

# VOICE AND SIGHT TAG PROGRAM

## Quick facts on changes to Boulder's unique off-leash opportunity

The Boulder City Council recently approved a series of new updates to the city's Voice and Sight Tag Program. Started in 2006, the program allows dogs to be in designated areas that allow off-leash control if they display special participation tags and they are under "voice and sight control" of their guardians at all times.

The new program requirements, which will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, are designed to ensure that trails remain a special destination for Boulder visitors and their dogs. This also will help Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) protect wildlife and natural resources, and help increase dog safety.



### To participate in the Voice and Sight Tag Program in 2015, you need to:

- Attend a class about the City of Boulder's expectations for voice and sight control.
- Provide proof of current rabies vaccination. Boulder residents will need to meet this requirement by obtaining a City of Boulder dog license.
- Pay the registration fees
  - City of Boulder residents: \$13.
  - Boulder County residents not in the City of Boulder: \$33.
  - Non-Boulder county residents: \$75.
  - The registration fee includes one guardian and one dog. The fee for each additional guardian in a household is \$5, and the fee for each additional dog in a household is \$10.
- Annual renewal fees for the three groups of participants, respectively, will be \$5, \$20, \$30 per household.
- Fines for violations of voice and sight control have increased. The courts may also impose a range of penalties for violations, including additional dog training, and temporary suspension or revocation of voice and sight control privileges for egregious violations or repeat offenders.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

If you only walk your dog on a leash, you are not required to register in the program or attend the class.

Current Voice and Sight Tag Program participants must comply with the new program requirements by Jan. 1, 2015, to continue to have voice and sight control privileges.

If you've registered for a Voice and Sight Tag in 2014 or before, it will expire at the end of the 2014 calendar year.