

JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE GREENWAY....

Yesterday was not the best day for Angus and me. We were on the Greenway in early afternoon as the really cold and blustery weather from a strong storm system was commencing. It was quite cold and unpleasant weather. As I often do when we are alone out there, I let Angus drag his leash. Well, two of Longmont's Dog Catcher police came along in their dog catcher truck sneaking slowly up the paved greenway. Naturally, they spotted Angus and me. I was picking up his poop, and when I had done that, I proceeded to take his leash in hand. They were about 60 yards away by then. I waited off to the side until they got up to me.

The two females exited and one asked if I knew Longmont had leash laws. I said yes. She said she was writing me a citation. Duh! There was nobody around. In fact, during the 7 or 8 minutes it took her to write the ticket, nobody came by in either direction. It wasn't until 5 minutes after that while walking further down another section of the greenway that I finally spotted someone else out there in the distance.

I'm guilty. I'll have to call in to the City Prosecutor's office in 10 days (I have a tentative court date in late February). They will tell me to sign the form pleading guilty and to send them a check for \$60 to \$80 and they will cancel the court appearance. It's all about the money, isn't it?

We were hardly a threat to the citizens of Longmont, but they only do what they are told. Common sense is not a factor. I fear that if someone in their department sent out a directive that meant to say "HELP ALL THE 65-YEAR OLDS" and a typo caused it to say "KILL ALL THE 6-YEAR OLDS" the carnage in the first grade classrooms would be overwhelming until we could find some bureaucrat with a brain to issue a countermanding order.

I am greatly relieved to know that my \$\$\$\$ will make that section of greenway safe for our citizens. Now I would like to see the enforcers out there some day appreciating my financial enlightenment.