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**Ruffwear: tested to the max**

Gary Rolfe has travelled 11,000 summer and winter Arctic miles by dog team. His Ruffwear Palisades Pack and Approach packs have experienced a yearly Arctic temperature range of 81°C [that's highs of +30°C to lows of -51°C!].

He says: "My dogs carry the weekly shopping and sometimes we go off for months at a time. My pack contains supplies and my dogs carry a third of their body weight in their own food. We cross hundreds of rivers and tend to bump into wildlife like bears and wolf packs. My Ruffwear packs survive a slog of constant wear, fangs and me. I'm not delicate with gear".

"The sun doesn't set for 56 days in an Arctic summer and UV rays can bleach coloured materials and rot stitching. Perpetual dark polar winters are simply brutal. Cold enough for spit to turn into ice cubes, the savage cold can alter material and zip dynamics making them brittle. Ruffwear packs don't alter. No other dog pack system has been so violently tested as Ruffwear's Palisades Pack and Approach packs. I know about other dog pack brands, enough not to be impressed".

Gary has lived four years in Arctic Canada. This winter he moves to Greenland. For more about where Ruffwear gear has been, including the K-9 First Aid Kit, with Gary visit: [www.garyrolfe.com](http://www.garyrolfe.com)

**W**ith the mountain rescue dogs of SARDA England and SARDA Wales constantly putting Ruffwear dog accessories through their paces and adventurer Gary Rolfe riding Ruffwear hard in the furthest reaches of the world, we know that our products are durable, high quality and work.

We love dogs here at Ruffwear: so much so that we have built a brand around providing them with technical outdoor products that are safe and that work long-term. There's a special relationship between dog and owner: we know because Ruffwear was inspired by Otis the dog, Ruffwear's resident gear tester. So, we understand first hand

that when it comes to products for your dog only the best will do.

Whatever the Ruffwear product, know that it's been built with dogs in mind and has been thoroughly tested. We feel that the fact that working dogs choose Ruffwear is a testament to our dedication to producing the highest quality products for those loveable four-legged friends of ours. Well, all that unconditional love they shower us with, it's got to work both ways hasn't it?

- **Ruffwear is stocked by selected outdoor retailers nationwide. For information call Rosker on 023 9252 8711 or visit [www.ruffwear.com](http://www.ruffwear.com)**

**Hiking with your dog?**

Include him in the prep and make sure he's catered for too.

**Ruffwear collapsible bowls with cinch tops: from £15** – Great because they can also store food and scrunch down small

**Ruffwear Quick draw leash: from £11** – The lead that turns into a collar and can be quickly unravelled when needed in a hurry [stiles, friskiness, crossing roads]

**Ruffwear Palisades and Approach packs: from £40** – Get your dog involved and carrying his own gear [you're unlikely to pack a third of his own body weight like Gary does!] If your dog can shoulder some of the load then you'll be able to pack more toys and treats.

**Ruffwear K9 first aid kit: £35** – You have one so why not your dog? Make sure they stay safe.

**Ruffwear K9 float coat: from £45** – A great life jacket for dogs.



Biscuit, SARDA England dog wearing her Ruffwear



Rolfe's Eskimo Huskies in action

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