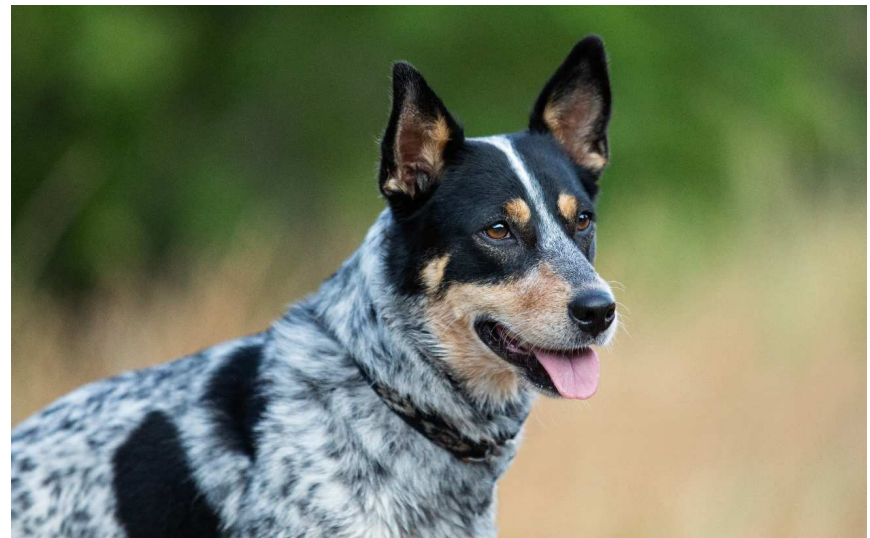


BOULDER DOG TAILS

Collector's Edition



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Charley *aka Char, Chewie*

pires for the Mt. Sanitas Valley Trail

Charley is a two-year-old, 35 lb. Blue Heeler-Kelpie mix adopted from New Hope Cattle Dogs Rescue. She loves playing ball, even with pine cones, eating, chasing bugs, watching the chickens, playing games, running, and being with her people.

"Charley, short for Charlotte, is a very busy, high energy gal who is super attached to her humans (this includes anyone she has known for five minutes). She loves the chickens on our farm and she is very vocal. She is such a lover and a sweet, sweet pup. We often say, *We are here to serve her.*" - [Deb and Finn](#)



The trails around **Mount Sanitas**, just north of the city, offer two of the area's go-to hikes for visitors and locals alike. The Mt. Sanitas Ridge Trail ascends 1,300 feet as it traverses a set of rising peaks over 1.5 miles. The Valley Trail is much friendlier on the dog-walker (and the quads), a wide path rising steadily over a mile.

Mt. Sanitas was named after the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital, whose staff - including founder John Henry Kellogg - built the first mountain trail in 1902 as a healthful exercise option for the center's tuberculosis patients. The Valley Trail later served as a wagon road for workers hauling sandstone from the region to be used in the construction of the University of Colorado's first buildings.





AwoSSOS *aka Sos*

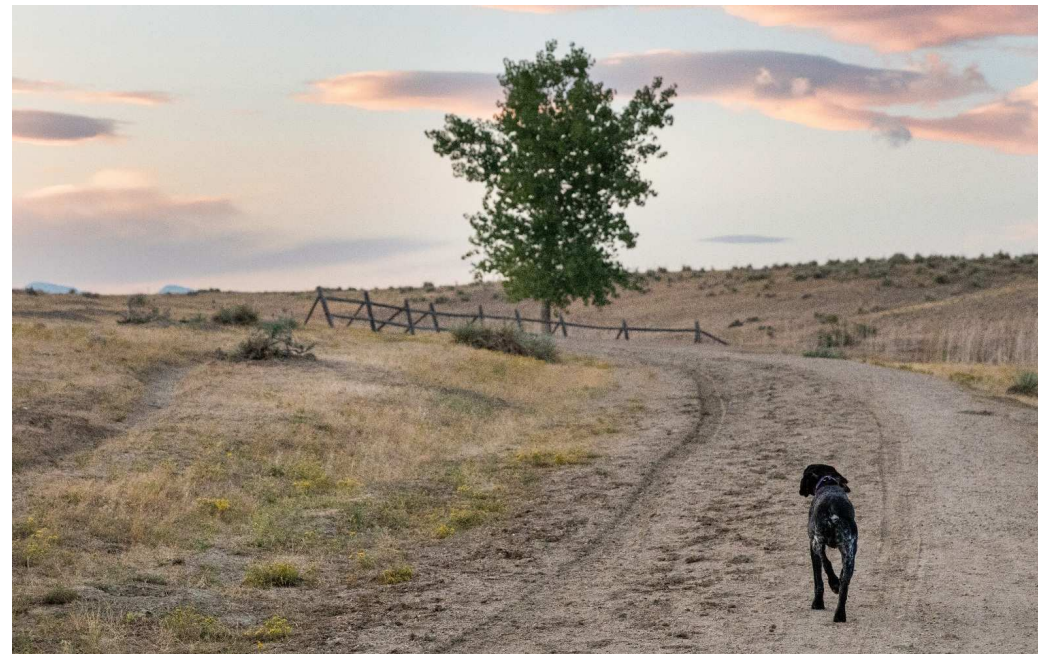
shows off his athletic skills at Eagle Trail

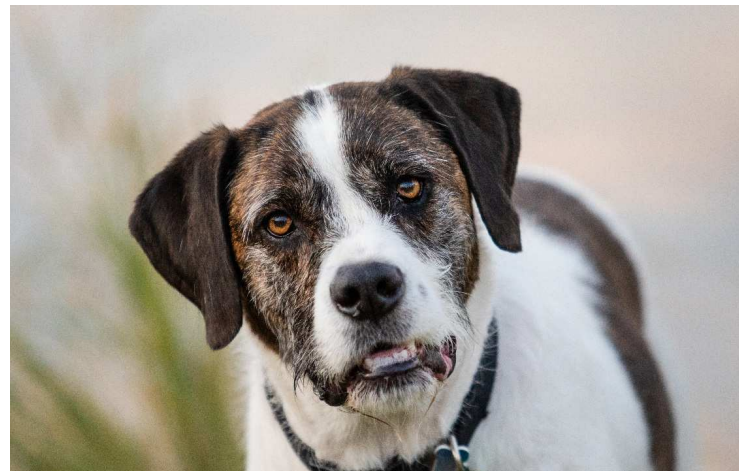
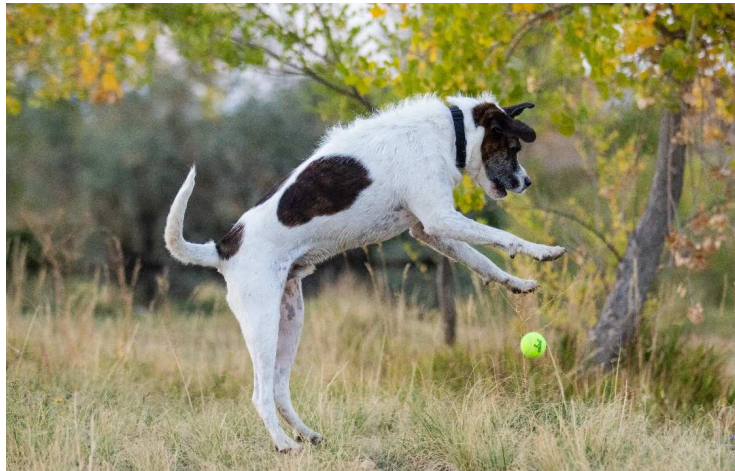
Sos is a nine-month-old, 60 lb. German Shorthaired Pointer. He is an athletic hunting dog who loves the water, working, running in open spaces, chasing bumpers, meeting new people, swimming, and chasing birds.

"Sos is a great family dog for us and our kids. As long as he gets a lot of exercise he is a sweet and friendly dog, otherwise he gets a little obstinate. He is very energetic and loves to work and run. We work with him every day on obedience training, new tricks and bird hunting skills. He's been a great addition to our family." - [Amber](#)



The [Eagle Trail](#) is a multi-use trail that runs through the Boulder Valley Ranch due west of the Boulder Reservoir. In the appropriate season, hikers can expect to see wildflowers speckling the meadow as they hike out toward Mesa Reservoir. They may also be graced with glimpses of eagles, northern harriers, and red-tailed hawks in the sky, and - at ground level - mule deer, coyotes and rattlesnakes.





Buster *aka Buster Bluth, Buddy, Butter*

busts out the tennis balls at CU South

Buster is a six-year-old, 80 lb. mix (maybe hound-boxer-terrier) adopted from Longmont Humane Society. He loves fetch, eating, car rides, camping, running trails, swimming, and sleeping between his parents.

A two mile loop around the University of Colorado's South Campus, the [CU South Trail](#) attracts students, dog walkers and strollers to smooth gravel roads. More importantly, it serves as one of the best locales for fetch-obsessed dogs to show their stuff.

"When we adopted Buster at four months old, he was scared of vehicles, men and being left alone. He has grown into an amazing dog that loves doing so many things and he obeys verbal commands. He is truly the most loving animal we have ever had and definitely the smartest. He is seriously the best looking dog in the world. People on the trails always comment about his good looks." - Leigh





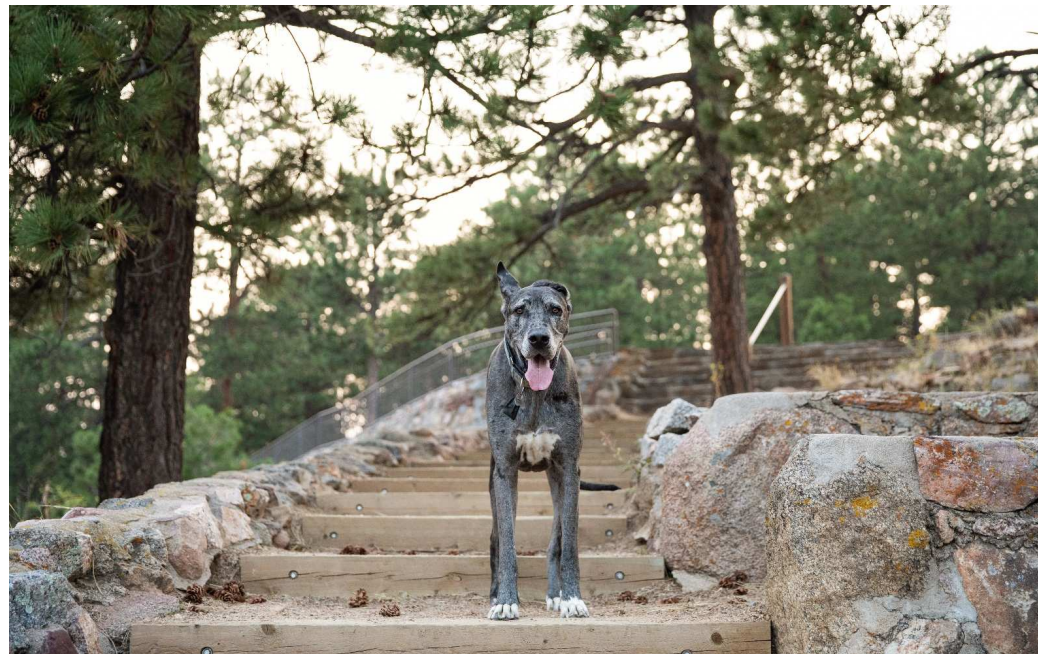
Chance *aka Chancenator* shines at the Sunrise Amphitheater

Chance is a five-year-old, 145 lb. Great Dane adopted by his foster mom through Big Dogs Huge Paws in Colorado. He loves socializing with everyone, napping on the couch, leaning or sitting on humans, going for walks, and his chew toys.

"Chance is a big lovable goofball who is velcro loyal! He's a great, informal therapy dog for people in these tough pandemic times. He serves as an ambassador for Big Dogs Huge Paws rescue. He excels at being the center of attention and loves meeting everyone. Chance is a charismatic, lovable and goofy extrovert." - [Heather](#)



The [Sunrise Amphitheater](#) on the summit of Flagstaff Mountain was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the early 1930's. The open-air theater seats 150 people on semi-circular stone benches made from fieldstone cobbles and tinted concrete, facing east overlooking the city. The theater is a popular site for weddings and other ceremonies for those with the foresight to reserve it well in advance.





Jiggs *aka Jiggy, Bomb, Monkey*

meanders through the meadow along Chautauqua Trail

Jiggs is a seven-year-old, 45 lb. mix adopted from Humane Society of Boulder Valley. He loves running long distances with his mom, playing fetch, going to the park, car trips, hiking, food, and doing everything he can with his people and his canine sister Olive.

"Jiggs is my goofy boy and has been a teacher ever since I rescued him. He has made me aware of how my body language and tone can impact others. He brings to me every day the importance of being present. Jiggs is my running buddy and dance partner and has endless energy. He is my curious boy and such a big galoot!" - [Lisa](#)

[Chautauqua Trail](#) runs through a meadow that rises majestically toward the Flatiron Mountains, the city's most iconic and breathtaking setting. The park is the crown jewel in the city's Open Space and Mountain Parks program, an extensive trail system that veins the foothills for miles in all directions, with spurs that rise to the spectacular formations of Devil's Thumb and Royal Arch. The Flatirons themselves - three triangular peaked sandstone slabs - are a destination for hikers, a challenge for climbers, and a sight to thrill the eye.



Cody *aka Codes*

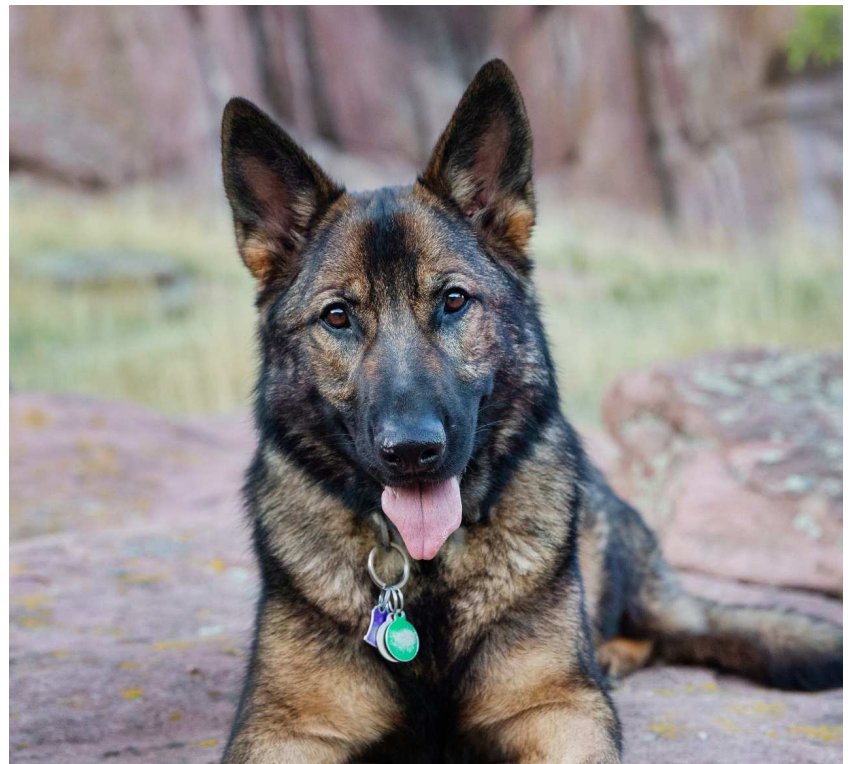
stakes a claim at Settler's Park

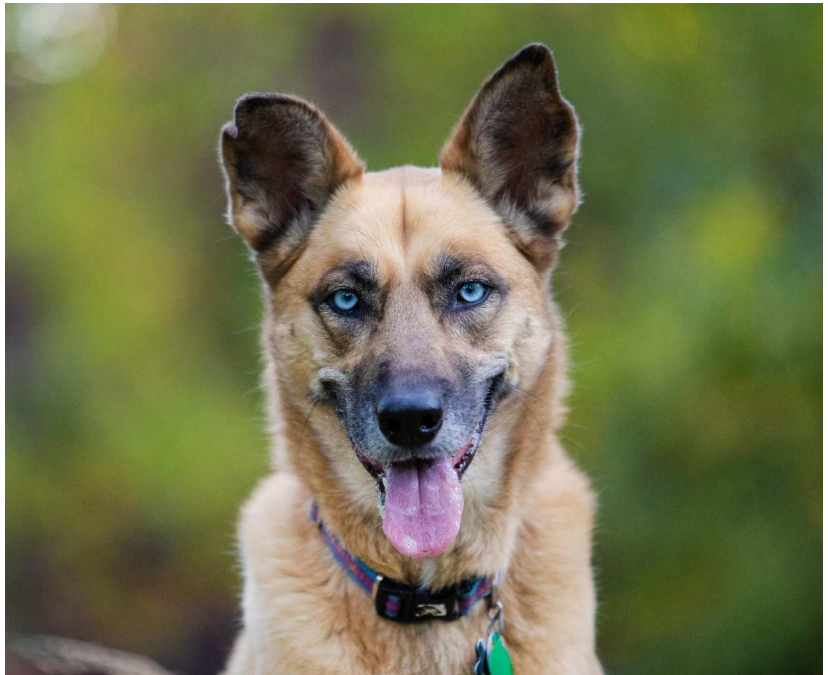
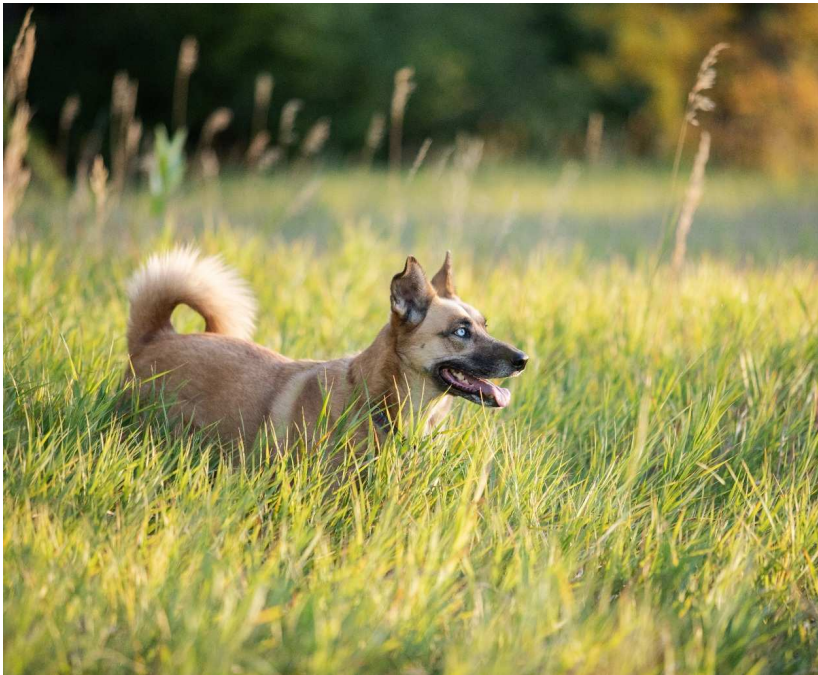
Cody is a one-year-old, 85 lb. German Shepherd. He loves to hike, play fetch, play in the water, and hang out with his buddy Ruby.

"Cody is a very sweet boy. He is protective, but only when appropriate and he is friends with everyone. I love hiking with him and to see how excited he gets. He's the sweetest, most gentle German Shepherd I've ever known." - Bill

Zebulon Pike and Stephan Long, after whom some of the Rockies' largest peaks were later named, were among the group of explorers commissioned to explore the Boulder area in the mid-1800s. Their men made camp in an area at the cusp of the plains and the foothills known today as **Settler's Park**. The dramatic upthrusting rocks of the area are part of the same formation that rises to the short peak of Mount Sanitas to the north and that caused the well-known Red Rocks amphitheater miles to the south. The trailhead is just a short stroll from downtown Boulder, and from there it's just a half-mile scamper to the crest, where visitors can clamber over the sandstone rocks and gaze out over the gorgeous Sanitas Valley.







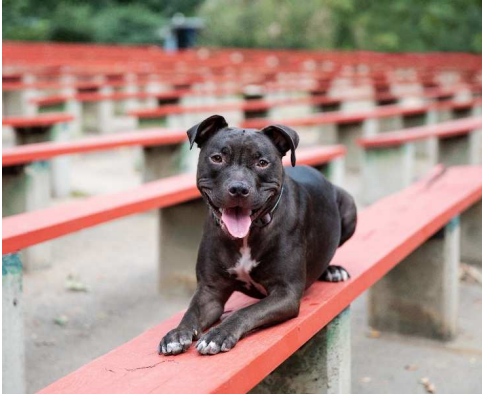


Laika races along the Lobo Trail

Laika is a six-year-old, 60 lb. Husky-Australian Shepherd mix. She loves camping, rivers and lakes, running off leash, walks, taking up more than her share of the bed, and shedding.

"Laika is playful and energetic. She is smart and protective of her family and yard. She is also silly and rebellious. Laika is extremely vocal; howling at firetrucks and talking back when she is asked to behave. Her favorite toy is called Frankenstein Duck because he has had so many "surgeries" including 5 replacement squeekers." - [Tammy](#)

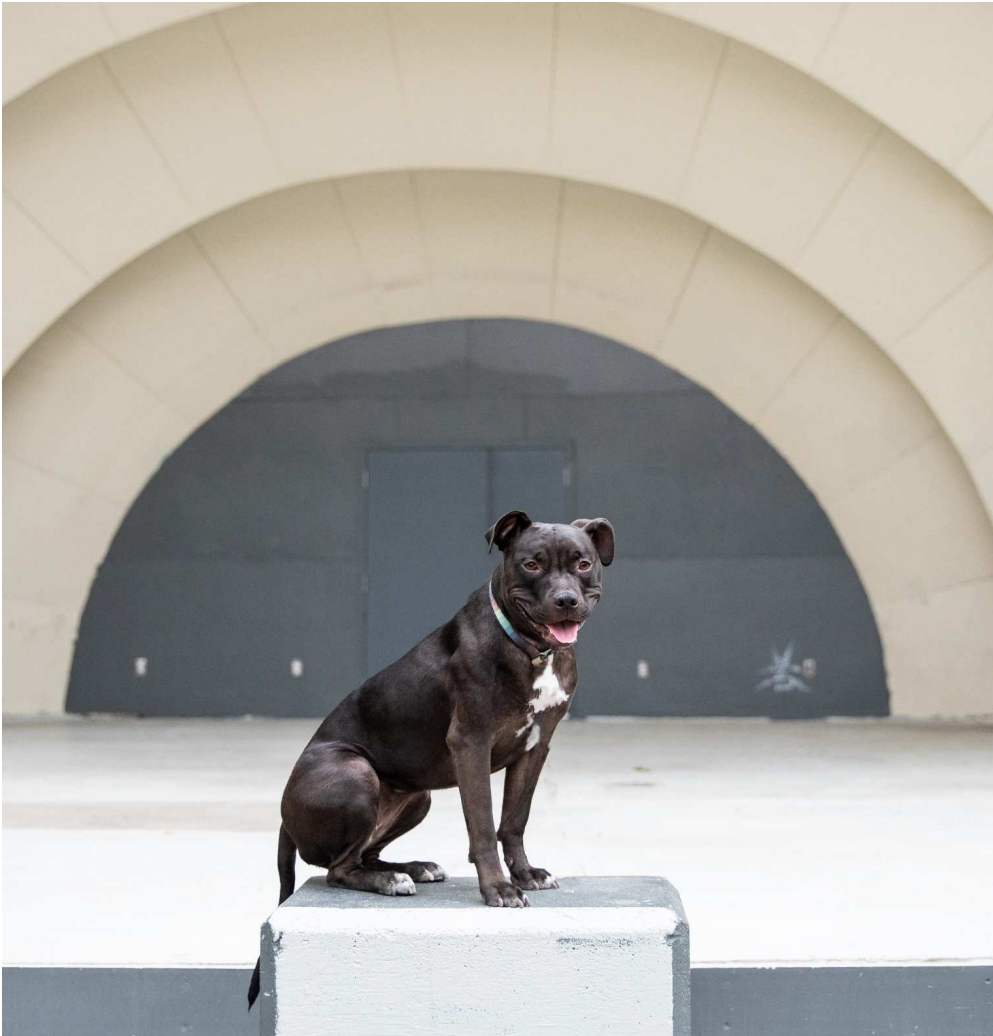
The Lobo Trail, named for its terminus cities, is a 12-mile regional system of trails on county Open Space connecting Boulder to the city of Longmont. Hugging the nearby Diagonal Highway in its northern segment, the trail winds through plain and pasture as it passes through the town of Niwot, skirting the scenic Twin Lakes recreation area in the Gunbarrel neighborhood before ending at the Cottonwood Trail. There are many dogs to be found along its length, but most tend to be of the prairie dog variety.



Willow *aka Wee Weez, Nutter* takes the stage at the Glen Huntington Bandshell

Willow is a two-year-old, 46 lb. Pittie mix adopted from Longmont Humane Society. She loves eating (especially vegetables,) cuddling, wrestling, playing with her rope toy, and napping.

"Willow had a very rough start in life arriving at the shelter with a broken femur, severely under weight, afraid of everyone and deteriorating health - both mentally and physically. It was also determined that Willow had an inoperable liver disease with a 50/50 chance of survival. Through the work of the shelter's medical team and myself helping her with PT and fostering her, Willow is now healthy, at a normal weight and loves people and life! She is now a brave girl and very obedient. She is incredibly smart, sweet, and loyal and has endless amounts of energy. She is the most awesome girl on the planet!" - Jen





The **Bandshell** in Boulder's downtown City Park has hosted cultural and civic events since 1938. It was designed by local architect Glen Huntington, who was also responsible for the nearby County Courthouse, and anchors a sloping greensward along the Boulder Creek designed by civic planner and landscape architect Saco DeBoer. Today, the Bandshell is a source of passionate historical pride for many longtime residents, who have continually resisted efforts to raze or relocate it in the face of various redevelopment plans.





BANDIT *aka Bandito*

has a ball on the Bobolink Trail

Bandit is a two-year-old, 70 lb. St. Bernard-Pointer mix adopted from Soul Dog Rescue. He loves walking for miles every day, taking car rides, being by his mom's side, and sleeping by her feet while she works.

"Bandit is the sweetest dog! He loves his people as much as we love him. He is always by our side and wherever we go he wants to come along. One of the things we love about him most are all of the silly sleeping positions he lays in." - [Kimberly](#)

The [Bobolink Trail](#) system, named after a species of ground-nesting birds common to the area, winds through the gentle, windswept hills of eastern Boulder County, providing hikers with excellent views of the mountains to the west and the Great Plains to the east.



Mia *aka Smiley*

finds her bliss at Varsity Lake

Mia is a one-year-old, 50 lb. Australian Labradoodle. She loves dog parks, car rides, walks, running errands with her mom, getting treats from everyone she meets, being chased, playing keep away, laying in the yard with her BFF Lulu, showing off the tricks she learns from her boy, and sleeping with her people after taking first dibs on the best spot on the bed.

"Mia is the world's best dog! She is an exuberant goofball, a lovable snuggler, super smart and very obedient (most of the time) and she also happens to be gorgeous. We call her Smiley because she literally smiles when we come home. She is a true gift from God. Mia is an Emotional Support Dog for me and my son and is currently working to become a therapy dog at Children's Hospital." - [Christine](#)

[Varsity Lake](#) is one of the most beautiful and serene spots on the University of Colorado campus, home to turtles, coy, carp, goldfish, and other marine life and a favorite stopping point for flocks of geese. It wasn't always so. In the late 1800s, the area was little more than muddy swampland at the base of the hill where Old Main stood. The Lake (also called a Pond, in some quarters) was formed by the erection of a dam in 1888.

