



Friends Interested  
**FIDOS**  
 Dogs and Open Space

## May 2014 Summary

With the modifications to the Green Tag program behind us, we are pleased that City Council rejected the one-strike and two-strike proposals for loss of Green Tag privileges.

We have to admit we didn't get all we hoped for (which was rejecting all the changes), but we feel we managed to avoid the worst, and changes such as increased fees, were probably inevitable. We await with great interest to see how OSMP will organize the training sessions (see some info below) and will follow the development of this program with great interest.

## Green Tag Training Sessions

The timeline for the Green Tag Training implementation has been announced.

**Classes start on Monday 2nd June** and will take place at various locations round town. OSMP has hired 6 trainers to present the material. They hope to have provided training to 1000 dog guardians in the first 2 weeks.

There will be a website giving information on the program on 15th May. The interim website is at [www.voiceandsight.org](http://www.voiceandsight.org)

**Registration for the classes starts on 19th May** and will be organized through the department of Parks and Rec.

It's clear that OSMP is putting significant resources into this program. FIDOS is very interested in getting your reaction to these training sessions so if you

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are one of the early participants, email us your impressions at "info@fidus.org"

## Around Town May 17th

If you are aware of dog related events round town each month let us know and we'll try and get them in the newsletter. Two events coming up this Saturday, May 17th:

### Saturday Morning

As a part of **Boulder's Community Cleanup Day**, OSMP staff are organizing a P.U.P. (Pick Up Poop) Derby to clean up the Dry Creek Trail on Saturday, May 17 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. More details at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/pup-derby>

### Saturday Afternoon:

# Party in the Park Fundraiser!

In April someone left rat poison laced meatballs in our park and 3 dogs were poisoned

Come show your support and raise proceeds for the reward to catch the culprit

Saturday, May 17th 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Buckingham Park—Gunbarrel

5150 Buckingham Road, Boulder, CO

Special Guest  
Journalist Aaron Harber  
and  
"Wonka" from Guide Dogs for the  
Blind



- Family friendly—Bring your dogs and the kids!
- Games for Adults, Kids and Dogs!
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Representatives from Local Businesses & Sponsors
- Local Media Coverage
- Animal Control to answer questions
- Refreshments

Come join the fun!



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If the culprit is not found all donations will be split between the Longmont and Boulder Valley humane societies

## New FIDOS Meeting Place

FIDOS Board will be meeting on the second Monday of each month starting on Monday July 14 at [Alfalfa's Community room](#) at 1651 Broadway, Boulder.

## Newsletter by Post

If you are aware of any potential FIDOS members who do not receive the newsletter feel free to pass on the email address "info@fidus.org" and we'll add them to the list.

Its 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.

## Commercial Supporters - Alleys Dog Bowl

There are a number of companies in Boulder that support V&S access to the Open Space. Over the next few months we will call out some of these local companies which provide a high quality services AND work for V&S in Boulder.

The first is [Alleys Dog Bowl in North Boulder at 4593 N Broadway](#) run by Andy Malkiel, a long time FIDOS supporter.

A new, small business selling high quality dog and cat foods. If you live in NoBo check it out.

## 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 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 whats going on 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.

FIDOS meets on the first Monday of each month, 7pm at the Outlook Hotel, Boulder. 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,

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