



## Clip it or Ticket

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Leash laws are important for maintaining a safe and respectful environment for dogs and people. It's not just about the individual dogs on leash. It's about the impact to the residents, community, wildlife and the town in broader terms.

The Town of Superior open space areas such as Coyote Ridge or the other parks like Community Park or Autry Park are home to various species of ground nesting birds, rattlesnakes, and other native wildlife. When dogs are allowed to run off leash it puts venerable birds and baby wildlife at risk of injury or death. Conversely, when dogs are off leash, they are subject to life-threatening hazards such as rattlesnake bites, or vehicle collisions.

The intent of the leash law is to ensure all animals within the community remain protected and the community feels safe and undisturbed by fellow pets. Animal Protection will be increasing presence and enforcement to help curb increased violations, protect the ground nesting birds, baby wildlife, and our community pets.

Please consider these alternatives to having your dog off leash:

- Use a long line such as tether that allows your dog to play fetch while still adhering to the leash law.
- Reach out to local landowners. They might allow you to use some of their property as designated times.
- Utilize designated off-leash areas. We have two dog parks in the town of Superior and there are a few larger dog parks in the neighboring Westminster area.

As tempting as it is to allow your dog to galivant across the park, I can say firsthand how much other users of the public spaces appreciate you being a responsible owner and positive ambassador for dogs.