The Comprehensive Gear Guide For Your Adventure Dog

Dogs are the best outdoor adventure travel companions. Their curiosity for new smells, sounds, and sights, as well as their enthusiasm for just about any outdoor activity is contagious.

Whether you’re looking for a buddy to take mountain biking, skiing, running, kayaking, or hiking, most dogs are up for anything given a bit of training and encouragement.

We’ve trekked thousands of miles with Wiley, our Hungarian Vizsla, by car, foot, ski, and snowshoe. We’ve gone through a lot of gear and have come up with a few make-shift solutions of our own.

These things make not only a human’s life easier when traveling and exploring with their pup, but they also ensure the health, safety, and happiness of the dog.

Note: Dogs, like people, have varying levels of fitness. Be sure to ease your pup into new activities and conditions, and take extra care in hot weather.

Medical Bag Or First Aid Kit

Having a few dog-related medical supplies in your possession can save you and your dog a whole lot of pain and suffering in the case of an emergency. We have a few things tucked in the back of our bathroom chest at home and a travel first aid kit in our car for when we’re on the road. If you don’t want to assemble your own, we have reviewed a convenient and compact first aid kit appropriate for dogs from Adventure Medical Kits. Fortunately, we haven’t had to use more than the bandages, though the kit offers peace of mind.

Our home first aid supply contains many of the same things any human would have in their bathroom pantry. We simply relied on the Humane Society’s recommendations, which include things like: Gauze pads, adhesive tape, antiseptic wipes, an ice pack, and tweezers. You should also have a large plastic syringe and hydrogen peroxide, which will help reduce vomiting if your dog ingests any sort of poison.

In addition, I have the Nite Ize Detachable Pet Tool on my key ring, which includes a turn comb, tick remover, and conveniently, a bottle opener.

Technology

We haven’t gotten into many of the high-tech dog accessories, but it’s worth mentioning some of the cool products out there. Of course, GoPro’s Fetch dog harness camera mount tops the list. Whether you want your dog to film your mountain biking excursion or your outdoor wedding it offers a totally unique perspective.

Other fancy gear worth having includes light-up collars or beacons for your dog. In the city, this provides an extra level of visibility and safety on the roads. In the woods, it can simply help you keep track of Fido after dark. We use the Nite Ize DogLit LED Collar by Nite Ize because it provides a 360-degree glow, making it easy to see Wiley even from a distance no matter which direction she is facing. In the past, we’ve even clipped light-up key chains to her collar to keep track of her.

If your dog has the tendency to wander off, Whistle and Granf can have different levels of trackers for everyone from locating a wayward dog in your neighborhood to tracking them working out in the woods. While most people won’t need this level of tech, it can be a lifesaver in certain circumstances.