

COC DOG POLICY

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BACKGROUND

The frequency of dogs coming on trips, sometimes unannounced, has prompted the COC to develop a dog policy recognising that many members own, enjoy and welcome dogs on trips -- but many don't. The policy is set to accommodate both.

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Dogs are **only** permitted on COC hikes or trips when the initial trip post **explicitly** states that dogs will be welcome on the trip.

If dogs are NOT mentioned in the initial trip post, then the trip is for people only, so please do not bring your dog and please do not ask the trip leader if you can.

Please note that for dog-friendly trips, the trip leader may want to **limit** the number of dogs, **so you must get permission from the trip leader to bring your dog**. Pets must be on leash at all times unless the area permits pets off leash.

For the safety and enjoyment of COC participants, wildlife and pets, owners are asked to keep their dogs under control at all times (not running back and forth past other hikers, stepping on snowshoes, begging for food or water, chasing or attracting wild animals, excessive barking, etc).