



Dogs like habits, and many of you have families, in which habits change from summer to fall with school starting. Try to program your pooch for these new habits by letting them know when you are going, but...don't make a big deal about the return. (Even though you are so happy to see them). Come into your home, do your thing, and then say hello. This will help your dog understand, 'normal' coming and going.

Early Fall is a time that the **seeds** and **burrs** begin to appear. If you have a long haired dog please leave a comb, and know that we can only spend a few minutes on each dog as we have others to get home and out of the heat! On that note – Please work as we do, to keep your dog on trail; this way your dog won't be in contact with most seeds and burrs. Remember dogs are directional and you can point, or signal the direction you want your dog to go. The dogs in the pack are allowed (and encouraged!) to run in large grassy fields in which they will not incur burrs or cause erosion.



When you hike with your dog - Please consider what we at **Hiking Hounds practice**:

- Every time you enter or exit the house the dog should sit and wait, allowing you to walk through the door first.
- Every time you **leash up or off**, your dog should **sit**...showing you attention.
- Dogs on leash in the parking area (it's the law) and and for safety, leashed well onto the trail. This calms the dog and keeps attention on you.
- Leave no trace**: Picking up all waste that you see and carrying it out!
- Making sure dogs are in control and **on trail in high erosion areas**. Our streams are so important in the high desert, let's take care of them.
- Staying focused on the handler, sitting and to the side of all oncoming traffic. (This gets high kudos!)
- Keep your dog's attention!**Food and praise will keep your pup happy and obedient**.



Goodbye from Mike:

To the families of all the great dogs I've had the privilege of hiking with this summer, it comes with much sadness that I have had to leave Hiking Hounds.

I wish I could stay longer but family circumstances are dictating my return to the east coast for the foreseeable future. It was not an easy decision to be made as I've thoroughly enjoyed my time on the trails. I want to thank you all so much for allowing me

into your homes (or yards), and giving me the chance to get to know all of your very special animals. I think I have benefited from the exercise and interactions just as much as they did. Each dog is an extension of its owner, so even those of you that I did not get to meet, I feel I have vicariously gotten to know you through your pets. I sincerely appreciate the love that all of you have shown your dogs by allowing Hiking Hounds and myself to care for them on a weekly basis. They will continue to be in the very capable hands of Ellen and Kim, and I hope to visit and join them on a hike or two in the future!

Kim:

Continues to do her favorite thing! Hiking dogs, keeping them happy and working for Hiking Hounds! I'm so happy to have her with your dogs; knowing that she is working them to listen, and hiking them until they are satisfied. She is well experienced and knows your dogs' personalities very well.

Vacation Announcement:

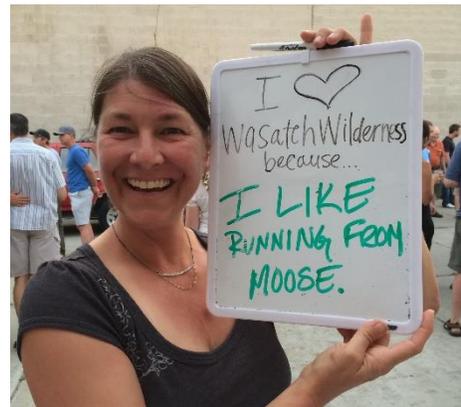
I will be out of town 8/11 -8/19.

During my absence, **Kim Jacobsen**, will be the lead person.

Her contact information is: **208-989-5554.**

Hikers! – Please try not to make schedule changes during my absence.

Kim is going to be a busy lady, and keeping it simple is the best way to success!



.... Who is the boss ...

Welcome Ryan & Nick:



Ryan is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys snowboarding, snowshoeing and hiking. Ryan has excellent history caring for dogs and experience working in a local kennel. Although satisfied with his employment in graphic design, Ryan saw the opportunity to get out from behind the desk to spend more time with dogs and in the Wasatch mountains. Welcome Ryan!

Nick a native Utahan, graduated University of Utah has a passion for History and Geographic Sciences. He mountain bikes, back country skis, camps...anything outdoors. He is passionate about animals and has a rescue dog named Jack. Nick is well attuned to dog mannerisms and is ready to lead the pack. Welcome Nick!

Ryan and Nick have had three training hikes. I am fully confident that they understand the dogs, the nuances of their groups and the way to navigate the trails physically and responsibly.

Four handlers! Wow.

After some forecasting, I decided that while I was hiring a replacement I would staff up. This maintains a small pack size and gives more individual attention to each dog. Having your dog hike with multiple handlers teaches your dog that they not only listen to you and me, but all humans. It's good for responsiveness to command. They learn listen to the words, not just the voice.

As I want to make sure that I am in touch with every dog. And, I want to maintain proper contact with all of you. I plan on hiking with each of my assistants once a month to connect with the pups and brainstorm about the dogs, their behavior, and social needs. Hiking with my assistants will help us, as handlers, maintain close contact and greater sense of community in a very independent vocation. This will also allow Kim, Ryan, Nick, and I to communicate so that we are all congruent in our practices with the dogs.



~ I can't tell you how much I enjoy every dog I have! I know them well and often predict many of their behaviors prior to them doing it! But when I'm learning a dog or I am surprised by a behavior I haven't seen, then I'm intrigued (and I research!).

Not only am I curious by your pets, I love knowing your families, friends and all the stories of your dogs' interactions!



Thank you!

And thanks for following me on **Instagram!** It's so fun to **share the photos** – and for you to see with your eyes how your dog is behaving and **loving the pack!**

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