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Dog Camper's
Companion

Checklists, Tips & Trip Planner



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WELCOME !

Your complete guide to dog-friendly camping in Australia

Camping with a dog is one of the most rewarding ways to explore the outdoors — but it also comes with unique challenges. This guide has been created to give you clear, practical information so you can feel confident, prepared, and relaxed on every trip.

Inside, you'll find checklists, safety guides, campsite recommendations, planning tools, and simple routines designed to make camping with your dog easier. Everything has been organised into clean, easy-to-follow sections so you can quickly find what you need, whether you're planning your first trip or refining your setup.

This guide focuses on real-world situations Australian dog owners face: heat, water safety, wildlife, long drives, and the practical realities of camping in our unique landscapes. Each section is designed to help you make informed decisions and enjoy your adventures with peace of mind.

Thank you for choosing this guide. I hope it becomes a trusted companion on your travels.

BEFORE-YOU-LEAVE CHECKLIST

A simple, practical guide to help you prepare with confidence

Travel Preparation

- Confirm campsite dog rules
- Check weather forecast
- Plan driving breaks
- Pack enough water for you and your dog
- Charge phone, power bank, and torch
- Download offline maps if needed

Dog Health & Safety

- Check tick/flea prevention is up to date
- Pack any medications
- Confirm microchip details are current
- Add vet contact details to your phone
- Bring vaccination information if required

Gear & Essentials

- Lead, harness, collar
- ID tags
- Food and treats
- Water bowl
- Bed or mat
- Towels
- Waste bags

Campsite Readiness

- Shade solution packed
- Lighting for night walks
- Tie-out or long line
- First aid kit
- Camp chairs and table
- Cooking equipment
- Rubbish bags

Final Checks

- Lock house
- Secure windows
- Turn off appliances
- Bring keys, wallet, licence
- Confirm fuel level
- Quick walk for your dog before leaving

DOG CAMPING CHECKLIST (EXPANDED)

A complete, practical list to help you pack with confidence

Essentials

- Lead, collar, harness
- ID tags with current phone number
- Long line or tie-out
- Food (plus extra for emergencies)
- Treats
- Water bowl + food bowl
- Fresh water supply
- Waste bags

Comfort Items

- Bed or mat
- Blanket
- Favourite toy
- Chews for downtime
- Towel for drying
- Jacket (cold weather)
- Cooling mat (hot weather)

Health & Safety

- **Tick/flea prevention**
- **Any medications**
- **First aid kit**
- **Paw balm**
- **Tick remover**
- **Vet contact details**
- **Microchip number**
- **Vaccination information (if required)**

Camp-Specific Gear

- **Shade solution (tarp, gazebo, umbrella)**
- **Ground mat**
- **Night lighting (headlamp, torch)**
- **Portable fan (hot weather)**
- **Extra blankets (cold weather)**
- **Car window shades**
- **Portable shower or wipes**
- **Rubbish bags**

Water Activities

- Dog life jacket
- Floating toy
- Extra towels
- Fresh water rinse bottle
- Check for algae warnings

Cold Weather Extras

- Insulated jacket
- Extra bedding
- Hot water bottle (wrapped)
- Drying coat

Hot Weather Extras

- Cooling vest
- Cooling mat
- Electrolyte-safe treats
- Shade cloth
- Early morning/late evening walk plan

Bush Camping Extras

- **Snake awareness gear**
- **High-visibility collar**
- **Long line for controlled exploring**
- **Extra water**
- **Brush for burrs**

CAMP SETUP GUIDE

A simple layout to help you create a safe, comfortable campsite for your dog

Shade & Shelter

- **Set up shade first (tarp, gazebo, or natural shade)**
- **Position your dog's bed or mat in the coolest area**
- **Keep water bowls in the shade at all times**

Sleeping Area

- **Choose a flat, dry spot**
- **Use a raised bed or mat to avoid cold ground**
- **Keep bedding away from the cooking area**
- **Add a blanket or cooling mat depending on weather**

Tie-Out / Long Line Zone

- **Attach to a secure point (tree, stake, or vehicle)**
- **Ensure your dog can reach shade, water, and you**
- **Avoid placing the line near the fire, cooking area, or drop-offs**
- **Keep the line short enough to prevent tangling**

Cooking & Fire Area

- **Set up cooking gear away from your dog's space**
- **Keep food sealed and out of reach**
- **Use a designated "no dog zone" around the fire**
- **Store rubbish securely to avoid wildlife**

Water & Hydration

- **Keep a large bowl of fresh water available at all times**
- **Refill regularly, especially in hot weather**
- **Use a second bowl near the sleeping area at night**

Night-Time Lighting

- **Place a lantern or soft light near your dog's area**
- **Use a collar light or reflective gear for visibility**
- **Keep a torch handy for late-night toilet breaks**

Safety Perimeter

- **Check for hazards (sharp sticks, ants, burrs)**
- **Avoid setting up near water edges or steep banks**
- **Keep food and rubbish secured to prevent wildlife visits**

NIGHT-TIME ROUTINE GUIDE

A simple, consistent routine to help your dog settle comfortably at camp

Final Walk & Toilet Break

- Take your dog for a short walk before settling in
- Choose a safe, well-lit area
- Check the ground for hazards (burrs, ants, sharp sticks)

Secure the Campsite

- Store all food in sealed containers
- Remove rubbish from the campsite
- Keep cooking gear out of reach
- Check surroundings for wildlife activity

Set Up the Sleeping Area

- Lay out your dog's bed or mat in a quiet, shaded spot
- Add a blanket or cooling mat depending on weather
- Keep water within easy reach
- Ensure the area is free from trip hazards

Night Lighting

- Place a soft lantern near your dog's sleeping area
- Use a collar light or reflective gear for visibility
- Keep a torch handy for late-night toilet breaks

Comfort & Calm

- Offer a familiar toy or chew
- Keep noise low and movements gentle
- Maintain a consistent routine each night
- Stay close so your dog feels secure

Safety Checks

- Confirm your dog's tie-out or long line is secure
- Ensure they can reach shade, water, and you
- Avoid placing bedding near the fire or cooking area
- Check the temperature inside your tent or van

HEAT SAFETY GUIDE

Essential information for keeping your dog safe and comfortable in hot weather

Recognising Heat Stress

- **Excessive panting**
- **Drooling**
- **Red gums**
- **Lethargy or wobbling**
- **Vomiting**
- **Collapse**

If you notice any of these signs, act immediately.

Cooling Your Dog Safely

- **Move to shade or a cool area**
- **Offer small amounts of cool (not cold) water**
- **Wet paws, belly, and chest with cool water**
- **Use a fan or breeze to help evaporation**
- **Avoid ice or very cold water, which can shock the system**

Shade & Shelter

- **Set up shade before anything else**
- **Use tarps, gazebos, or natural shade**
- **Keep bedding out of direct sun**
- **Avoid metal surfaces that heat up quickly**

Hydration

- **Provide constant access to fresh water**
- **Refill bowls regularly**
- **Carry extra water on walks**
- **Use a second bowl near the sleeping area**

Walking in Hot Weather

- **Walk early morning or late evening**
- **Avoid hot sand, pavement, or rocks**
- **Test surfaces with your hand — if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for paws**
- **Keep walks shorter and slower**

In the Car

- **Never leave your dog in a parked car**
- **Use window shades**
- **Provide airflow**
- **Take regular breaks on long drives**

Cooling Gear

- **Cooling mat**
- **Cooling vest**
- **Portable fan**
- **Shade cloth**
- **Wet bandana (lightly damp, not dripping)**

WATER SAFETY GUIDE

Clear, practical steps to keep your dog safe around rivers, lakes, and beaches

Assessing the Water

- Check for strong currents or fast-moving water
- Avoid steep or muddy banks that can collapse
- Look for submerged branches or snags
- Check depth before letting your dog enter
- Avoid areas with blue-green algae warnings

Safe Entry & Exit Points

- Choose a gentle, shallow entry
- Avoid slippery rocks or steep edges
- Show your dog the exit point before they swim
- Stay close in case they need help

Life Jackets

- Use a dog life jacket for deep water or strong swimmers
- Ensure a snug fit without restricting movement
- Use the handle to guide or lift your dog if needed
- Choose bright colours for visibility

Supervision

- Stay within arm's reach in rivers or fast water
- Watch for fatigue — dogs tire faster than we expect
- Keep sessions short, especially in cold water
- Never assume your dog will “figure it out”

After Swimming

- Rinse your dog with fresh water
- Dry ears thoroughly to prevent infections
- Check paws for cuts or abrasions
- Offer fresh drinking water
- Keep your dog warm if the weather is cool

Special Considerations for the Murray River

- Be cautious of drop-offs and deep holes
- Watch for fast undercurrents near bends
- Avoid muddy edges that can trap paws
- Keep dogs away from boats and ski areas

SNAKE SEASON TIPS

Practical guidance for keeping your dog safe during Australia's warmer months

Understanding Snake Season

- Peak activity occurs in spring and summer
- Snakes are most active in early morning and late afternoon
- Bush, long grass, riverbanks, and wood piles are common hiding spots

Avoiding Encounters

- Keep your dog on a lead or long line in high-risk areas
- Stick to clear, open paths
- Avoid tall grass, thick scrub, and rocky piles
- Keep campsites tidy and free of food scraps
- Supervise your dog closely near riverbanks and logs

Signs a Snake May Be Nearby

- Sudden rustling in grass
- Your dog freezing or staring intensely
- Birds alarm-calling
- Fresh tracks or shed skin

If you suspect a snake is close, calmly move away and redirect your dog.

If Your Dog Encounters a Snake

- Do not let your dog investigate
- Move away slowly and calmly
- Keep your dog close and controlled
- Do not attempt to handle or move the snake

If Your Dog Is Bitten

- Keep your dog as still as possible
- Carry them if you can
- Apply a firm pressure bandage to the limb (not too tight)
- Do not wash the wound
- Seek immediate veterinary care
- Call ahead to the nearest vet if possible

Time is critical — act quickly and calmly.

Reducing Risk at Camp

- Clear the area around your tent or van
- Shake out bedding and gear before use
- Keep food sealed to avoid attracting wildlife
- Use lighting at night to improve visibility
- Keep your dog close during dawn and dusk

PAW CARE GUIDE

Simple steps to protect your dog's paws in the outdoors

Daily Paw Checks

- Look between toes for burrs, grass seeds, or debris
- Check pads for cuts, cracks, or abrasions
- Remove dirt or sand after walks
- Dry paws thoroughly after swimming

Hot Weather Paw Safety

- Avoid walking on hot sand, pavement, or rocks
- Test surfaces with your hand — if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for paws
- Use shade and grass where possible
- Rinse paws after beach or river play to remove salt and sand

Cold Weather Paw Safety

- Dry paws completely after rain or swimming
- Provide extra bedding to keep paws warm at night
- Avoid long exposure to cold, wet ground

Burrs & Grass Seeds

- Check paws after walking through long grass
- Remove burrs gently with fingers or a comb
- If a grass seed has entered the skin, seek veterinary care promptly

Paw Protection

- Apply paw balm before and after walks
- Use a cooling mat in hot weather
- Keep nails trimmed to prevent snagging
- Provide a clean, soft sleeping area

When to Seek Veterinary Care

- **Limping or favouring a paw**
- **Swelling or redness**
- **Persistent licking**
- **Deep cuts or embedded objects**
- **Signs of infection (odour, discharge, heat)**

DOG FIRST AID & EMERGENCY GUIDE

Clear, practical steps to help you respond confidently in common camping emergencies

Staying Prepared

- **Keep a stocked first aid kit in your car or camp**
- **Know the nearest vet before you arrive**
- **Save emergency numbers in your phone**
- **Stay calm — your dog will respond to your energy**

Tick Removal

- **Use a tick remover or fine-tipped tweezers**
- **Grasp the tick close to the skin**
- **Pull straight out with steady pressure**
- **Do not twist or squeeze the body**
- **Monitor your dog for lethargy, wobbling, vomiting, or breathing changes**
- **Seek veterinary care if symptoms appear**

Cuts & Scrapes

- Rinse the area with clean water
- Gently pat dry
- Apply antiseptic suitable for dogs
- Cover with a light bandage if needed
- Keep your dog from licking the wound
- Seek veterinary care for deep cuts or persistent bleeding

Heatstroke

- Move your dog to shade immediately
- Offer small amounts of cool water
- Wet paws, belly, and chest with cool water
- Use airflow (fan or breeze) to help cooling
- Avoid ice or very cold water
- Seek urgent veterinary care — heatstroke can escalate quickly

Paw Injuries

- Check for burrs, thorns, or cuts
- Rinse with clean water
- Apply antiseptic if needed
- Use a light bandage to protect the area
- Limit walking until healed
- Seek veterinary care for swelling, limping, or infection

Vomiting or Diarrhoea

- Offer small amounts of water
- Withhold food for a short period
- Reintroduce bland food slowly
- Monitor for dehydration
- Seek veterinary care if symptoms persist or worsen

When to Seek Immediate Veterinary Care

- **Difficulty breathing**
- **Collapse or extreme lethargy**
- **Snake bite**
- **Severe bleeding**
- **Inability to walk**
- **Sudden swelling of the face or body**
- **Ingestion of toxins**

Emergency Contacts Page

Before your trip, record:

- **Nearest vet clinic**
- **After-hours emergency vet**
- **Local wildlife rescue**
- **Your dog's microchip number**
- **Any medications or allergies**

Keep this information accessible at all times.

PRINTABLE EMERGENCY CARD

Keep this card in your car, wallet, or first aid kit

Dog's Name:

Breed:

Microchip Number:

Owner's Name:

Phone Number:

Secondary Contact:

Regular Vet Clinic:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

After-Hours / Emergency Vet:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Medications / Allergies:

Notes:

ODO'S ADVENTURE TIPS — PAGE 1

Simple, practical reminders from a dog who loves the outdoors

Stay Close to Your Human

I feel safest when I know where you are. Keep me nearby, especially in new places.

Check the Ground Before I Walk

Hot sand, sharp sticks, and burrs can hurt my paws. A quick check helps alot.

Bring My Favourite Toy

A familiar toy helps me settle at camp and gives me something to chew while you relax.

Keep My Water Bowl Full

I drink more when we're exploring. Fresh water helps me stay cool and comfortable.

Let Me Sniff Around Slowly

New places are exciting. Sniffing helps me understand where we are and feel at home.

ODO'S ADVENTURE TIPS — PAGE 2

More gentle guidance from your four-legged camping buddy

Give Me a Quiet Spot to Rest

A shaded, comfy place helps me recharge after big adventures.

Watch Me Near Water

I love swimming, but I get tired quickly. Stay close so I don't drift too far.

Keep My Lead Handy

Sometimes I get excited and forget my manners. A lead keeps me safe around wildlife and other campers.

Pack a Towel Just for Me

I will find water. I will get wet. A towel makes everything easier.

Let Me Explore, But Safely

A long line gives me freedom without letting me wander too far.

ODO'S ADVENTURE TIPS — PAGE 3

Little things that make a big difference on every trip

Give Me Time to Settle at Night

New sounds can be confusing. A calm routine helps me relax.

Check My Fur for Burrs

They hide in my coat and can be uncomfortable. A quick brush keeps me happy.

Keep My Food Sealed

I don't mind sharing, but wildlife might. Sealed food keeps everyone safe.

Take Breaks on Long Drives

Stretching my legs and having a drink makes the journey much easier.

Be Patient With Me

Camping is exciting and sometimes overwhelming. Your calm voice helps me feel secure.

KIDS' ADVENTURE PAGE — 1

Odo's Camping Scavenger Hunt

Find these things around your campsite (with an adult)

- Something soft
- Something that smells like the bush
- A leaf bigger than your hand
- A stick shaped like a letter
- Something smooth
- Something rough
- A bird feather
- A rock with a pattern
- Something Odo would love
- A sound you can hear but can't see

Bonus:

Draw your favourite thing you found today.

KIDS' ADVENTURE PAGE — 2

Colour Odo at Camp



Instructions:

Colour Odo enjoying his camping adventure.

Add trees, birds, the river, or anything you saw today.

KIDS' ADVENTURE PAGE — 3

What Did you Do Today?

A simple journal page for kids to fill in at camp

Today I.....

- ☐ **Went swimming**
- ☐ **Found a stick**
- ☐ **Met a new friend**
- ☐ **Took a nap in the shade**
- ☐ **Went exploring**
- ☐ **Got muddy**
- ☐ **Helped set up camp**
- ☐ **Watched the sunset**

Draw your favourite moment:

My favourite part of today was:

DOG-FRIENDLY CAMPSITE FINDER — VICTORIA EDITION

Hand-picked locations for dog-friendly camping across Victoria

1. Merbein Common — Mildura Region

Best for: River swimming, shade, caravans

Why it's great: Wide sandbars, calm water, plenty of space

Good to know: Can be busy on long weekends

Dog rules: On lead near other campers; good recall needed near water

2. Gunbower Island — Murray River

Best for: Bush camping, kayaking, wildlife watching

Why it's great: Quiet, natural, and spacious

Good to know: Some areas flood seasonally

Dog rules: On lead in high-wildlife zones

3. Lake Cullulleraine — Millewa Region

Best for: Families, swimming, caravans

Why it's great: Calm lake, grassy edges, easy access

Good to know: Limited shade in some areas

Dog rules: On lead in the park; off-lead swimming allowed

4. Hattah-Kulkyne (Outside National Park Boundaries)

Best for: Bush camping near the lakes

Why it's great: Quiet, peaceful, beautiful sunsets

Good to know: Dogs are not allowed inside the national park

Dog rules: On lead at all times

5. Yarrawonga Foreshore — Lake Mulwala

Best for: Swimming, fishing, powered sites

Why it's great: Huge grassy areas and easy water access

Good to know: Popular in summer

Dog rules: On lead in public areas

6. Johanna Beach (Dog-Friendly Zones)

Best for: Beach walks, ocean views

Why it's great: Stunning coastline with dog-friendly sections

Good to know: Strong waves — not ideal for swimming

Dog rules: Check seasonal restrictions

7. Lake Eildon (Dog-Friendly Areas)

Best for: Caravans, boating, long stays

Why it's great: Large, scenic, and well-serviced

Good to know: Some areas are inside the national park (no dogs)

Dog rules: On lead in campgrounds

8. Bright Free Camp (Dog-Friendly Zones)

Best for: Rivers, shade, family camping

Why it's great: Beautiful alpine scenery and clear water

Good to know: Can be cold at night

Dog rules: On lead in town and camp areas

9. Lake Fyans Holiday Park

Best for: Families, cabins, powered sites

Why it's great: Dog-friendly cabins and lake access

Good to know: Book ahead during school holidays

Dog rules: On lead in the park

10. Murray River Reserve — Barmah Region

Best for: Bush camping, river access, quiet stays

Why it's great: Peaceful, spacious, and full of wildlife

Good to know: Some tracks can be rough

Dog rules: On lead near wildlife and other campers

BONUS PRINTABLE PACKING LIST (A4 VERSION)

A clean, easy-to-print checklist for your next dog-friendly camping trip

Essentials

- **Lead, collar, harness**
- **ID tags**
- **Long line or tie-out**
- **Food + treats**
- **Water bowl + food bowl**
- **Fresh water supply**
- **Waste bags**

Comfort

- **Bed or mat**
- **Blanket**
- **Favourite toy**
- **Chews**
- **Towel**
- **Jacket (cold weather)**
- **Cooling mat (hot weather)**

Health & Safety

- **Tick/flea prevention**
- **Medications**
- **First aid kit**
- **Paw balm**
- **Tick remover**
- **Vet contact details**
- **Microchip number**

Camp Gear

- **Shade solution**
- **Ground mat**
- **Night lighting**
- **Portable fan**
- **Extra blankets**
- **Car window shades**
- **Rubbish bags**

Water Activities

- **Life jacket**
- **Floating toy**
- **Extra towels**
- **Rinse bottle**

Weather Extras

- **Cooling vest**
- **Shade cloth**
- **Hot water bottle (wrapped)**
- **Drying coat**

ROAD TRIP WITH YOUR DOG — TRAVEL GUIDE

Simple, practical steps to make every drive safe and comfortable

Before You Start Driving

- Give your dog a short walk
- Offer a drink of water
- Set up a comfortable spot in the car
- Use a harness, crate, or seatbelt attachment
- Keep windows shaded and the car cool

Safe Car Setup

- Place bedding where your dog can lie comfortably
- Keep water within reach
- Avoid feeding a full meal right before driving
- Secure loose items so nothing shifts suddenly
- Use window shades to reduce heat

Driving Breaks

- **Stop every 1–2 hours**
- **Offer water at each break**
- **Let your dog stretch, sniff, and toilet**
- **Choose safe, quiet areas away from traffic**
- **Keep your dog on a lead at all times**

Keeping Your Dog Comfortable

- **Maintain airflow without strong wind**
- **Play soft music or keep the car calm**
- **Avoid loud noises or sudden movements**
- **Bring a favourite toy or chew**
- **Keep the temperature steady**

Car Sickness Tips

- **Start with short practice drives**
- **Keep the car cool**
- **Avoid feeding right before travel**
- **Offer small sips of water**
- **Stop if your dog seems stressed or nauseous**

Long Drive Essentials

- **Water + bowl**
- **Towels**
- **Waste bags**
- **Lead + harness**
- **Favourite toy**
- **Blanket or mat**
- **Rubbish bag for quick clean-ups**

When You Arrive

- **Let your dog explore slowly**
- **Offer water and a toilet break**
- **Set up shade and a resting spot**
- **Keep things calm while they adjust**

CAMPSITE ETIQUETTE WITH DOGS

Simple, respectful habits that help everyone enjoy the outdoors

Keep Your Dog Close

- Use a lead, long line, or tie-out
- Avoid letting your dog wander into other campsites
- Keep them within sight and earshot at all times

Respect Quiet Hours

- Campsites often have quiet times
- Keep barking to a minimum
- Settle your dog early with a calm routine

Be Wildlife Aware

- Keep your dog away from nests, burrows, and riverbanks
- Avoid chasing birds or kangaroos
- Store food securely to avoid attracting animals
- **Clean Up Promptly**
- Pick up waste immediately
- Use biodegradable bags where possible
- Dispose of rubbish in designated bins or take it with you

Be Considerate of Other Campers

- Not everyone is comfortable around dogs
- Keep greetings controlled and optional
- Ask before allowing your dog to approach others

Manage Noise & Excitement

- New environments can be stimulating
- Use chews, toys, or a quiet rest spot to help your dog settle
- Keep playtime away from neighbouring campsites

Protect Shared Spaces

- Keep dogs out of communal kitchens and amenities
- Use designated dog-friendly areas where available
- Keep bedding and bowls within your own campsite

Lead by Example•

Calm, respectful behaviour encourages others to do the same

A well-managed dog makes camping more enjoyable for everyone.

WET WEATHER CAMPING WITH DOGS

Simple, practical tips to stay warm, dry, and comfortable when the rain rolls in

Set Up a Dry Zone

- **Create a sheltered space under a tarp or awning**
- **Keep your dog's bed off the ground**
- **Use a mat or groundsheet to reduce mud**
- **Store towels within easy reach**

Keep Your Dog Comfortable

- **Use a drying coat or warm jacket**
- **Offer a cosy blanket or extra bedding**
- **Keep water and food bowls under cover**
- **Give your dog a quiet, dry place to rest**

Managing Mud & Wet Fur

- **Keep a dedicated "dog towel" at the tent entrance**
- **Wipe paws before letting your dog inside**
- **Brush out burrs and debris while the coat is damp**
- **Use a portable shower or wipes for quick clean-ups**

Rainy Day Activities

- **Short sniff-walks under shelter**
- **Chews and puzzle toys**
- **Quiet play under the awning**
- **Extra cuddle time in the tent or van**

Safety in Wet Conditions

- **Avoid slippery rocks and muddy banks**
- **Keep your dog on a lead near fast-flowing water**
- **Watch for cold stress — shivering, curling up tightly, seeking warmth**
- **Dry your dog thoroughly after swimming or heavy rain**

Night-Time Comfort

- **Add an extra blanket to their bed**
- **Keep bedding away from tent walls to avoid dampness**
- **Use soft lighting to create a calm, cosy atmosphere**
- **Check paws and coat before settling in for the night**

COLD WEATHER CAMPING WITH DOGS

Warm, simple tips to keep your dog safe and comfortable on chilly nights

Create a Warm Sleeping Spot

- Use a raised bed or thick mat
- Add a cosy blanket or two
- Keep bedding away from tent walls to avoid dampness
- Use a windbreak or sheltered corner of the tent/van

Keep Your Dog Dry

- Dry your dog thoroughly after rain or swimming
- Brush out damp fur to prevent matting
- Use a drying coat or warm jacket if needed
- Keep towels handy near the tent entrance

Warmth at Night

- Add an extra blanket to their bed
- Use a hot water bottle wrapped in a towel (never directly on skin)
- Keep your dog close so they feel secure
- Avoid drafts by closing gaps in the tent or awning

Cold Weather Walks

- **Keep walks shorter in icy winds**
- **Avoid cold, wet ground for long periods**
- **Watch for shivering or reluctance to walk**
- **Offer warm bedding and rest breaks**

Signs Your Dog Is Too Cold

- **Shivering**
- **Curling tightly into a ball**
- **Seeking warmth or climbing onto you**
- **Cold ears or paws**
- **Lethargy or stiffness**

If you notice these signs, warm your dog gradually and move them to a sheltered area.

Extra Comfort Tips

- **Bring a favourite toy or chew for cosy downtime**
- **Keep water bowls out of the wind to prevent chilling**
- **Offer warm (not hot) water to encourage drinking**
- **Maintain a calm, predictable routine**

FINAL CHECKLIST

A simple, all-in-one list to make sure nothing gets forgotten

Dog Essentials

- Lead, collar, harness
- ID tags + microchip details
- Food + treats
- Water bowl + food bowl
- Fresh water supply
- Waste bags
- Bed or mat
- Blanket
- Favourite toy
- Chew

Health & Safety

- Medications
- Tick/flea prevention
- First aid kit
- Paw balm
- Tick remover
- Vet contact details
- Emergency card

Camp Gear

- **Shade setup**
- **Ground mat**
- **Night lighting**
- **Towels**
- **Rubbish bags**
- **Cooling mat or jacket (weather-dependent)**
- **Long line or tie-out**

Adventure Extras

- **Life jacket**
- **Rinse bottle**
- **Portable fan**
- **Drying coat**
- **Extra blankets**



BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

Quick, calm steps to start your trip smoothly

1. Check the Weather

- Look at the forecast for both day and night
- Pack cooling or warming gear accordingly

2. Confirm Dog-Friendly Rules

- Double-check campsite dog policies
- Check seasonal restrictions (beaches, parks, reserves)

3. Save Important Contacts

- Nearest vet
- After-hours emergency vet
- Wildlife rescue
- Your dog's microchip number

4. Prepare Your Dog

- Short walk before leaving
- Offer water
- Avoid feeding a full meal right before driving
- Set up a comfortable car space

5. Pack Smart

- **Keep essentials within easy reach**
- **Store food securely**
- **Bring extra water for hot days**

6. Do a Final Campsite Check

- **Shade options**
- **Sleeping setup**
- **Towels and clean-up gear**
- **Lead and long line**

 **YOU'RE READY FOR ADVENTURE**

Your dog is safe.

Your gear is packed.

Your campsite is planned.

And you've got everything you need for a calm, confident, dog-friendly trip.

CLOSING PAGE

Thank You for Exploring With Us

You've packed your gear, planned your campsite, and prepared your dog for a safe, happy adventure.

Now it's time to head out, breathe in the fresh air, and enjoy the simple magic of being outdoors together.

A Note From Odo

Thanks for bringing me along.

I'll sniff the tracks, splash in the water,

and curl up beside you when the stars come out.

Every adventure is better when we're together.

From Leah & Odo at Camp pawadventure

Wishing you calm days, safe travels, and unforgettable moments with your best mate.