

Guidelines for Pet Friendly Outings

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For many years the Sierra Club, Eastern Missouri Group has not allowed pets on any outings. After checking with other Missouri Groups on their position concerning bringing pets on outings, the EMG Outings Committee has decided to update this policy to bring the EMG more inline with Sierra Club national policy on pets and outings. Pets will now be allowed on Sierra Club Outings when the following steps are taken:

1. Make sure where you are going on your outing allows pets on their property. You can check this from their website, by calling or by visiting the site directly.

2. If pets are allowed on the property, make sure you copy any rules that the property owner has concerning pets while on their property.

3. When you schedule your outing you must include the words “pet friendly” in your description of the outing and specify what pets are welcome. Not only will this let pet owners know that they can bring their pet, but others considering attending your outing will also know that there may be pets coming along.

Make sure you include in your description the “pet rules” that the property owner wants the pet owners and their pets to follow while on their property. You as an Outing Leader can also include your own pet rules.

4. Remember that the Sierra Club promotes the “Leave No Trace” Rules of behavior on our outings. These rules apply to the people as well as to their pets (bring poop bags).

5. Remind the pet owners that when they bring water and snacks for themselves, make sure to include their pets needs as well.

6. Pet owners and pets that do not follow the property owner’s or your rules will not be allowed to come on your outing. Any pet owner or their pet that becomes disruptive while on your outing will be asked to leave the group and return to the trailhead.

These are just a few simple things to remember to make an outing with pets a fun experience for both the pet owners and their pets as well as those people without pets that may also be on your outing.

Thank you,

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