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HITTING THE TRAILS WITH YOUR DOG THIS SUMMER

After running through our beautiful Fort Collins' foothills trails for 20+ years, I've had my fair share of dog encounters. As much as I love dogs, coming face to face with an aggressive, unleashed dog on the trail is still an unnerving experience. What's the problem with letting your dog run free on our foothills trails, or anywhere else in Fort Collins for that matter? Well, for starters, you risk **major fines** having an unleashed dog. Second, should your dog bite and injure someone else or their pet, **you could be exposed to a civil claim for damages that may or may not be covered by insurance.**

Larimer County's natural area park rangers issued over 250 citations in 2025.

There is a strong difference of opinion regarding off-leash laws. Many folks believe there should be a zero tolerance policy in order to protect people, their pets, wild animals, and the environment. Other folks would prefer a “voice and sight” program similar to the current plan in Boulder.

The “voice and sight” program permits off-leash dogs on specific Boulder-area trails, provided that the dog owner attends a class, pays a fee, meets vaccination requirements, and displays a city-issued green tag on the dog.

But the program in Boulder has been difficult to regulate as very few dogs are good under voice control alone. Much like Larimer County, Boulder imposes serious fines for off-leash dogs that do lack the voice and sight tags — or for off-leash dogs outside of the designated trails.



As our community’s love for dogs continues to grow, more dog parks are in our future, but until then, be sure to keep your dog on leash. This way, you avoid those steep off-leash fines and the potential exposure to civil liability. If you are looking for a nearby trail to take your dog (on-leash, naturally), here are a few of my favorite dog-friendly trail runs: Timber Trail, Blue Sky Trail, Arthur’s Rock Trail, and Maxwell Natural Area. Maybe I’ll see you and your dog out there!

CASE SUCCESS STORY

We were honored to represent this client once again after she returned to VanMeveren Law Group following an unfortunate second motor vehicle crash many years after we had successfully handled a previous injury claim on her behalf. While we certainly wished she had never needed our services again, we were grateful for the trust she placed in our team and committed to helping her navigate another challenging recovery.

Our client, a hockey and figure skating instructor and coach, was rear-ended by a negligent driver on the interstate while traveling home from a day of skiing in the mountains. As an accomplished athlete and coach, she had a complicated medical history that included sports-related injuries, prior motor vehicle crashes, and a pre-existing spinal fusion. The at-fault insurance company

attempted to use this history to minimize the value of her claim, arguing that her injuries were not the result of the collision.

Despite her physicians recommending additional treatment, our client's demanding coaching schedule and existing professional commitments made it difficult for her to attend many of her appointments immediately after the crash. The insurance company seized on these circumstances and responded with an unreasonably low settlement offer.

Rather than accept an unfair result, VanMeveren Law Group filed suit against the negligent driver and his employer. We retained respected medical specialists to clearly demonstrate how this collision impacted our client despite her pre-existing conditions and prior injuries. Through aggressive advocacy and thorough preparation, we secured a settlement worth more than five times the insurance company's original offer.

As a result, our client recovered compensation for her lost income and obtained the financial resources needed to pursue the medical treatment she requires to continue her recovery. We were proud to stand by her again and are grateful for the confidence she placed in our firm a second time.

EVENTS THIS AUGUST



Run Club - Every Tuesday

Odell Brewing Company

Embark on a refreshing run every Tuesday with us! A perfect blend of fitness and fun!

Lace up your running shoes and join us for Run Club every Tuesday! Gather in front of The OBC Wine Project at 5:45pm, hit the pavement at 6pm for an invigorating run, and afterward, reward yourself with \$5 pints.

Routes are typically 3-5miles. It's the perfect way to start your week on a healthy and refreshing note!

All activity levels welcomed-- including walkers and the speediest of runners!

Furry Friends welcomed!



Poudre RiverFest - August 8th

New Belgium Brewing

Hosted at New Belgium Brewing in Fort Collins, Poudre RiverFest brings together live music, local food, hands-on activities, environmental education, and community connection in one lively festival experience.

Poudre RiverFest is all about celebrating and protecting the river corridor we all know and rely on. The Cache la Poudre River provides clean drinking water, supports wildlife habitat, fuels local agriculture, and gives our community countless ways to recreate, explore, and connect with nature.

Celebrate NoGo first responders

Canvas Credit Union and Canvas Foundation are proud to bring Hero Fest back to Northern Colorado — a free, family-friendly celebration honoring the first responders who serve our communities every day.

- Meet local first responders
- Explore emergency vehicles
- Connect with local nonprofits
- Grab a bite from food trucks
- Dance along with a live DJ
- Enjoy kid-friendly activities like a bounce house, inflatables, a mobile petting zoo, and more!

Saturday, August 22
10 AM-2 PM

Front Range Village
2720 Council Tree Ave, Fort Collins
On the corner of Ziegler and Harmony

Questions about Hero Fest?
Connect with Kim at 970.416.5124 or kbarlow@canvas.org.

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Hero Fest - August 22nd

Front Range Village

Hero Fest 2026 is a free, family-friendly celebration honoring the first responders who serve Northern Colorado communities every day. The event features opportunities to meet local first responders, explore emergency vehicles, connect with local nonprofits, enjoy food trucks, dance to a live DJ, and participate in kid-friendly activities including a bounce house, inflatables, and a mobile petting zoo.

Find out more at www.visitfortcollins.com

TESTIMONIAL

See what our clients have to say!

"I made one of the best choices in my life, to go with VanMeveren Law. Katherine is the best professional I could've asked for in my case, she actually listens, is patient, and is calm and kind. She makes good decisions and her knowledge is truly impressive. She and her team consist of truly wise and qualified individuals. I firmly believe I had the best legal team in Northern Colorado.!"

- Former Client

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE MONTH

Lucuma

VanMeveren Law Group is a proud supporter of Animal Friends Alliance.

Learn more about how you can adopt, foster or get involved at savinganimalstoday.org or call the AFA Taft Hill Shelter at (970)-484-8516



Hi there, I am Lucuma! I am a 6 month old puppy with a sweet heart and that typical tail waggin puppy energy that will keep you on your toes! The shelter staff here call me a husky mix, and I sure see it with the classic husky charisma and my beautiful eyes! I am overflowing with both personality and affection that I am just dying to give to my future family! If you are looking for an energetic, playful sweetheart to spend your days, look no further, I am here waiting for you! Let's make memories together.

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