and looks fantastic. She loves going to the country to stay with my friend (the vet tech) when I leave on a trip. Both dogs love going to Kathy's to swim in the pond, roll in the cow poop and chase the sheep. Ripple has had three mild seizures in the past year and half. We haven't determined what causes the seizures. The seizures usually last for ten to 20 minutes. Ripple had a seizure on Thanksgiving evening but by the time they got to the Clinic Ripple was fine. Ripple had another seizure last week at my parents house, we quickly got Ripple to the Clinic. By the time, we arrived at the Clinic Ripple was fine and was excited to be there. My doctor doesn't want to put Ripple on medicine because she doesn't have the seizures on a regular schedule. We are watching her very closely. Ripple and I are doing therapy with Hospice each week. Ripple loves to visit people and they really enjoy seeing her. I would like to get Liana certified this spring but we need to work harder on getting her to lay down and stay. By biggest issue with Liana is at night. She gets on my bed and lays horizontally and won't move. She snores and I laugh at her - she has claimed the bed and I'm lucky if I get any covers at night. I



Austin & Annie

- I haven't written for awhile. All is well. We have moved to a new place. Still a nice yard for the doggies, but now they have a deck off the second floor to supervise everything in the neighborhood. Lots of FUN !! They were up to Crystal Glen over the weekend. We had a short trip out of town. They always have tons of fun ! We had a chance to see Louie - quite the handsome dog. We missed saying 'Happy Birthday' this past March 27th. Four years goes by fast !! Annie is still a little squirt - only 44 lbs, but can definitely keep up with Austin. Austin is 8 and slowing down a bit; he is on his Cosequin so things are going better. Gary & I said how remarkable that we have golden retrievers; seeing how all of us think of food as a celebration, unruly fur (hair) and

now stiff joints as we age !!! Even better that we have Crystal Glen goldens - the nicest doggies around.

Austin & Annie will be at Crystal Glen again the weekend of May 9-10. Jon is graduating from Illinois State. He would love to be back in the West, but may take a job in the Midwest for now. Tough times even for Athletic Trainers. Sarah will be moving to California with her job in June, so Austin & Annie could be spending lots of time at Crystal Glen this summer. The ladies always do a great job.

Hope all is well with you and all your puppies do well. Would love to see you sometime. Will check when we are picking up Austin & Annie the next couple of times to see if you have a couple of minutes. Gail Hubbard

Helen

(Jr x Randi) I thought I'd give you a little update on Helen and Riley. Helen's now a one year mammary gland cancer survivor. I continue to check her monthly and there has been no other lumps or bumps that concern us or the vet. She is healthy and happy. Her hypothyroid condition has not worsened - we have her thyroid levels checked every six months and there has been no dosage change in her medication for 18 months. She seems to still be a strong girl even as she approaches her ninth birthday. Helen continues to endear herself to us and everyone else that meets her. She truly is a special girl.



Riley had a rough year. He was diagnosed with a mast cell tumor in September. The lesion originally appeared between the lateral toes on his left front foot. I found the tumor while I was trimming the hair between his toes. The definitive treatment was to remove the outer two toes on that foot. I couldn't do it. There were several reasons, but the biggest ones being that he had just recovered from TPLO surgery and the second was that it didn't make sense to me to remove the toes and cripple him before we knew the extent of the cancer.

I finally convinced the vet to just remove the tumor. She did an excellent job in a very small area. She removed the entire web

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between the toes and amazingly got tiny clear margins. We then took him down to CSU's cancer center. The tumor was a Grade 2 without any evidence of lymph node enlargement so they gave us several options. We opted to have him treated with chemotherapy. Riley actually only completed half the chemotherapy he was dropping his white count to life threatening levels, so we discontinued it. So far, there has been no further tumor formation and no evidence of metastasis. We know he's not entirely out of the woods, but it looks promising. He's one strong boy!

We love all the puppy pictures -- can't wait for all your new puppies to arrive. We're taking good care of your little Helen. We'll try to get her down the mountain to see you sometime. Best Wishes, *Joan McKinney*

Harrison (*Vegas x Hope*) - Just a quick note to let you know that Harry continues to do well! He is a great dog and we all love him. I went to see "Marley and Me" yesterday - made me appreciate my beautifully behaved golden even more! No chewing furniture, no shredding pillows.... perhaps because he is not allowed on furniture, ever? Anyway, my best to you and yours - Happy New Year! *Leslie Hock*

Sam Merry Christmas we enjoyed your wonderful newsletter. Thought you might enjoy an update on Samantha. Sammi turned 17 on Oct. 29th, since we are empty nesters now she

has stuck with us longer than our kids!! She has her struggles, mainly with arthritis and some difficulty at times getting up so



we will give her a boost then she prances across the back yard. Her hearing is pretty much gone but she still sees well and although walks are just around the yard she enjoys lying in the yard in the sun especially when we are out there working. Food is not a problem, no surprise there. She actually has no health problems other than the arthritis and the thyroid that she's had for 12 years. Dr. Roberts has her on Rimadyl which has helped quite a bit. We watch her close but although she sleeps a lot more she seems to still enjoy life and getting affection does not seem to be in any pain. She's been a faithful family member for many years so we will do our best for her in .

whatever time is left but she truly is amazing Samantha still has her amazing thick curly coat and still does her part on shedding. These pictures were taken just 3 weeks ago.

Mary Aspholm

Bailey Thanks for the card. Our Bailey is the best companion we can have, he is really a very smart person (can't call him a dog) and loves everybody. Thanks again for my dearest friend! *Jack Hummel*

Emma and Jackson We always enjoy receiving your newsletter. Jackson and Emmy continue to be great companions. Jackson just turned 11 and is in excellent health. He really misses Daniel who is now away at college in Vermont. Emmy is now 5 and is as sweet as ever. We read your description of Randi (Jack's mom and Emmy's grandmother). We certainly agree she has wonderful offspring!

Merril & David Aschkinasi

Bubber (*Vegas x Hope*) However, I have been meaning to tell you thank you again for Bubber and here is an easy opportunity. He is the best dog EVER! He is such a love. It's hard to believe he isn't even 2 years old yet--he is very "mature" for his age. Well, unless there is another dog around. That boy wants to play!! Everybody loves being around him and he remembers his manners, most of the time. He is showing some adolescent orneriness, but he knows when he's pushed it. What a guy! I hope to send some pictures soon, especially with our daughter Addie and one of our cats. Bubber and Richard Parker, who is an orange tabby, look like they are straight out of all those photos you see of golden puppies and tabby kittens. They play and play and play and play.... I was looking through the website and reminded of how beautiful your dogs are. Bubber looks just like Faith. He has really completed our family. Thank you again, *Jen and Rick Huebner*

Scottie (*Indy x Bristol*) I just thought I'd send you a quick update to let you know how Scottie has been. Yesterday was his 14th birthday and he's doing well. In May he began getting a runny nose and through countless diagnosis and treatments we finally took him to CSU to get the issue resolved They discovered through a nose-scope that he had a fungus in his sinus cavity which can eat through bone and eventually get to his brain. My mom decided to put him through a risky procedure, where they would make small holes in his

head and put the anti-fungal directly in the area (although if this medicine got on his brain it would have been very bad Anyway, he did fine through that procedure, they cleared out most, if not all, of the fungi and he is recovering fast and feeling great!!! In fact he has a lot more energy now than before (I don't know if that's due the fact that the nose thing is cleared up or if it is due to the countless drugs he's on since the procedure. Hope all is well on your end! *Jenny Wehinger*

Rocky (*Levi x Vivian*) thought that it was time to send a few more pictures of Rocky now that he's almost 5 months old. He's doing great! He was the star of his class in puppy training, and gets recognized all around the neighborhood for how well behaved and gentle mannered he is. We couldn't be happier with how he's fit right in, and now that Kelly is done with teaching for the summer



he's a constant companion around the house for her and the kids. *Sean Cavanaugh*

Callie (*Faith x Banter*) I have been wanting to write you for some time and give you an update on Callie She is such a sweet girl, the only dog I've ever had, I think, that never wakes me up in the morning. She's very patient and loving. She recently got her CGC, although it was the third time she took the



test. She had trouble with the step where a stranger approaches with a strange dog. She wanted to approach the other dog and play, but we finally got it. She was so quick to learn and Carol could do anything with her. She very friendly and playful and does get excited about meeting people and playing with other dogs. I am enclosing a picture so you can see how beautiful she is. (I'm not biased.) Thanks for such a wonderful girl. *Marlene Waite*