



Friends Interested
FIDOS
 Dogs and Open Space

June 2014 Summary

Now that the GT Revisions have been decided, we expect the month to be quiet.

OSMP is organizing the classes for anyone wishing to have Green Tags in 2015. You can sign up on the [Parks and Rec enrollment page at this link](#). Click the "Dog Voice and Sight" class on the left.

There are actually 2 steps to the process so we have broken them out on the FIDOS website at fidus.org.

For members of the "Twitterati" who want more regular information on dog issues in the Boulder/Denver area, FIDOS is tweeting at www.twitter.com/fidos.

Otherwise, hope you and the pups have a great summer.

FIDOS Monthly Meeting date and location

Starting in July, FIDOS board meetings will take place at [Alfalfa's](#) Community room on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 PM. Guests are welcome to come to the pre-business portion of the meetings (usually the first 30 minutes) to ask questions, express concerns, meet the board members, and to get involved.

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Hessie Trail Head Shuttle - Dog Friendly

2014 Hessie Trailhead Shuttle Began Saturday, June 7

Boulder County will run a free shuttle service again on weekends and holidays this summer to carry passengers from Nederland Middle/Senior High School, 597 County Road 130, to the [Hessie Trailhead](#), a popular entry point for accessing the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. Shuttles start running at the high school at 8 AM. Your leashed dog may ride the shuttle.

[More info at this link.](#)

NOTE: Indian Peaks is a leashed area, but the trail to the [Lost Lake](#) is V&S and a really nice hike with water much of the way.

V&S round San Francisco under Pressure

V&S (they don't call it "Voice and Sight" but it's the same thing) access around San Francisco has been under pressure for the past few years and it looks like some recent decisions have gone against the canine community which is fighting back. Nice video of a recent protest at this link:

<http://www.doggieconciierge.net/fortmasonslideshow/index.html>

[and the Facebook page](#)

Around Town

The Party In The Park Fundraiser, held on May 17th, was a huge success in raising \$3800 toward the reward for the arrest of the person who placed the poisoned meatballs in the Gunbarrel Park. Three dogs were sickened after eating the D-Con laced meatballs. The total reward now stands at \$8500 for anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible party. If you have any leads, you can call the Boulder County Sheriff's Office at 303-441-4444.

[NOTE: Police in Longmont are investigating a similar incident!](#)

OSMP is currently conducting a Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse study at the Bobolink Open Space. You and your dog may see traps in the area.

Newsletter by Post

If you are aware of any potential FIDOS members who do not receive the

newsletter feel free to pass on their email address to "info@fidus.org" and we'll add them to the list.

It has also been pointed out that some FIDOS supporters are not regular users of email. If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletter via "old school" communication let us know and we'll try to get a newsletter to them in a paper format.

Website Refresh

We are in the process of refreshing the website at www.fidos.org, with additional papers on dogs and wildlife, more opportunities for people who do not receive the newsletter to provide feedback, and integrations with other social media tools, such as Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest. Any and all feedback is welcomed.

Commercial Supporters -

We would like to thank [Only Natural Pet](#) and their customers at 2100 28th St Unit #1C, Boulder, 80301, map [at this link](#), for helping FIDOS with the prior Green Tag petition. The petition and the support of "Only Natural Pet" were very helpful in informing and uniting dog guardians to help overturn some of OSMP's most extreme Green Tag proposals.

Little Nonsense to finish with

[Received this cute video with some \(OK very little\) relevance to the GT Training.](#)

Actually the cat reminds me of the cool cat which attended the Fundraiser for the poison meatballs in May.

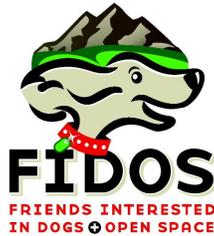
Helping FIDOS

Its surprising how much V&S activity is going on the Boulder and the County which FIDOS members try to cover.

If you'd like to help out, but cant make long term commitments, we are pulling together a list of volunteer activities which simply involve turning up. For example, organizing a social event or attending an OSBT or Council Meeting and reporting back. (These meetings may seem dry, but when you have some skin in the game, such as preserving V&S access, they can be fascinating).

[Let FIDOS know](#) if you are interested in these ad-hoc activities and we'll put you on the

mailing list.



FIDOS Meetings, Membership and Feedback

Members of FIDOS include a wide cross section of the Boulder Community, the common factor being an interest in enjoying and protecting the Open Space, accompanied by our dogs. Many supporters are in fact "between dogs", but value meeting others with their dogs on the trail.

In order to retain and expand this access we each need to be "good stewards" of the lands around us and keep an eye on what is happening on the trails as well as in the meeting rooms.

Let us know if you have any ideas or observations on the direction of FIDOS. New perspectives on V&S are always valuable in developing our arguments.

Starting in July 2014, FIDOS board meetings will take place in the [Alfalfa's Community room](#) on the 2nd Monday of each month. The agenda is always published in advance to make sure we hit all the issues. If anyone would like to address the group let us know in advance (mail here) and we'll make time in the schedule.

Sincerely,

[Newsletter Team](#)

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