

**Off Leash Dog / Human Interactions
at Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks:
Supplemental Analyses**

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Executive Summary

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Tables presented in this document compare:

- Guardians vs. Non-guardians
- Guardians (Non-walkers – Walkers) vs. Non-guardians
- Frequent vs. Infrequent dog walkers at OSMP

Respondents' open-ended comments on the survey are listed at the end of the document.

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Dog Guardians vs. Non-Dog Guardians

Table 1. Dog Guardian

Are you currently a dog guardian?	Number	Percent
No	431	46
Yes	509	54
Total	940	100

Table 2. Number of dogs currently under your protection

Number of dogs Under your protection	Respondents	
	Number	Percent
1	364	71
2	121	24
3	21	4
4	3	1
Total	509	100

Table 3. Frequency of visiting OSMP locations with your dog

	Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Never	78	15
Once a month	55	11
Twice a month	32	6
3 times per month	18	3
4 times per month (once a week)	41	8
2 times per week	59	12
3 to 4 times per week	89	18
5 to 6 times per week	68	13
Daily	69	14
Total	509	100

Table 4. Number of dogs with you on today's visit

	Respondents	
	Number	Percent
No dogs	495	56
1 dog	283	32
2 dogs	93	10
3 dogs	11	1
4 dogs	4	< 1
5 dogs	3	< 1

Table 5. Leashed versus unleashed dogs on today's visit

Were the dogs that you had with you today:	Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Leashed <i>all</i> of the time?	72	17
Leashed <i>part</i> of the time?	237	55
Leashed <i>none</i> of the time?	76	18
Did not have a dog with me	258	48

Table 6. Prior visits to OSMP

	Dog Guardian		<i>t</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	No (Mean)	Yes (Mean)			
Number of years visiting OSMP	11.10	10.75	0.50	.616	.017
Number of visits during past 12 months	72.65	109.69	5.41	< .001	.171
Number of times visited OSMP during past month	8.47	11.90	5.22	< .001	.166

Table 7. Average number of times behaviors were *personally observed* on a typical visit

	Dog Guardian		<i>t</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	No (Mean)	Yes (Mean)			
Dogs off trail	2.87	3.02	0.99	.325	.034
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	1.88	1.60	2.24	.025	.078
Dogs “play” chasing another dog	1.75	2.46	5.18	< .001	.175
Dogs flushing birds	0.60	0.44	1.97	.049	.070
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	0.69	0.50	2.18	.029	.078
Dogs approaching uninvited	2.14	2.02	0.94	.349	.033
Dogs jumping on a visitor	0.89	0.70	1.96	.050	.069
Dogs licking a visitor	0.99	0.75	2.47	.014	.087
Dogs pawing a visitor	0.68	0.45	2.72	.007	.096
Dogs sniffing a visitor	1.93	2.29	2.57	.010	.089
Owners not picking up after their dogs	1.79	1.39	3.10	.002	.108

Table 8. Acceptability ratings for behaviors

	Dog Guardian		χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)			
Dogs off trail			70.44	< .001	.284
Unacceptable	36	15			
Neither	25	19			
Acceptable	39	66			
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs			28.94	< .001	.185
Unacceptable	50	32			
Neither	23	32			
Acceptable	27	36			
Dogs "play" chasing another dog			52.22	< .001	.249
Unacceptable	30	14			
Neither	30	23			
Acceptable	40	63			
Dogs flushing birds			30.58	< .001	.193
Unacceptable	68	49			
Neither	17	29			
Acceptable	15	22			
Dogs causing wildlife to flee			16.72	< .001	.142
Unacceptable	72	60			
Neither	14	24			
Acceptable	14	16			
Dogs approaching uninvited			28.49	< .001	.185
Unacceptable	55	37			
Neither	21	29			
Acceptable	24	34			
Dogs jumping on a visitor			5.90	.052	.084
Unacceptable	76	70			
Neither	12	18			
Acceptable	11	12			
Dogs licking a visitor			26.91	< .001	.181
Unacceptable	59	41			
Neither	22	33			
Acceptable	19	26			
Dogs pawing a visitor			5.66	.059	.083
Unacceptable	70	62			
Neither	19	23			
Acceptable	11	15			
Dogs sniffing a visitor			56.56	< .001	.260
Unacceptable	45	22			
Neither	27	30			
Acceptable	28	48			
Owners not picking up after their dogs			2.47	.291	.054
Unacceptable	87	84			
Neither	7	9			
Acceptable	6	7			

Table 9. Maximum norm tolerances for behaviors and percent of time norm was exceeded

	Maximum Norm Tolerances for Behaviors		Percent of Time Norm was Exceeded		
	Dog Guardian ¹		Dog Guardian		Entire Sample (%)
	No (Mean)	Yes (Mean)	No (%)	Yes (%)	
Dogs off trail	2.59	3.75	38	18	28
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	1.64	2.37	36	22	28
Dogs “play” chasing another dog	2.10	3.44	21	16	18
Dogs flushing birds	0.66	1.28	19	9	13
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	0.63	1.06	19	14	17
Dogs approaching uninvited	1.51	2.27	45	27	35
Dogs jumping on a visitor	0.52	0.59	32	22	27
Dogs licking a visitor	0.97	1.52	27	12	19
Dogs pawing a visitor	0.57	0.82	23	12	17
Dogs sniffing a visitor	1.72	2.98	36	20	27
Owners not picking up after their dogs	0.40	0.67	56	46	50

1. All mean differences statistically significant at $p \leq .016$

Table 10. Perceived problems associated with each behavior

	Dog Guardian		χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)			
Dogs off trail			66.98	< .001	.267
Not at all a problem	39	64			
Slight problem	34	24			
Moderate problem	19	8			
Extreme problem	8	3			
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs			33.61	< .001	.190
Not at all a problem	25	33			
Slight problem	34	43			
Moderate problem	27	18			
Extreme problem	14	6			
Dogs "play" chasing another dog			41.11	< .001	.209
Not at all a problem	46	64			
Slight problem	30	24			
Moderate problem	19	8			
Extreme problem	5	4			
Dogs flushing birds			37.64	< .001	.201
Not at all a problem	25	31			
Slight problem	21	29			
Moderate problem	20	24			
Extreme problem	34	16			
Dogs causing wildlife to flee			14.72	< .002	.126
Not at all a problem	21	24			
Slight problem	18	22			
Moderate problem	19	24			
Extreme problem	42	30			
Dogs approaching uninvited			34.91	< .001	.193
Not at all a problem	27	36			
Slight problem	28	35			
Moderate problem	22	18			
Extreme problem	23	11			
Dogs jumping on a visitor			15.23	< .002	.128
Not at all a problem	15	20			
Slight problem	19	25			
Moderate problem	25	25			
Extreme problem	41	30			
Dogs licking a visitor			31.26	< .001	.183
Not at all a problem	28	41			
Slight problem	29	31			
Moderate problem	22	17			
Extreme problem	21	11			
Dogs pawing a visitor			19.70	< .001	.146
Not at all a problem	20	26			
Slight problem	24	28			
Moderate problem	25	27			
Extreme problem	31	19			
Dogs sniffing a visitor			67.66	< .001	.268
Not at all a problem	37	57			
Slight problem	28	30			
Moderate problem	21	9			
Extreme problem	14	4			
Owners not picking up after their dogs			18.53	< .001	.141
Not at all a problem	7	10			
Slight problem	10	14			
Moderate problem	19	26			
Extreme problem	64	50			

Table 11. Beliefs about off leash dogs

	Dog Guardian		χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)			
I enjoy watching dogs off leash at OSMP areas			165.83	< .001	.423
Disagree	31	5			
Neutral	32	19			
Agree	37	76			
It's OK that off leash dogs use OSMP areas as long as they do <i>not</i> affect me			48.46	< .001	.233
Disagree	27	9			
Neutral	19	20			
Agree	54	71			
Just knowing that off leash dogs are allowed in OSMP areas is a problem for me, even if I never see them			103.20	< .001	.336
Disagree	63	91			
Neutral	21	6			
Agree	16	3			
The behavior of off leash dogs is a problem at OSMP areas			98.56	< .001	.331
Disagree	44	74			
Neutral	24	16			
Agree	32	10			
I do <i>not</i> think that there are any real impacts from off leash dogs at OSMP areas			54.65	< .001	.256
Disagree	54	32			
Neutral	25	25			
Agree	21	43			
Dog owners who <i>cannot</i> control their dogs off leash <i>should not</i> be allowed to visit OSMP areas with their dogs off leash			31.15	< .001	.185
Disagree	8	12			
Neutral	7	18			
Agree	85	70			
It is OK for a visitor to say something to a dog owner who does <i>not</i> have his or her dog under control			0.33	.849	.019
Disagree	6	6			
Neutral	16	15			
Agree	78	79			
Most dog owners are responsible individuals who keep their dogs under control at OSMP areas			49.92	< .001	.236
Disagree	14	4			
Neutral	22	12			
Agree	64	84			
It bothers me when dog owners do <i>not</i> pick up after their dogs			6.79	.033	.086
Disagree	2	2			
Neutral	5	9			
Agree	93	89			

Table 12. Demographics

	Dog Guardian		χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)			
Sex			1.07	.300	.035
Male	46	42			
Female	54	58			
Age			17.33	.008	.142
< 20	4	4			
21 to 30	23	14			
31 to 40	21	26			
41 to 50	23	30			
51 to 60	20	20			
61 to 70	8	5			
> 70	1	1			
Mean age	41.56	42.77			
Education			4.04	.545	.068
High school or less	4	5			
Some college	8	8			
College graduate	36	35			
Some graduate school	9	12			
Masters degree	29	27			
Doctoral or professional degree	14	13			

Dog Guardians (Non-walkers vs. Walkers) vs. Non-Dog Guardians

Table 13. Walk Dogs at OSMP Areas

Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?	Number	Percent
No	431	46
Yes	78	8
Do not own a dog	431	46
Total	940	100

Table 14. Prior visits to OSMP

	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			<i>F</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	No (Mean)	Yes (Mean)	Do Not Own a Dog (Mean)			
Number of years visiting OSMP	6.79 ^a	11.44 ^b	11.10 ^b	6.29	.002	.117
Number of visits during past 12 months	23.91 ^a	125.01 ^b	72.65 ^c	46.59	< .001	.301
Number of times visited OSMP during past month	4.49 ^a	13.22 ^b	8.47 ^c	39.23	< .001	.279

Table 15. Average number of times behaviors were *personally observed* on a typical visit

	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			<i>F</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	No (Mean)	Yes (Mean)	Do Not own a Dog (Mean)			
Dogs off trail	2.01 ^a	3.20 ^b	2.87 ^b	9.46	< .001	.147
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	1.10 ^a	1.69 ^b	1.88 ^b	5.86	.003	.117
Dogs “play” chasing another dog	1.21 ^a	2.68 ^b	1.75 ^a	30.22	< .001	.259
Dogs flushing birds	0.18 ^a	0.48 ^b	0.60 ^b	4.08	.017	.099
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	0.29 ^a	0.54 ^{ab}	0.69 ^b	3.77	.023	.095
Dogs approaching uninvited	1.41 ^a	2.13 ^b	2.14 ^b	4.87	.008	.107
Dogs jumping on a visitor	0.30 ^a	0.77 ^b	0.89 ^b	5.63	.004	.115
Dogs licking a visitor	0.49 ^a	0.80 ^{ab}	0.99 ^b	4.54	.011	.104
Dogs pawing a visitor	0.42 ^a	0.45 ^a	0.68 ^b	3.89	.021	.096
Dogs sniffing a visitor	1.38 ^a	2.45 ^b	1.93 ^c	12.04	< .001	.168
Owners not picking up after their dogs	1.17 ^a	1.43 ^a	1.79 ^b	5.53	.004	.114

Table 16. Acceptability ratings for behaviors

	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)	Do Not Own a Dog (%)			
Dogs off trail				74.99	< .001	.206
Unacceptable	22	14	36			
Neither	23	18	25			
Acceptable	55	68	39			
Owners repeatedly calling their dogs				34.31	< .001	.142
Unacceptable	40	30	50			
Neither	36	31	23			
Acceptable	24	39	27			
Dogs "play" chasing another dog				75.97	< .001	.208
Unacceptable	34	11	30			
Neither	25	22	30			
Acceptable	41	67	40			
Dogs flushing birds				36.97	< .001	.151
Unacceptable	63	46	68			
Neither	21	31	17			
Acceptable	16	23	15			
Dogs causing wildlife to flee				20.33	< .001	.110
Unacceptable	69	59	72			
Neither	22	24	14			
Acceptable	9	17	14			
Dogs approaching uninvited				31.45	< .001	.137
Unacceptable	46	35	55			
Neither	26	30	21			
Acceptable	28	35	24			
Dogs jumping on a visitor				5.95	.203	.060
Unacceptable	70	70	77			
Neither	17	18	12			
Acceptable	13	12	11			
Dogs licking a visitor				27.30	< .001	.129
Unacceptable	37	41	59			
Neither	36	33	22			
Acceptable	27	26	19			
Dogs pawing a visitor				5.99	.200	.060
Unacceptable	65	62	70			
Neither	20	23	19			
Acceptable	15	15	11			
Dogs sniffing a visitor				62.93	< .001	.193
Unacceptable	32	20	45			
Neither	33	30	27			
Acceptable	35	50	28			
Owners not picking up after their dogs				2.66	.615	.040
Unacceptable	82	84	87			
Neither	11	9	7			
Acceptable	7	7	6			

Table 17. Maximum norm tolerances for behaviors

Maximum Norm Tolerances for Behaviors ¹						
	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			<i>F</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	No (Mean)	Yes (Mean)	Do Not Own a Dog (Mean)			
Dogs off trail	2.84 ^a	3.89 ^b	2.59 ^a	30.76	< .001	.272
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	1.95 ^{ab}	2.44 ^a	1.64 ^b	15.81	< .001	.201
Dogs “play” chasing another dog	2.48 ^a	3.59 ^b	2.10 ^a	40.58	< .001	.316
Dogs flushing birds	1.36 ^a	1.27 ^a	0.66 ^b	12.97	< .001	.186
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	1.13 ^a	1.05 ^a	0.63 ^b	6.81	.001	.135
Dogs approaching uninvited	1.83 ^{ab}	2.33 ^a	1.51 ^b	14.06	< .001	.193
Dogs jumping on a visitor	0.74 ^{ab}	0.80 ^a	0.52 ^b	3.81	.023	.101
Dogs licking a visitor	1.40 ^{ab}	1.54 ^a	0.97 ^b	8.77	< .001	.154
Dogs pawing a visitor	0.74 ^{ab}	0.83 ^a	0.57 ^b	2.96	.052	.090
Dogs sniffing a visitor	2.33 ^{ab}	3.08 ^a	1.72 ^b	35.20	< .001	.298
Owners not picking up after their dogs	0.47 ^{ab}	0.70 ^a	0.40 ^b	4.77	.009	.113

Table 18. Percent of time norm was exceeded

	Percent of Time Norm was Exceeded				χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas			Do Not Own a Dog (%)			
	Entire Sample	No (%)	Yes (%)				
Dogs off trail	28	20	18	38	38.12	< .001	.224
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	28	19	22	36	18.34	< .001	.157
Dogs "play" chasing another dog	18	17	15	21	3.40	.183	.069
Dogs flushing birds	13	8	9	19	16.50	< .001	.152
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	17	15	14	19	3.18	.204	.066
Dogs approaching uninvited	35	30	27	45	24.99	< .001	.186
Dogs jumping on a visitor	27	19	23	32	10.31	.006	.119
Dogs licking a visitor	19	12	12	27	27.17	< .001	.195
Dogs pawing a visitor	17	15	12	23	13.57	.001	.138
Dogs sniffing a visitor	27	26	19	36	24.52	< .001	.186
Owners not picking up after their dogs	50	42	47	56	7.29	.026	.100

Table 19. Perceived problems associated with each behavior

	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)	Do Not Own a Dog (%)			
Dogs off trail				78.69	< .001	.203
Not at all a problem	54	66	39			
Slight problem	26	24	34			
Moderate problem	10	8	19			
Extreme problem	10	2	8			
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs				39.10	< .001	.144
Not at all a problem	24	35	25			
Slight problem	42	43	34			
Moderate problem	25	16	27			
Extreme problem	9	6	14			
Dogs "play" chasing another dog				55.16	< .001	.170
Not at all a problem	51	67	46			
Slight problem	23	24	30			
Moderate problem	17	6	19			
Extreme problem	9	3	5			
Dogs flushing birds				40.87	< .001	.147
Not at all a problem	31	31	25			
Slight problem	27	29	21			
Moderate problem	19	25	20			
Extreme problem	23	15	34			
Dogs causing wildlife to flee				15.63	.016	.092
Not at all a problem	27	24	21			
Slight problem	19	23	18			
Moderate problem	26	23	19			
Extreme problem	28	30	42			
Dogs approaching uninvited				39.46	< .001	.144
Not at all a problem	28	38	27			
Slight problem	36	35	28			
Moderate problem	19	17	22			
Extreme problem	17	10	23			
Dogs jumping on a visitor				16.99	.009	.096
Not at all a problem	22	20	15			
Slight problem	27	24	19			
Moderate problem	20	26	25			
Extreme problem	31	30	41			
Dogs licking a visitor				33.42	< .001	.133
Not at all a problem	41	41	28			
Slight problem	34	31	29			
Moderate problem	12	18	22			
Extreme problem	13	10	21			
Dogs pawing a visitor				21.26	.002	.107
Not at all a problem	27	26	20			
Slight problem	33	28	24			
Moderate problem	22	28	25			
Extreme problem	18	18	31			
Dogs sniffing a visitor				70.88	< .001	.192
Not at all a problem	57	57	37			
Slight problem	29	30	28			
Moderate problem	6	10	21			
Extreme problem	8	3	14			
Owners not picking up after their dogs				19.22	.004	.102
Not at all a problem	12	10	7			
Slight problem	14	14	10			
Moderate problem	22	26	19			
Extreme problem	52	50	64			

Table 20. Beliefs about off leash dogs

	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)	Do Not Own a Dog (%)			
I enjoy watching dogs off leash at OSMP areas				202.92	< .001	.326
Disagree	17	3	31			
Neutral	37	16	32			
Agree	46	81	37			
It's OK that off leash dogs use OSMP areas as long as they do <i>not</i> affect me				56.12	< .001	.174
Disagree	18	8	27			
Neutral	14	21	19			
Agree	68	71	54			
Just knowing that off leash dogs are allowed in OSMP areas is a problem for me, even if I never see them				125.69	< .001	.255
Disagree	73	94	63			
Neutral	17	4	21			
Agree	10	2	16			
The behavior of off leash dogs is a problem at OSMP areas				109.26	< .001	.246
Disagree	58	77	44			
Neutral	26	14	24			
Agree	16	9	32			
I do <i>not</i> think that there are any real impacts from off leash dogs at OSMP areas				59.78	< .001	.183
Disagree	32	32	54			
Neutral	30	24	25			
Agree	38	44	21			
Dog owners who <i>cannot</i> control their dogs off leash <i>should not</i> be allowed to visit OSMP areas with their dogs off leash				34.27	< .001	.138
Disagree	7	13	8			
Neutral	15	19	7			
Agree	78	68	85			
It is OK for a visitor to say something to a dog owner who does <i>not</i> have his or her dog under control				2.67	.614	.037
Disagree	3	7	6			
Neutral	13	15	16			
Agree	84	78	78			
Most dog owners are responsible individuals who keep their dogs under control at OSMP areas				65.67	< .001	.191
Disagree	4	4	14			
Neutral	28	9	22			
Agree	68	87	64			
It bothers me when dog owners do <i>not</i> pick up after their dogs				10.34	.035	.070
Disagree	0	3	2			
Neutral	10	9	5			
Agree	90	88	93			

Table 21. Demographics

	Do you walk your dog at OSMP areas?			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	No (%)	Yes (%)	Do Not Own a Dog (%)			
Sex				2.11	.348	.049
Male	48	41	46			
Female	52	59	54			
Age				34.56	.001	.150
< 20	12	2	4			
21 to 30	18	13	23			
31 to 40	24	26	21			
41 to 50	18	32	23			
51 to 60	18	20	19			
61 to 70	5	5	8			
> 70	3	1	2			
Mean age	38.92	43.41	41.56			
Education				29.51	.001	.144
High school or less	13	4	4			
Some college	21	6	8			
College graduate	31	35	35			
Some graduate school	8	13	9			
Masters degree	19	28	29			
Doctoral / professional degree	8	14	15			

Frequency of walking dogs at OSMP

Table 22. Frequency of walking dogs at OSMP

	Number	Percent
Never	78	15
1 to 4 visits per month	146	29
2+ visits per week	285	56
Total	431	100

Table 23. Prior visits to OSMP

	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP ¹			<i>F</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	Never (Mean)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (Mean)	2+ Visits per Week (Mean)			
Number of years visiting OSMP	6.79 ^a	9.45 ^a	12.43 ^b	11.11	< .001	.043
Number of visits during past 12 months	23.91 ^a	40.64 ^a	168.23 ^b	123.58	< .001	.329
Number of times visited OSMP during past month	4.49 ^a	5.69 ^a	17.06 ^b	99.22	< .001	.285

1. Means with different superscripts differ statistically at $p < .05$

Table 24. Average number of times behaviors were *personally observed* on a typical visit

	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP ¹			F-value	p-value	eta
	Never (Mean)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (Mean)	2+ Visits per Week (Mean)			
Dogs off trail	2.01 ^a	2.97 ^b	3.32 ^b	10.28	< .001	.206
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	1.10 ^a	1.51 ^{ab}	1.78 ^b	4.97	.007	.146
Dogs “play” chasing another dog	1.21 ^a	2.17 ^b	2.96 ^c	23.64	< .001	.307
Dogs flushing birds	0.18 ^a	0.32 ^a	0.57 ^b	5.87	.003	.160
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	0.29	0.48	0.57	2.08	.127	.095
Dogs approaching uninvited	1.41 ^a	2.15 ^b	2.12 ^b	4.80	.009	.144
Dogs jumping on a visitor	0.32 ^a	0.74 ^b	0.79 ^b	4.51	.012	.139
Dogs licking a visitor	0.49	0.80	0.79	1.67	.190	.086
Dogs pawing a visitor	0.42	0.43	0.47	0.09	.919	.019
Dogs sniffing a visitor	1.38 ^a	2.44 ^b	2.45 ^b	8.57	< .001	.192
Owners not picking up after their dogs	1.17	1.21	1.55	2.54	.080	.105

1. Means with different superscripts differ statistically at $p < .05$

Table 25. Acceptability ratings for behaviors

	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	Never (%)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (%)	2+ Visits per Week (%)			
Dogs off trail				11.14	.025	.023
Unacceptable	22	17	12			
Neither	22	23	15			
Acceptable	55	60	73			
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs				11.76	.019	.113
Unacceptable	40	35	28			
Neither	36	35	29			
Acceptable	24	30	43			
Dogs "play" chasing another dog				24.52	< .001	.177
Unacceptable	34	12	10			
Neither	25	26	21			
Acceptable	41	62	69			
Dogs flushing birds				8.10	.088	.096
Unacceptable	63	51	44			
Neither	21	29	31			
Acceptable	16	20	25			
Dogs causing wildlife to flee				3.86	.425	.064
Unacceptable	69	60	58			
Neither	22	23	25			
Acceptable	9	17	17			
Dogs approaching uninvited				3.61	.462	.064
Unacceptable	46	37	34			
Neither	26	28	31			
Acceptable	28	35	35			
Dogs jumping on a visitor				0.30	.990	.018
Unacceptable	70	69	70			
Neither	17	20	18			
Acceptable	13	11	12			
Dogs licking a visitor				3.48	.480	.063
Unacceptable	37	46	39			
Neither	36	27	35			
Acceptable	27	27	26			
Dogs pawing a visitor				0.55	.969	.025
Unacceptable	65	63	61			
Neither	20	22	24			
Acceptable	15	15	15			
Dogs sniffing a visitor				8.91	.063	.100
Unacceptable	32	24	18			
Neither	33	30	29			
Acceptable	35	46	53			
Owners not picking up after their dogs				1.46	.834	.039
Unacceptable	82	85	83			
Neither	10	10	9			
Acceptable	8	5	8			

Table 26. Maximum norm tolerances for behaviors

	Maximum Norm Tolerances for Behaviors ¹			<i>F</i> -value	<i>p</i> -value	eta
	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP					
	Never (Mean)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (Mean)	2+ Visits per Week (Mean)			
Dogs off trail	2.84 ^a	3.54 ^a	4.10 ^b	8.41	< .001	.199
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	1.95 ^{ab}	2.09 ^a	2.63 ^b	4.46	.012	.147
Dogs “play” chasing another dog	2.48 ^a	3.30 ^{ab}	3.74 ^b	7.14	.001	.188
Dogs flushing birds	1.36	1.23	1.29	0.09	.914	.022
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	1.13	1.02	1.06	0.08	.922	.020
Dogs approaching uninvited	1.83	2.19	2.42	1.77	.172	.094
Dogs jumping on a visitor	0.74	0.74	0.84	0.21	.811	.033
Dogs licking a visitor	1.40	1.51	1.56	0.14	.870	.027
Dogs pawing a visitor	0.74	0.76	0.88	0.34	.713	.042
Dogs sniffing a visitor	2.33	2.98	3.14	2.82	.061	.120
Owners not picking up after their dogs	0.47	0.66	0.72	0.65	.525	.057

1. Means with different superscripts differ statistically at $p < .05$

Table 27. Percent of time norm was exceeded

	Percent of Time Norm was Exceeded						
	Entire Sample (%)	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
		Never (%)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (%)	2+ Visits per Week (%)			
Dogs off trail	18	20	25	15	5.37	.068	.116
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs	22	19	24	21	0.69	.709	.042
Dogs "play" chasing another dog	16	17	17	14	0.66	.720	.041
Dogs flushing birds	9	8	9	9	0.67	.967	.013
Dogs causing wildlife to flee	14	15	15	14	0.22	.897	.024
Dogs approaching uninvited	27	30	29	26	0.70	.704	.043
Dogs jumping on a visitor	22	19	23	22	0.51	.777	.035
Dogs licking a visitor	12	12	16	10	2.52	.284	.083
Dogs pawing a visitor	12	15	14	11	0.96	.620	.051
Dogs sniffing a visitor	20	26	21	18	2.20	.333	.077
Owners not picking up after their dogs	46	42	46	47	0.47	.792	.034

Table 28. Perceived problems associated with each behavior

	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	Never (%)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (%)	2+ Visits per Week (%)			
Dogs off trail				25.55	< .001	.168
Not at all a problem	54	55	72			
Slight problem	26	32	20			
Moderate problem	10	10	6			
Extreme problem	10	3	2			
Owners repeatedly calling or yelling at their dogs				7.05	.316	.084
Not at all a problem	24	31	37			
Slight problem	43	47	41			
Moderate problem	24	16	16			
Extreme problem	9	6	6			
Dogs "play" chasing another dog				15.87	.014	.135
Not at all a problem	51	63	69			
Slight problem	23	25	23			
Moderate problem	17	8	6			
Extreme problem	9	4	2			
Dogs flushing birds				3.94	.684	.064
Not at all a problem	31	32	30			
Slight problem	27	30	29			
Moderate problem	19	22	26			
Extreme problem	23	16	15			
Dogs causing wildlife to flee				7.08	.314	.083
Not at all a problem	27	29	21			
Slight problem	19	21	24			
Moderate problem	26	18	26			
Extreme problem	28	32	29			
Dogs approaching uninvited				7.50	.277	.087
Not at all a problem	28	40	37			
Slight problem	36	32	37			
Moderate problem	19	15	18			
Extreme problem	17	12	8			
Dogs jumping on a visitor				3.35	.764	.057
Not at all a problem	22	23	19			
Slight problem	27	25	23			
Moderate problem	20	25	27			
Extreme problem	31	27	31			
Dogs licking a visitor				4.59	.597	.066
Not at all a problem	41	40	41			
Slight problem	34	33	30			
Moderate problem	12	20	17			
Extreme problem	13	7	12			
Dogs pawing a visitor				2.10	.910	.045
Not at all a problem	27	26	25			
Slight problem	33	29	27			
Moderate problem	22	27	29			
Extreme problem	18	18	19			
Dogs sniffing a visitor				9.38	.153	.096
Not at all a problem	57	56	57			
Slight problem	29	31	30			
Moderate problem	6	7	11			
Extreme problem	8	6	2			
Owners not picking up after their dogs				1.94	.925	.044
Not at all a problem	12	11	10			
Slight problem	14	16	13			
Moderate problem	22	24	27			
Extreme problem	52	49	50			

Table 29. Beliefs about off leash dogs

	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP			χ^2	p-value	Cramer's V
	Never (%)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (%)	2+ Visits per Week (%)			
I enjoy watching dogs off leash at OSMP areas				49.78	< .001	.239
Disagree	17	6	2			
Neutral	37	22	12			
Agree	46	72	86			
It's OK that off leash dogs use OSMP areas as long as they do <i>not</i> affect me				7.82	.098	.098
Disagree	18	7	8			
Neutral	14	22	20			
Agree	68	71	72			
Just knowing that off leash dogs are allowed in OSMP areas is a problem for me, even if I never see them				23.95	< .001	.179
Disagree	73	92	95			
Neutral	17	6	3			
Agree	10	2	2			
The behavior of off leash dogs is a problem at OSMP areas				13.68	.008	.124
Disagree	58	72	80			
Neutral	26	17	13			
Agree	16	11	7			
I do <i>not</i> think that there are any real impacts from off leash dogs at OSMP areas				3.70	.449	.063
Disagree	33	33	32			
Neutral	29	28	22			
Agree	38	39	46			
Dog owners who <i>cannot</i> control their dogs off leash <i>should not</i> be allowed to visit OSMP areas with their dogs off leash				4.43	.351	.067
Disagree	7	10	14			
Neutral	15	18	19			
Agree	78	72	67			
It is OK for a visitor to say something to a dog owner who does <i>not</i> have his or her dog under control				15.24	.004	.122
Disagree	3	4	8			
Neutral	13	8	19			
Agree	84	88	73			
Most dog owners are responsible individuals who keep their dogs under control at OSMP areas				16.40	.003	.145
Disagree	4	4	4			
Neutral	28	11	9			
Agree	68	85	87			
It bothers me when dog owners do <i>not</i> pick up after their dogs				7.80	.099	.179
Disagree	0	2	3			
Neutral	10	5	11			
Agree	90	93	86			

Table 30. Demographics

	Frequency of Walking Dogs at OSMP			χ^2	<i>p</i> -value	Cramer's <i>V</i>
	Never (%)	1 to 4 Visits per Month (%)	2+ Visits per Week (%)			
Sex				1.05	.593	.047
Male	48	42	41			
Female	52	58	59			
Age				56.95	< .001	.255
< 20	12	4	1			
21 to 30	20	27	6			
31 to 40	24	24	27			
41 to 50	18	24	35			
51 to 60	18	15	23			
61 to 70	5	5	6			
> 70	3	1	2			
Mean age	38.92	39.60	45.38			
Education				33.65	< .001	.204
High school or less	13	7	3			
Some college	21	6	6			
College graduate	31	39	33			
Some graduate school	8	14	12			
Masters degree	19	23	31			
Doctoral / professional degree	8	11	15			

Open-Ended Comments on Survey

Open-ended comments given	Number	Percent
No	613	65
Yes	338	35
Total	948	100

95% are very responsible. My observation is that runners w/dogs are the worse. Dogs run & poop off trail, owner preoccupied w/workout. Too much horse manure on trail plus hoofs destroy trails when ground is wet like today.

99% of dogs I've encountered in OSMP areas have been fine. It's just a few irresponsible owners who fail to control their dogs that become a problem.

All of my answers are in reference to the OS north & east of Heatherwood neighborhood. Dog owners are overall very responsible & communicate well (i.e. if an off leash dog is approaching a leashed dog or a dogless walker, the understanding is to put t...

All of this depends on dog owners having good visght & voice control fo their dogs. Is there an obedience training that gives owners a certification for off leash if their dog is well trained?

Also I don't like wet dogs shaking all over me, dogs blocking the path (as well as their owners standing in the path talking to other dogownersorthe smell of waste cans alongthe trail that need more frequent emptying. Off leash dogs wandering uncon...

Although it happens very infrequently, I have had a few dogs become aggressive with my dog. I find this totally unacceptable. I do confront the owner in these cases and insist they put their dogs on a leash.

Although off leash dogs don't bother me personally, I know that in some areas they can adversely affect wildlife habitat & that's a problem. For some people any off lfeash (or on leash but not under control) dog can be a problem, my elderly mother & i...

As a runner who runs w/her dog on a leash (& wearing a gentle leader) it really perturbs me when an off-leash dog runs over to my dog. Since he can't run away b/c he's on a leash, he gets jerked around while we try to go on our way. The owner may...

As long as owners keep their dogs under control and the dogs do not bother other people, dogs or animals, I think they should be allowed off leash. More should be done to get people to pick up after their dogs.

As long as the dog owners are in denial these problems will continue.

Bad owners won't clean up after their dogs w/or w/o a leash law. Requiring leashes won't fix that. People that dislike will occasionally have little tolerance for any dog behavior normal or otherwise. Irresponsible owners should be dealt w, w/o pena...

Basically it's not the dogs who are a problem, it's the owners.

Bathrooms

Beautiful hiking trails.

Bigger problem is that owners don't ATTEMPT to control off-leash dogs. Often the dogs confront or growl at hikers.

Biggest problem as a dog owner is other dogs whose owners let them approach my dog.

Biting not ok. Killing/injuring wildlife not ok. I think the sight & voice control is a good way to control the dog situation. However I think the green tags are nothing more than a "dog tax" & have nothing to do w/a dog's obedience.

Boulder's dog haters are a sad small group of people who are getting too much attention. We're all God's creatures.

Bringing my dog to this area is extremely important to me & I hope Boulder/CO can remain one of the best places to have a dog.

Cobalt trail should be open to bikes in the uphill direction.

Confrontation w/a dog owner is not desirable.

Do not forget dogs are animals that will react instinctively-running off trail, sniffing people, etc. Leash law should control problem dogs not penalize normal canine behavior. The current sight & sound program, if ENFORCED STRICTLY, would force 95% o...

Do you think dogs consider it inappropriate for one human to sniff another? Should we be concerned about kids who don't listen to their parents in OSMP locations to parents repeatedly yelling at their kids?

Do your best. There's no ideal solution to all issues. But, the dog shit issue is a real bummer.

Dog excrement left in bags on the trail.

Dog laws are unrealistic & biased. Make horse owners "guardians" & give them poop bags, see videos, etc. More horses obey ?? that children don't obey. Hire teenagers to pick up poop. I'd rather instantly pay them than all the "enforcement" staff.

Dog leash rules could be in effect in certain areas. Not on trails.

Dog owners always think their dogs are perfect & friendly & will not bite!

Dog owners should occasionally agree to pick up ALL droppings on the trail on a given day (all). (I've done it!) (about 20 or more pounds).

Dog owners usually feel/think that everyone loves dogs. I have ?? experiences that make me fear dogs. Dog owners don't ?? & ?? don't understand me. They should be under control.

Dog poop is my biggest issue (& hikers going off trail).

Dogs are animals too! They should be allowed to enjoy the world as well! Thanks!

Dogs are great as long as their humans are responsible. Also horses leave more poop than dogs. What is being done about that?

Dogs are many times unpredictable & I feel owners should have complete control over dog, even leashed dog or not bring them to parks.

Dogs are not native-should stay on leash.

Dogs are only a problem w/my kids. As an adult, I'm fine w/dogs, but we have had conflict w/dog owners who are disrespectful of our kids, their fear of dogs & how the dog/kid interaction could harm the kid. Otherwise, I love dogs. We avoid "dog par..."

Dogs aren't a problem to me-I enjoy seeing them on the trails & don't mind them being off leash. But some people might be afraid of or dislike dogs & their opinions need to be respected.

Dogs must be allowed to accompany their owners to some degree. If we don't, aggression will follow, then ban the dogs altogether. Dog parks aren't good enough. My dog is my companion, I like hiking, should I watch tv w/my dog? Not all dogs are sheph...

Dogs need socialization & space to run. Having them tied up all the time tends to make dogs ?? and aggressive???

Dogs need to be free to express & enjoy themselves outdoors. I enjoy watching them & interacting w/them as long as they are respectful & their owner is near. Dogs who show mild aggression toward people &/or dogs need to be on leash at all times.

Dogs need to be given room to be a "dog", they bark & poop & run. Some dog owners I've encountered on the trail are unpleasant & need to tell everyone how to run their lives.

Dogs need to be leashed.

Dogs not a problem in this particular open space-no birds, wildlife, etc. Dogs should be under control voice or on leash. Most guardians very good about controlling their dogs.

Dogs off leash are great as long as they're under owner's control.

Dogs should be allowed to enjoy OS w/their owners. Dogs have long been a part of OS & Boulder culture.

Dogs should be allowed to enjoy OSMP off leash if they're well trained. I understand the greater impact they cause however the volume & type of trails also impact the natural environment. Well trained dogs will occasionally stray. Poorly trained dogs a...

Dogs should be on the leash & under control at all times.

Dogs should have access to these areas as long as they can be somewhat "controlled" and owners are responsible.

Dogs sometimes are a problem. Over the past year I've definitely seen more dogs off leash than on. Some owners are responsible, but many aren't.

Don't be a control freak, most dog owners are very responsible & it's our land also. We don't need Nazi gestapo handing out tickets & shooting dogs on sight.

Don't think putting people in jail for 90 days is at all appropriate-& Boulder is trying to hide/downplay this consequence of the government.

Don't think dogs should be allowed off leash in an open space such as this that is so heavily used & busy. Dog owners should always pick up after their dogs-no exceptions.

Enforce the rules on bad dog owners, fine them. Their dogs scare my kids.

Every election we vote for monies to maintain open space yet OSMP doesn't maintain trails-they wait too long-erosion takes place & area deteriorates. OSMP has to keep up w/maintenance.

Every time we visit OSMP dog/horse owner have been very respectful & friendly. Bringing animals to OS areas is a lifestyle that is very important to the majority of people I know!

Excellent survey-takers.

Generally, I think people are aware of their dogs behavior & are conscientious. Having 2 kids, I'm cautious when dogs approach especially if they "rush" us. What I don't get are those people that put the poop in a bag then leave it along the side of t...

Good job & behavior of owners better this year.

Good luck w/this! I think the park location makes a big difference. I don't see much difference w/the new system, although there are more dogs on leash. I never saw any out of control situations at BVR previously, maybe 1-2 times in 3 yrs-a dog not res...

Good survey. Pls also conduct survey about bikers-they have caused many more problems for my dogs than any other dogs.

Great place to hike.

Great trails-friendly dogs, Like the voice/sight response.

Have had voice & sight control in place for years. Tag program is unnecessary & costly.

Having areas where one's dog can be off leash is GREAT! Thank you OSMP.

Having moved to Colorado yesterday! I haven't experienced any problems w/dogs in OSMP areas. I do think it would be a shame if they weren't allowed. I look forward to bringing my new (& well behaved/trained) pup to these areas. I think most people aro...

Horse manure on the trail is the biggest problem I see.

Horse manure on trails-similar to picking up dog excrement.

How will you define control & uncontrolled? What dog owner will admit to not being able to control their dog? Many dog owners seem to be unaware that just having a dog approach can be uncomfortable/scary. I've been bitten by dogs, it's frustrating to g...

I'm a City of Boulder OSMP volunteer. I wish I could get a ranger response sooner, or at all, when I see problems & violations.

I'm a dog owner & a biker. I think rude bikers are a FAR GREATER problem than off-leash dogs!

I'm a firm believer in fine-tuned seasonal restrictions over blanket ones esp. during breeding seasons when dog impacts are large.

I'm an extremely responsible dog owner who follows any posted trail regs.

I'm going to be extremely disappointed if I can no longer bring my dog here.

I'm happy w/the way most dog owners have bee cleaning up from their dogs. I've a real problem the horse poop. It's large, attracts flies, etc & you have to leap over it. I'm NOT happy when I see that. It seems to have gotten to be more of a problem o...

I'm not a dog person. It bothers me that so many owners assume I'll enjoy meeting their dog. I can't guess how a dog that's unknown to me is going to act, so I'd rather not be approached by any of them. Owners who think they could control their dog if th

I'm not ok w/carrying poop bags around the loop. When I can pick it up & dispose of it on the way back (especially Dry Creek). I have found people at this trail to be very responsible w/their dogs & we mostly know each other's dogs & like interacting w...

I'm very "pro" have open spaces where dogs can run free. The one by Heatherwood where I go daily is terrific. I see VERY little, if any, undesirable activity. The only impact I see is lots of excrement. I pick up extra when I get my dog's. PLEASE do N...

I'm very discouraged by this survey. It seems to both my husband & I that the city of Boulder is getting more negative towards dogs. I have loved being able to bring my dogs on walks & to be able to let them off leash. I will be very saddened & discou...

I've been attacked by 3 dogs on this trail. 1 attack I chided the owner & said dog should be on a leash. She was nasty & said she had a leash, it was around her own neck!

I've had multiple experiences w/dogs displaying aggressive behavior & their owners 100 yds away. I've especially noticed a marked increase in the past 2 years.

I've never had a problem except an occasional dog running into me during their play. I think those complainers are the minority & would find something to complain about w/anything. Boulder is a bit too over-conscious, neurotic. I think if the dog is ve...

I've never seen any wildlife at the white rocks trail or east Boulder.

I've no problem w/dogs as long as they behave & owners clean up after them.

I've observed that most dog owners are VERY responsible, like myself. I could strangely suggest to leave some things as they are, i.e. Dry Creek is mostly used by dog owners w/their dogs, so there's no real conflict w/bikers/runners.

I've personally never had a problem w/a dog at an OSMP site. Dogs are a big part of Boulder & as long as they remain mostly in control, I think they should be free to roam w/supervision.

I've spent MANY hours w/my dog at Marshall Mesa & have rarely seen any problems w/dogs & their owners. Only bikers who ride to fast past my dog on the trail!

I've used the Gunbarrel trail for years & find it very sad that we have to pay for tags for our dogs to be off leash on the trail. I personally think this is a great way for the city to make a few extra dollars! It's scary to think of what will b...

I've walked a ton on OS & seen a ton of dogs off leash in the last 4 years & never had or seen a problem arise.

I agree in concept w/the new tag program. However, it all comes down to enforcement. The rules are essentially the same as before they were just rarely enforced. I think the same will apply now unless it is enforced. Anyone can get a tag-it still d...

I am 100% in favor of the voice & sight control program.

I appreciate the off-leash program-I always keep my dog under control so that he is safe, & I also know that off-leash is a privilege-all visitors should be able to enjoy & if my dog ?? ?? non-dog visitor w/a good experience, then the non-dog person i...

I appreciate the survey to improve OS both for "dogs" & people. Gentle enforcement & education is the key. Read the ?? emailed art from the New York Times about Shamu (or what I learned from Shamu).

I appreciate the survey. Dogs should have no affect on me when I walk in OSMP, so owners should be totally responsible for their dogs.

I basically have seen positive dog & dog owner behavior in Bldr Cty. I think dogs need some freedoms too. Boulder Cty seems to have very responsible owners (of course, there are a few...)

I believe that off-leash is a privilege. Putting a dog on leash is not that big of a deal. It doesn't take away from the experience and both dog and person can still enjoy the trails Using the leash in areas where it is harder to control behavior is one w

I believe that OSMP staff have a bad attitude about dogs in general & dogs off leash in particular-thanks for asking.

I believe the OSMP is fantastic. I would liek to say that I can control my dog 100% of the time, but I can only do so apx 95% of the time. I know that doesn't meet the off-leash standard so I'm frustrated that I can't achieve that standard. My dog is v...

I don't know why you have the markers in a distance from the parking lot. My mom & dad can't walk far & they used to come to the trailheads to watch the dogs chase balls. It's hard to walk in for them (week ankles).

I don't like being approached & sniffed, I like dogs. I appreciate dogs as companions but I don't believe owners should be allowed to negatively affect my visit to our OS. A well-mannered dog is a pleasure, but I see few of them.

I don't like it when other dogs charge mine.

I don't mind the dogs, & in fact they sometimes enhance a walk. This presupposes that the dog is well behaved & controlled.

I don't think that 2 calls is a problem for bringing your dog back to you. One seems a little extreme.

I don't think the dogs are any more of a problem than the free roaming cows. The cows make more of a mess. Everyone's taxes pay for OS & trails. I definitely was unaware that encouraging people to turn other is to ranger, for any reason other than a do...

I don't use trails especially w/my children that allow off leash dogs.

I enjoy being able to hike w/my dogs in all the OSMP trails in the Boulder area. My dogs are great & enjoy the outdoors being off leash. I think as long as dog owners are responsible-dogs should be allowed to enjoy these trails same as their owners.

I enjoy the freedom of the OSMP & off leash policy. People just need to be responsible for their pets & themselves & behave accordingly.

I especially enjoy the Bobolink trail.

I feel it's a problem in case there are bears!

I feel OSMPs are a wonderful escape from the noise & stress & I'm very fortunate to have so many wonderful trails so close to my home. I hope OSMPs will be very favorable to dog owners. Boulder's recognized as a "dog friendly" community & our OSMPs...

I feel that dogs should be able to be free if they're tamed.

I have 2 dogs & am very upset by dog poop on our beautiful trails. I pick up after others every time I go out. So do other dog lovers that I know. I feel it's a responsibility that goes along w/dog guardianship-most dogs on OS trails are well tra...

I have 2 dogs who don't like to "play" w/other dogs on most runs. I usually tell this to 3-5 owners whose dogs look "suspicious". 90% of the time owners try to control their dogs-50% of those times they are actually successful. The 10% who don't try...

I have a permanent shoulder injury from being knocked down on a ski trail by 2 FRIENDLY (!) dogs. We live adjacent to Teller Farms OSMP where we frequently see dogs chase prairie dogs & sometimes harass cattle. When I ask owners to control their dogs...

I have never experienced but a few times that dog or owner were a problem (chasing/aggression) that warranted such a tag program)

I have never witnessed someone not picking up after their dog, but there seems to be a lot of poo on the trail (Mt. Sanitas) & who picks up all of the bags people leave behind, because there has got to be 100 of them scattered around on any giv...

I have no problem w/dogs off leash as long as they are under voice control & owners pick up the poop. An example of a trail negatively impacted by dogs is Sanitas where, for some reason, there seem to be more irresponsible owners & more dog poop you c...

I have noticed a big change in behavior of people & their dogs since the tag program started. I have noticed a lot more dogs on leash. I've noticed people being a lot more respectful & paying attention to their dogs behavior. I think there's an expectat...

I have seen more unpleasant behavior by CYCLISTS on the trail than by dogs.

I hope Bld Cnty continues to allow places for dogs to be off leash It's so much fun for all of us-The only problem on trails is the bikers who don't announce behind & coming whizzing past on a path that is multi-use.

I like dogs. I feel many owners are irresponsible & minimize the impact their dogs has on OSMP & other visitors. I have been knocked down by a running dog & nipped by 1 that was off leash. In both cases the owner said "My dog has never done that." Owne...

I like the green tag program. We need more parking.

I like the new tags needed for those owners who wish to have their dogs off leash. I love how dog friendly parks have become & appreciate the steps taken to make dog owners responsible.

I like the new trailhead leash program.

I like the open space for my dogs!

I like to be able to take the dogs to the park, it's nice to let them get out & run.

I love coming here w/my dog & he is very well trained. Wouldn't come if I couldn't come w/him.

I love dogs but it's a problem on the trails when they are off the leash & not well trained. They scare my kids.

I love OSMP

I love the Dry Creek trailhead, best dog park ever!

I miss when the other OSMP users were friendly. People don't ?? ?? "hello" much anymore. Also, the dog problem seems better under control lately.

I place a high value on being able to bring my dog to this area off leash.

I really think the dogs & their guardians get a long w/almost everyone & that the very few times I have seen altercations in 30 years of walking dogs have probably resulted in some kind of education on both sides after each person had some time to reflect

I see lots of dogs but generally they are all well behaved & under voice control. I don't feel this is a problem. Could use some map handouts at trailhead.

I specifically bring my dog to OSMP areas so that he may be off leash & socialized w/other dogs. If I had to leash him I would no longer enjoy OSMP areas.

I strongly believe that responsible pet owners shouldn't be punished, or limited in what they can do because of a few people. From what I have seen over the years, education, awareness & better patrolling seem to work.

I strongly support the off leash program. In fact, I did a speech about voice & sight control in college. While my current dog is too young for the tag program, I intend to train her so she can participate later in life. Most dog owners are very respo...

I think it's good for dogs to have a place to run & play, but there's so much damage from dog poop/urine off trail to vegetation. Also packs of playing dogs are dangerous because they are running & not looking at people. I've been knocked flat by do...

I think it makes more sense to invest in free classes for dogs/owners instead of paying park rangers to hand out tickets.

I think it would be great to have more doggy bags & a couple more trash cans to increase picking up after dogs.

I think OSMP is overreacting w/new policy!

I think sometimes overfriendly dogs scare smaller kids which is the only real problem I've observed firsthand. Once told that my dog was frightening birds at Walden Ponds which I was unaware was a problem. Apparently different jurisdiction.

I think that off-leash dogs in Boulder are more well-behaved than in most other areas.

I think the off leash tag is stupid. There is the law. If there is a problem, enforce it. Dogs are dogs. They add much to the quality of life. Once again Boulder lets a very small group dictate laughable rules, laws & ordinances. WERE THAT THERE WAS M...

I think the same scrutiny should be used w/bikes on OS w/horses, w/children, w/runners! I think each group should be treated equally, which means educated & charged for tags showing they understand their rules. I pay large city taxes, I resent being si...

I think this trail is great, please don't mess w/it.

I think trailhead leash & voice & sight tag & education programs a wonderful idea.

I think visitors to OSMP who are offended by joy in another being are disturbed & should be prohibited from OSMP until their therapy results in some gessionation of their ego-centered-ness.

I think you're overthinking this.

I think your expectations are too high. It's a dog you're talking about!!

I took training my dogs to respect other & NOT to chase any wildlife very seriously & I expect other to do so as well. I get frustrated at dog owners who don't & who don't clean up pet waste. I also want to ensure we protect habitat (esp. ground nesti...

I typically don't see problems at off leash areas. The main problem I see is when people are at the off leash area & have a strong opinion against dogs.

I understand this is about dog behavior but the issues about typical # of observations is very subjective to what TIME you are in the OS & what DAYS. Being a regular user for the past 40 years I can't generalize the observations of the stated beha...

I use open space 4-6/wk for walking, exercising dogs, biking & horseback riding & strongly feel all users should be entitled. I support the new education effortsw by open space. I've also supported open space in tax increase & volunteering & would be v...

I use OS on a daily visit. Dogs & their owners are always polite & respectful.

Most people approach my dog- & tell me how beautiful she is. I DO NOT AGREE w/the new tag system. Nor do I believe that rangers should USE binoculars to spy on us

I used to be a dog lover. Because of many encounters w/aggressive off leash dogs at OSMP I no longer feel safe hiking or running by myself. I have had off leash dogs approach me uninvited & bark & the owners repeated ly have to call them making me fe...

I used to live in Boulder County & now live in Denver, I plan to move back to Boulder in the next year & one of the biggest reasons is to be able to run w/my dogs off leash in Boulder co's OSMP areas.

I visit the dry creek area daily to exercise/play/walk my dog. Over the years I've realized that those visitors I see are part of a close knit community of dog owners. People w/dogs almost exclusively use this particular park. Right now the park suff...

I walk w/dog owners & have often talked w/them about their dogs behavior.

I wasn't on the hike today but my wife brought the survey to me. When I do go to OSMP it's chiefly for hiking & photography & wildlife watching.

I wish that Boulder would have an area (besides the awful dog park) that would allow dogs that aren't perfectly behaved (not under total voice/site control) to be off leash. It would be nice if it was more of a hiking/walking area (like Dry Creek) ins...

If a dog & its owner display mild "problem behavior" they should be asked to give their dog an obedience class-fnot fine \$1000 or thrown in jail. If an owner/dog is negligent or irresponsible & present a adanger to others, they simply should be banned...

If a dog attacks arunner, the runner should have the right to defend himself/herself against the animal (example: kicking it in the throat)

If I have to leash my dog when I cycle, I will have no use for coming to any OSMP area. We would fight this in court!

If the dog's well behaved, I think it's fine.

If the owner can control the dog off leash then great. I like dogs & enjoy watching them outside.

If you're not gonna pick up after dog make sure you don't leave the mess in a plastic bag on the trail-I saw this twice today. I enjoy dogs & seeing dogs w/o leashes if they're under control & I don't care if they poop off trail. I hate it when there's...

In areas that are posted "dogs must be leashed" then no matter if they have a green tag or not, they must be leashed. A fine should be given out to any dog owner who doesn't obey teh sign. I'd love to be able to give out tickets to the dog owners who d...

In general, "voice control" has been a joke.

In general, dogs & their owners are fine.

In general, the dogs are well behaved. Owners should definitely pick up after them. I have had dogs press their nose against me & it's gross. Owners shouldn't allow it.

In order for OSMP areas to be enjoyable to all visitors (dog owners & non-dog owners), dogs should be kept under control at all times. If I was to bring myyoung grandchildren to the park, I would want them to feel safe & be able to play in the grassy...

In owning a dog & bringing it to a PUBLIC place one assumes certain responsibilites i.e. muzzling your dog, keeping it a leash, etc. This is only propoer ?? for the ?? other people & to protect the environment of the place. ?? should be treated...

In the Indian Peaks wilderness dogs are required to be on leash. Because of VOLUNTEER uniformed ranger patrols there has over the years been more compliance. Since the OSMP dog tag has gone into effect I have seen fewer violators & fewer dogs on th...

Inforce pick-up after dogs more strictly, no dangerous dogs allowed on OSMP

Is the responsible of the owners to train their dogs before heading to trails off leash.

It's also annoying to see the bags of dog poop along the trail that people leave behind & never pick up later!

It's been frustrating that so many controls are on the majority vs the minority (there are more dog owners than non-dog owners) It would be nice if the city would put money into free programs on training rather than implementing more "tags" & controls.

It's great that Boulder allows dogs off leash at their parks. It would be a shame if they ever discontinued allowing this.

It is BS that dog owners control their dogs. I am sick of smelling & seeing poop when I hike & I am upset ?? the effect of so many dog son the environment. Off leash should NEVER be allowed.

It only takes one really bad encounter w/a dog to make a person skittish about ALL strange dogs. Dog owners who don't follow the guidelines, especially when their dog is NOT in voice control should be fined heavily >\$500.

It seems Boulder is focusing too much on this issue. People often don't have their kids under control but that seems acceptable. People come to this park to let their dogs interact & play w/other dogs & have a good time.

It should be well posted that dogs may be off leash if under control & owner is responsible.

It was a great experience, after I caught my breath.

I think dogs should be allowed off-leash.

Just for public safety, dogs need to be leashed.

Keep off leash trails please!

Keep up the good work.

Leash law is good as is.

Leashed dogs create "problem" dogs. People who are phobic about dogs create distorted reactions in dogs & should therefore deal w/their issue rather than require dogs to be leashed.

Leaving bags of poop to pick up later is not acceptable. If you have a big dog you have the responsibility to carry the poop UP the hill & DOWN the hill.

Let dogs be dogs!

Let people bring their dogs off leash (former resident & frequent OSMP user).

Let them be off leash!

Like any other area in life, the owner needs to be responsible & held accountable.

Like most elements of the political landscape in Boulder the debate over dog/pets on OS seems to be driven by a select few people who make noise. The vast majority of those citizens who own dogs & enjoy being outside ?? ?? are responsible. Furtherm.....

Love Chautauqua! Keep up the great work!

LOVE the dogs off leash. My dog is very well trained at 10 mos., & 99% of the time she does none of these behaviors. I would be heartbroken if the off leash program went away. I'd most likely stop using the trails.

Major concerns: uninvited dogs/aggressive dogs, owners who don't pick up after their dogs, owners who "think" they have their animals under control when they really don't.

Majority of dogs off leash are great. I don't want the few irresponsible dog owners to ruin it for everyone else.

Many dog owners seem to reason that as long as their dog doesn't catch an animal while off leash, then they are ok to run free. This misunderstanding is what is bothersome to me—since a dog running at animals will affect their patterns too.

More bike trails (single track) !

More mountain bike single track in Boulder County.

More open spaces specifically for dogs off leash.

More receptacles for dog waste.

More trails open for dogs would ?? overuse of land/trails, same for bikes.

Most dog/owners I see are very responsible, any problems came from a small minority of dog owners, & problems voiced are from a very focal minority. I wouldn't support further OSMP tax initiatives if dogs off leash weren't allowed to visit. I support t...

Most dogs & dog owners are responsible but the dog owners that don't have voice control of their dogs yet think they do make it uncomfortable & sometimes scary if teh dog approaches unrequested or the dog runs wild.

Most dogs are better behaved & cause lower usage impact at OSMP that NEARLY EVERY child at OSMP. How about leashing the unruly, destructive (spoiled) children?

Most dogs fine but some aggressive!

Most OSMP should be off-limits to all domestic animals for sake of wildlife. Some OSMP should be off-limits to people for sake of wildlife.

Most owners in Boulder are responsible & caring. IT's especially nice to live here because you can walk dogs off leash & get better exercise.

Most people are responsible dogs love to explore, it's ok if they run around, If dogs are ?? or ?? owners know it & act responsibly.

Most pet owners are very considerate, ?? ??.

My 6 year old was pushed into a gulch at Marshall Mesa

My big problem is owners who leave dog poop bags as if someone is going to clean up after them. Sense of ENTITLEMENT.

My dog is a husky! I keep her on leash b/c of her behavior traits. Other dogs guardians should have their choice on not to be told. What about horses?!!

My dog is quite well behaved, has her OS tag. I feel strongly she should be allowed off leash on OSMP & she uses it daily. It's a huge reason I live in Boulder.

My dog isn't very good off leash so when I visit OSMP, he stays on leash. Seems simple to me.

My dog Katie is very well behaved & polite. I would hate to seethis opportunity taken away from us.

My husband suffered a stroke. Many times "friendly" dogs react aggressively to his stance & even a friendly dog approachign can knock him off balance. Many dog owners seem to feel that having their pet off leash is a right but I believe Boulder is o...

My only problem w/ off leash areas is out of control dogs. I have one unfriendly dog that I keep on leash for that reason & off leash dogs that approach her cause trouble.

Need to open the number of trails to dogs & stop discriminating against dog owners.

No big deal w/dogs. But I'm real tired w/OS closing off so many white rocks trails to bikes.

No leash laws on hiking trails!!!

No need for open space if I can't bring my dog.

Not picking up after dogs or leaving filled bags alongside trails is the most frustrating problem. In general I think that most dog owners are responsible & considerate.

Off trail dog erosion is a huge problem on Mt. Sanitas. I have witnessed 20 years of weed invasion & trail degradation that I strongly attribute to dogs off leash.

On this particular visit we were horseback riding & I do worry that dogs are goign to get kicked since most of the time people let their dogs run up to the horses & sniff them. We do warn them of that risk, then it's their problem! However, we occasio...

Once in a while my dog goes off trail but she's very friendly & doesn't bother other people or other dogs.

Only met great dogs & owners REALLY appreciate that dogs are welcome especially off leash if under good voice command.

OSMP needs a SMALLER green tag for little dogs.

OSMP should be run for benefit of people, not dogs. Unfortunately, my impression is the reverse, i.e. osmp are ?? dogs-or atl east that is the reality.

OSMP staff member conducting survey was very coureous & professional.

OSMPs are many different spaces, can't expect same behaviors (from pets or owners) at all the parks.

OUT OF COMMISSION: 2 separate visitors attempted to take on this sheet & later declined.

Overall dogs (& most owners) are great. It's usually just the few uncontrolled dogs &/or irresponsible owners that make a negative impact.

Owners leaving poop bags at side of trail to pick up later is a problem.

Parts of this form are too confusing.

People are the issue - not the animal-I discontinued my use of the open space areas due to the rude people & all the rules.

People needto pick up after there dogs & it's very important that people only have their dogs off leash if they are well trained.

People talking on their cell phones (usually loudly) ruin the experience of being outdoors in OS. These cell calls are ALWAYS long rambling discussive events, not emergency or quick "I'll be home in 20 min" calls. People yelling at each other to commu...

Please don't open any more trails to dogs!

Please only allow dogs on leash. This is NOT a dog bathroom.

Please stop limiting areas for off leash dogs. It bothers me that dogs can't be off leash in the first section of Dry Creek anymore. My paraplegic friend used to like to sit at the table and watch me throw her the ball-she can't go the depth into the par

Please, please, please outlaw dogs not on a leash. They cause tremendous environmental harm & ruin the recreational experience. Please!

Plenty of people have dogs that are NOT friendly w/other dogs, these owners should have their dog on a leash. I've encountered people w/2 dogs that act aggressively toward my one dog, this has happened many times & is very frustrating. The whole dog t...

Prairie dogs are rodents, they shouldn't be considered "equals" to canine dogs. Fines for dogs entering prairie dog's fenced area should not be \$1000 as warned at Dry Creek! If prairie dogs are deemed worthy of protection to THAT level, then better (m...

Prior to the changes (voice & sight) I was unable to bring my 5 year old son here because he would get hurt/scared every time by a dog who wasn't handled properly. W/the changes people are much more respectful & I will bring hiim again to try it out. S...

Really believe that problems associate w/off leash dog are more related to meanness otherwise dogs should have places to run off leash, just like wild animals-trails & streams. Important to have these designated areas.

Remember, dogs are people too!

Seems like 5-10% of dog owners are the problems.

Some children should be required to have leashes.

Steep single track trails were a poor choice for leash requirements due to increased danger. New tag program is a good idea.

Survey filled out according to experience before regs. Regs have helped & I'm starting to see some good changes in the past few weeks.

Survey should distinguish between OSMP areas where dogs are allowed (& customarily frequently have been) off leash, & where they aren't. Why no questions on new green tag?

Tags are too big for small dogs.

Tend to think people who use the Chaut.trails are very responsible w/their dogs.

Thank you for this survey.

Thank you so much for well maintained trails & concern for people & pets.

Thank you very much for getting my input. I appreciate the effort to cater to all users of these areas.

Thank you!

Thanks for asking!

Thanks for the open space.

Thanks for your hard work!

Thanks!

Thanks.

I appreciate your asking.

The largest problem I see is paranoid on leash dog owners who think every dog is out to attack their dogs. Today I observed one lady drag a leashed dog off trail to avoid normal dog to dog contact on trail. Was truly bizarre but see this fairly regularly.

The license to walk your dog off leash is bogus! It doesn't in any way assure that a dog owner w/this license will behave off leash. It's simply a money maker.

The majority of owners are responsible but problem dogs do exist and their owners do not feel that it's their dogs that are the problem. I don't know what the solution is - it's not fair to make everyone use a leash, but there is no other feasible way to

The money spent for this all the legal mumbo jumbo staffing, etc is better spent fighting disease, education, helping the poor & homeless, etc.- reducing our taxes for heaven's sake!! Need depts/programs which are 1. effective (benefits outweigh cos...

The most critical issue that we face w/regard to dogs is picking up the poop!

The new regs are fine in theory, but I wonder if they will solve the problems they seem intended to solve. Most people obey the rules already, those who don't won't get the tag. Another conflict mediation technique would be to educate non-dog owners on...

The new rules discourage the use of OSMP. The new signs are misleading.

The off-leash parks are one of the reasons I think this area is so great. I like the new tag program.

The on-leash policy has created more dog aggressive behavior-they don't have their "natural" protection.

The only thing that bothers me are dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs.

The OSMP is the reason I live in Boulder. I appreciate everything the city & county does to preserve this. Most dogs I see are well behaved & the owners respectful, so I don't see a problem, as long as they aren't affecting wildlife. Thank you for caring.

The parks have done a good job on this & even though Blue doesn't go off-leash we would be very unhappy if the trails were closed off. Part of the reason we moved back to Boulder from Lyons.

The presence of & interaction w/so many friendly dogs greatly increases the enjoyment of these experiences & to the quality of life in this area. Please keep it as is. Thank you.

The problem I see is dog owners take the whole trail width don't move to the side when necessary. But runners do that also, when running in groups.

The trails are beautiful!

The trash buckets stink w/poo.

The website to register for voice control is too difficult to remember-a longer name spelled out would be much better (boulder dogs voice control.com)

The worst part of unleashed dogs (currently) is that they are unpredictable as I approach on my bike, even when slowing down. Dog owners don't seem to understand how difficult it is to pass a moving target on a bike.

There's nothing wrong w/dogs out here as long as they are controlled. Off-leash dogs can cause problems interacting w/leashed dogs when the former aren't kept in check.

There's very few problem dogs/dog owners. EVERYONE should pick up after their dogs. It's the best part of my dogs' day to visit OSMP areas.

There are plenty of places to walk, hike & watch wildlife in CO! Many of these places require dogs to be on-leash. Other places dogs aren't even allowed. If people have a problem w/OSMP locations, GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!

There are so few places in Boulder where dogs can be off-leash. Let's preserve these areas for dogs & their owners.

There are so many factors to this survey-it would be hard to accurately measure problems. When a dog is sick & experiencing diarrhea-hard to pick up! Puppies aren't always perfect but need a place to run & come back-that's the whole point. Most us...

There is nothing inherently wrong w/dogs. People need to be responsible for them.

There seem to be some extremists plenty of responsible owners, spoiled by a few irresponsible selfish dog owners.

There should be somewhere that people can enjoy OSMP w/o encountering dogs.

There was substantially more horse poop & dog poop than I typically observe. Also, numerous bagged dog poop left trailside. Yuk!

These trails kick ass

Things are getting a little too extreme. As a bird watcher of long time, it is not as bad as some make it out to be.

Things have improved so much w/waste pick up over the past few years, used to be pretty bad before the parks took measures to correct! The largest problem I see are the animals off leash who aren't controlled by owners & chasing deer & other animals...

Think a lot of this is a waste of time & money. could be better spent in other ways. i've been at open spaces w/dogs for 10 years w/rare problems, none serious.

This is a lovely area to walk or hike.

This is my 1st time on a rec path here & it was very nice, much different than the city bike path I'm used to.

This place is a wonderful one. I want people to enjoy & preserve this place forever.

This survey fails to differentiate among areas dog behavior that is unacceptable in some areas is perfectly all right at dry creek. almost no one comes here w/o a dog. a set of unwritten rules has ?? that worked perfectly well w/o osmp intervention...

This survey makes it appear that dogs & dog guardians are being singled out as the biggest problem in OSMP. There are bigger problems to consider such as people/bikes making satellite trails off of the main trails, people leaving food outside their homes...

This survey needs to distinguish between os areas that allow dogs off leash & those that don't. The survey has this fatal flaw. Therefore, I am not going to fill out the entire ?? as the info isn't accurate.

Too many dogs off-leash around places like Mapleton school, N Boulder park, Eben G fine, & also around Mapleton Hill. More enforcement of leash laws would be much appreciated especially because of unpredictable dogs & young children. I've had several

Use has gone down significantly & now see more problems or potential problems w/dynamics between leashed & unleashed dogs.

Usually people & the dogs are very well behaved & no problem.

Very much enjoy bringing my dogs off leash here.

W/off trail, just concerned about erosion, destruction of habitat. I like dogs, but don't like dodging them on the trail. If there were "no dog trails" I would use these instead.

We arrive very early and meet up with one dog owner that has good control of her pet and have had no problems with dogs.

We have had problems w/dogs jumping on us. Also concerned w/dog feces on the trails any time of the day.

We have stopped riding our bikes on weekends on bike/walking w/dog trails b/c of many near collisions we have either experienced personally or observed between bikes & dogs that weren't being adequately controlled. Just too many dogs.

We just moved from NY, where there are VERY few areas dogs are allowed off leash, so we joined the program right away & have not experienced any problems.

We need a place (lots of them) to take our friendly well behaved dogs. Don't let a few politically active, outspoken people ruin it for the rest of us!

We very much enjoy hiking here w/our dog. I believe most dog owners use the open space responsibly. Thanks.

What bothers me most is when people leave their dog poop bags on the trail for someone else to pick up.

What does education have to do w/this

When dog owners leave poop in a plastic bag on the trail, it may be worse than just the poop. I don't mind being approached by a friendly dog. It's unsafe for a dog to get too close to a horse on the trail, as they could get kicked.

While I commend OSMP for attempting to gather info about this issue, I feel that the survey is too general to gain much meaningful info. For example, these questions are not site specific which biases my responses. Dry Creek is a very different site f...

With this issue-common sense needs to rule. Meaning people who are responsible dog owners & have control over there dogs should be allowed some off leash freedom. Otherwise not!

Would like to comment on HORSES: dog owners are supposed to pick up after them, horse owners aren't; horses obstruct running; some horse owners aren't having their horses under good control.

You guys have become militaristic against dogs. Through our taxes & now v & c permits, we pay your salaries & you have made Boulder a less pleasant place to live.