Wilderness Emergency Canine Care

Like to hike, ski, bike, paddle, and/or camp with your dog? Learn how to prevent and to deal with wilderness emergency medical issues that could befall your best outdoor buddy. Taught by a richly experienced veterinarian, gain the knowledge and skills to be able to respond to common as well as catastrophic backcountry injuries and illnesses. Topics covered in this 8 hour class include wounds, orthopedics, heat/cold, GI, canine first aid kits, and much more. No experience needed.

**Outline**

Introductions and Overview
- Introductions
- Class goals and schedule
- Safety and housekeeping
- Ethics and legal issues
- General wilderness safety

Epidemiology
- Injuries
- Fatalities

Prevention
- Heat/cold
- Paws/legs
- Other animals/toxins
- Fitness/nutrition

Dog Anatomy/Exam/Assessment
- Musculoskeletal
- GI
- Cardiac
- Respiratory
- Neurological

Wounds and Burns
- Hemostasis
- Cleaning
- Dressing
Orthopedic Injuries
   Overuse and trauma
   Legs
   Hips/pelvis
   Spinal

Head/Eyes/Ears Issues
   Throat
   Eyes
   Other head issues

Heart and Circulatory Issues/Shock
   Heart issues
   Shock

Respiratory Issues
   Airway issues
   Lung issues

Gastrointestinal Issues
   Stomach
   Intestines and colon

Thermal Issues
   Hypothermia
   Frostbite
   Hyperthermia

Drowning
   Prevention
   Treatment

Age Issues
   Puppies
   Older dogs

First Aid Kits

Summary & Conclusions