

# Caring for Fido when playing in the backcountry

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In summer, we all want to be outdoors with our dogs. Just like we bring Band-Aids and water on long hikes for ourselves, there are a few keys to keeping our dogs healthy in the wilderness. That's why ski patroller and outdoor enthusiast Michael Krueger teamed up with veterinarian Amanda Stuart to offer classes this summer called Wilderness First Aid For Dogs.

Krueger says for humans, the main question a wilderness first aid responder needs to keep in mind is, "What do I need to do to quickly stabilize an ill or injured person and get him or her out of the backcountry as fast as possible?"

Dog owners should be prepared with the same question for their canine hiking companions: "What do I need to do to stabilize my dog and get him or her out of the backcountry to a veterinarian as quickly as possible?"

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