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Take Your Pooch to Wilderness Boot Camp

 Jennifer McCarthy is the Cesar Millan of the hiking set. Whether you've got a problem pup or just want your best friend to behave a bit better on the trail, a weekend at her retreat—at 8,000 feet in the Rockies high above Boulder—is a good bet. The boot camp clinic is pretty intense: eight-hour days of dog and owner training. “The owners are a lot harder than the dogs,” McCarthy says. She teaches myriad fancy tricks and deals with difficult problems like aggression, but even your average friendly hiking mutt can benefit: “We do a trail-ready course that meets City of Boulder leash law,” she says. “Your dog can only hike off-leash in Boulder if it's trained to come back to you if it sees an animal. Since we have cats and deer on the ranch and bears and lynx in the mountains, they learn how to deal with distractions.” Dogs and owners bunk right in McCarthy's house for the weekend (\$2,999 for one dog; jmdogtraining.com).



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