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Beware Foxtails

At this time of year there is an unexpected danger to dogs on the trails in the form of a grass called "Foxtails". The seeds are sharp and can penetrate the pads of the dog and work their way up inside the skin to exit at another point.



Photo from "The Bark"

This will probably mean a visit to the vet to clean the mess up. We have heard of four such instances so far this year and HAVE noticed Foxtails at the entrance to CU South and Bobolink trail head.

There is a more detailed article at the BARK [at this link.](#)

Bow Wow Film Festival Aug 20 at the Dairy.

"Bow Wow" is a fun inspiring event that celebrates the human-canine bond and 100% of ticket proceeds go to Humane Soc of Boulder Valley.

[Links and a trailer at the website here](#)



Last year Bow Wow Film Fest had a wonderful show at the Dairy Center for the Arts. Everyone had a

great time and raised several thousand dollars for The Humane Society Boulder Valley!! This year an additional show is scheduled, a Matinee at 4 pm and the evening show at 7pm.

[Ticket info at this link](#)

North Trail Study Area (NTSA) - Final Status



City Council approved the North Trail Study Area Draft Plan at their meeting on June 7th.

This Draft Plan covers recommended changes to the northern OSMP properties, including:

**Boulder Valley Ranch,
Joder Ranch,
East and West Beech, and
Wonderland Lake.**

FIDOS is happy to report that with the approval of the Draft Plan, dog guardians have gained some new Voice & Sight trails.

We thank everyone who has supported the additional Voice & Sight trails, with your emails to the Open Space Board of Trustees and City Council.

The newly gained Voice & Sight trails include the following.

1) **The Left Hand Trail, north of Boulder Valley Ranch**, will change from an On-Leash Trail to a Voice & Sight On Corridor Trail. The Voice & Sight On-Corridor designation allows dogs to be off leash, under Voice & Sight control, within 20 feet of either side of the trail.

2) **The Joder Interim Trail at Joder Ranch** will change from On Leash to Voice & Sight On Corridor.

3) **A new loop trail west of Wonderland Lake**, as well as the Old Kiln Trail (currently On Leash), will be designated as Voice & Sight On Corridor.

4) **The Papini Trail**, on the Mesa south of Boulder Valley Ranch, will become an officially designated trail that will allow Voice & Sight On Corridor access.

V&S monitoring in the Open Space.

OSMP staff and volunteers are monitoring visitors with dogs under V&S control looking for any problems with other dogs or people.

It is tiresome that dog guardians are the only user group to be repeatedly monitored. Please display the usual good V&S control of your dog as this monitoring program continues.

FIDOS on FaceBook

Thankfully it's been a quiet couple of months so far this summer, with the NTSA behind us and the next projects, changes to the Visitor Master Plan and East TSA, not yet ramped up.



We have reworked the FIDOS Facebook Page to keep everyone informed of things as they happen.

The new page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FIDOS.Boulder>

"Like" us to stay informed.

Doggie Dash



The Boulder Humane Society's "Doggie Dash" will be held at the Rez on September 17th at 9am.

More info and registration at:

<http://doggiedash2016.org/>

Helping FIDOS

It's surprising how much V&S activity is going on in the City of Boulder and in Boulder County which FIDOS members try to cover.

If you'd like to help out but can't 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.

FIDOS board meetings take place monthly. 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

Friends Interested in Dogs and Open Space

