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# Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
 Both
- 

### Submission

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
 Own another type of animal  
 Do not own an animal  
 N/A
- 

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

No. There are simply not enough dog exercise areas. Also the off leash areas need to be fenced. The vast majority of owners can only walk their dogs on leash around suburban streets.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

No.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

You need to significantly increase the number and fence off off leash areas.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

And a lot of them.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I don't want to pay for equipment for others to use. Let them buy their own.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I love seeing dogs in the city. As long as their owner pick up their poop i see no problems.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

For a short period of time, like ducking into a shop, no more than 10 mins.

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Comments/suggestions

It is a small improvement but need more hours dogs can use.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Yes we need more. I am not going to drive 20-30 minutes to get to a dog exercise area. So a lot of people like me just use and park or school grounds.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Many of the areas I have been too are too steep, inaccessible, swamps, dogs run off into child play areas.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Who we are reaching

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I am

- Male
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My age is

- under 18 years
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- Residential ratepayer
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  - I rent
  - Other
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
- Māori
- Samoan
- Cook Island
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Please stop having consultations to make such minor changes. You are wasting rate payer money.

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Attached Documents

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Comments

I think that all of Stebbings Dam should be an off leash exercise area. This should include the stream by the dam and the slopes/flat land above the dam. This area is used mainly for dog walking and is rarely used by non dog owners, so it makes sense to utilise the area fully.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes, the proposed area looks fine.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Disagree with the proposed removal of Evans Bay Beach. Agree with the proposed addition of Seatoun Beach.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

No

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

No

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments  
No

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Yes

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Comments

mostly - however i would like to see some relaxed restrictions over summer time - instead of prohibited between 10am - 7pm it would be better to have on leash so that owners can go to the beach with their dogs during warmer hours of the day - I'd love to be able to take our dogs for a swim but after 7pm with small dogs its too cold.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

yes - in the currently prohibited area

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

as above - relaxed restrictions on the times so dog owners can take dogs to beach during summer hours on the leash

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

kids playground equipment is paid for by the council - why cant dedicated dog agility equipment be paid for in some of the fenced dog parks like at Evans Bay

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

currently i dont walk our dogs through town but this would be nice to be able to and not have to worry about stopping in town for a bite to eat at a cafe etc

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

if the dog is not aggressive in any way - i dont see a problem but personally i wouldnt leave our dogs un-attended as i am concerned about them being taken away and used for dog fighting. (we have 3 dogs below knee height that are not aggressive but do bark at other dogs)

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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

as above relaxed so they can still be used during all hours but on a leash between those hours.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments  
n/a

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

### Comments

the additions of new areas is good - however i did note that some areas are being reduced at the same time - it would be better for more areas that are bigger not smaller.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

n/a

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

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- Dog owner  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

No I do not. I believe New Zealand as a whole has a ridiculous attitude to dogs and some plainly silly rules to enforce. Friends of mine in Europe take their dogs on buses, into the cafe's, and all around town with never any problems. Dog faeces in Amsterdam seems to be the only issue! I believe all the dog exercise area restrictions here are actually an attempt to avoid dog faeces problems - which I can understand. So why don't the councils just come down MUCH more heavily on those who don't pick up after their dogs? A huge fine of \$250 or more would be a pretty effective deterrent I believe. Maybe the public could also police this - approaching people who don't pick up after their dogs and explain we are all on a 'Good Behaviour Bond'! I used to live right on a dog-run stretch of beach and there was never ANY problem with dog behaviour or dog faeces - this was at Muritai Beach in Eastbourne. We were a bit worried when the rules were changed to make our beach a destination for dog owners as we thought the concentration would create problems - but it did not. Which begs the question - if there is no problem with LOTS of dogs concentrated on a small stretch of beach, then why do we need to eliminate them from being evenly distributed along most of the beaches?? Now we are at Makara Beach. A similar situation exists except for one big difference - the types of dogs here are sometimes dangerous breeds being let loose by people who

should not be allowed to have them. They are the wrong breeds with the wrong people with the wrong attitude. Several of them are local and they have no idea how to train and discipline dogs without a piece of alkathene pipe in one hand. I believe this is the really serious problem with New Zealand dog laws. On the one hand we have a huge number of dangerously aggressive breeds being bred by the wrong people and passed on to similar types, with seemingly no way to limit their dodgy breeding practices or ensure the safety of others around them. These dog exercise laws will do nothing to reduce this problem. On the other hand the rest of us - who have chosen to have sweet-natured dogs which are well-trained and present no threat whatsoever to the public - are forced out of most of the handy and attractive parks and beaches - especially in summer - to isolated, sometimes dangerous wastelands and the scruffy ends of town. I have had two very scary incidents whilst running my lovely Springer Spaniels in such areas - one on the Hutt River and one at Fisherman's Bay where loose pitt-bull/pig dog type dogs (3 in one loose pack at Fisherman's Bay and 2, thankfully leashed at the last moment at Hutt River) were almost unable to be controlled by their owners. These dogs had the definite potential to kill my dogs, and the Hutt River pair were extremely keen to do so. Both owners yelled abuse at ME for not having my lovely, well-trained dogs on a leash. I actually reported the Fisherman's Bay incident to WCC and the police. I believe all the dog control laws are skirting around the problem of bad owners with bad dogs.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes everywhere where there is no concentrated picnic activity.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I believe this question is a repeat of question 2?

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## Conditions/exclusions/comments

See notes above

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

See notes above - I can imagine this being a disaster if the wrong dogs/owners were using them

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

This is a fantastic idea!! Families with children don't have to pay extra to have playgrounds so I think the small cost of a few agility parks should not need to be payed for by dog owners... although a small fee increase to cover these would be OK in my opinion.

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Absolutely!

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## Comments/suggestions

Yes tied up outside a shop for a short period - fine as long as there is shade/water and the dog is <sup>16</sup>

happy doing it. I love the way some cafe's and other shops supply a dog bowl and some even dog treats!

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Comments

Yes, it is long overdue. We actually need more larger exercise areas for our pooches in Wellington. An area with a dog paddling pool and other exercise areas, would be much better but at least this is a start. One other thing that is absolutely necessary are taps at entrances to these areas....

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Yes, there aren't enough beaches around Wellington where owners and dogs can enjoy some free time (off leash)

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South African

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

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Comments

I am not keen on dividing beach access into times when dogs are ok and when dogs are not ok. My preference is that some beaches, like the area of Island Bay near the airport should always be ok for dogs, but that places like Balena Bay and Oriental Bay should always be off limits to dogs. BTW, your link to the complete document only gives a printable version of this form, not the proposed policy.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes, at the part of the beach near the airport and going about half way up the beach.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

On the whole, prefer less access for dogs to most beach areas.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Many dog owners do not control their dogs adequately. Dogs should be on a lease on all tracks. I have had dogs come bounding down a track and jumping on me. It's not good.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Don't mind there being equipment in dog exercise areas. It should be paid for out of license fees.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

There should be NO DOGS in the central city area (aside from seeing eye dogs).

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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Comments

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I'd like to see some tightening up of the Responsible Dog Owner status. Almost everywhere I have lived in Wellington there are, for example, dogs that constantly bark.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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 American

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

I would like to see some sort of planning about overall dog numbers in Wellington. My view is that there are too many dogs in Wellington and the Council should be thinking about what the right

number might be. I think 3 dogs per property is too many, why not 1? I think dog ownership should be a privilege and not some sort of absolute right. My negative feelings about dogs come from years of listening to barking day and night, and dodging dog droppings when out walking (though this has become less of a problem over the years). I am really over dogs in urban areas!

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File
Dog Policy

### Submitter Details

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Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

YES - I agree with the main beach being for humans only, however if the area that I believe use to be dog friendly with NO time restrictions, from the corner heading down towards owhiro bay was reinstated for dogs (anytime of the day, not restricted similar to Lyall Bay). Or the area down near the carpark along the rocks where the divers often go.

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Comments/suggestions

I think the council should pay (or have it funded by donations - or sponsored by Tux or something similar). We do pay quite high dog registration fees in comparison to some other areas already.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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I think the council needs to help assist dog owners who do not pick up their dog poo, by providing bins with dog bags next to them (like they do in other areas such as taranaki). This provides a no excuse option for dog owners that dont do it, or have legitimalely just forgotten a bag.

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No. I don't know why you want to remove the dog exercise area at the corner of Balfour and Liardet Sts. Due to its irregular shape and steepness it doesn't seem like it would be much use for anything else. We have used this exercise area with our dog regularly for many years. I know you have added an area at the top of Finnimore Terrace but this is further away and up a step track. Our dog is becoming old and less mobile so she would have difficulty climbing the steps to this area. We think closing the Balfour/Liardet area will just encourage people to use McAlister Park more (people regularly use these playing fields for dog exercise already even though they're not supposed to).

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
- Māori
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- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

### Submitter Details

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
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### Submission

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

As we own a Siberian Husky off lease exercise is not an option for our dog. Although I do think off lease exercise shouldn't be allowed as dogs can be unpredictable and could harm children.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

As above.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dog owners need to be more responsible for their dogs.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I believe that off leash tracks would propose a danger to myself and my dog.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This means that dog owners need to be responsible.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dog ownership is all about responsibility.

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

n/a

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

n/a

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Who we are reaching

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- Male
  - Female
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- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments  
n/a

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Neutral

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*proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed

- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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Comments

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Need clearer guidelines when dog is deemed to need a muzzle in public. What do they have to do or not do? When are they deemed dangerous and by whom?

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Dog Policy

### Submitter Details

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I agree that seal colonies should be restricted areas and dogs should be on a leash in those areas and need to keep a certain safe distance from the colonies.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

YES! I think the proposed area in red on the map should absolutely be an off-leash area for dogs all year around. It would be wonderful if a part of Island Bay beach could be available for families and their dogs to enjoy the beach together. There are so many family dogs in Island Bay being able to walk to the beach with the dogs would be fantastic. It seems a shame to have to pile everyone in the car to go to Lyall Bay. Houghton Bay is unsafe for children and dogs to swim.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I agree to the additions to Setton Nossiter Park and Island Bay beach off leash areas.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

I strongly support and off leash area on Island Bay beach.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Could it be paid for out of licencing fees?

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Only for no more than ten minutes. Too long is distressing for the dog.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Comments

Good to see that the areas for walking and exercising dogs are being extended. I would like to see the addition of a 'Dog Friendly' shop/bar/restaurant programme to make sure those that would like to have dogs can clearly indicate that dogs are welcome.

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Comments

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This is about clarity for all people using the tracks. Knowing it is off-leash ensures those people using the tracks are aware that dogs are present and off-leash.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The council receives fees from dog owners and could use these to provide facilities.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Good to see that the areas for walking and exercising dogs are being extended. I would like to see the addition of a 'Dog Friendly' shop/bar/restaurant programme to make sure those that would like to have dogs can clearly indicate that dogs are welcome. Let's give the choice to the owners of the businesses. This is both a way to increase transit revenue and pet retail business in Wellington. We should look to international cities for support. In London's parks dogs are allowed off leash and in the city the leash laws are lax and dogs are generally allowed in pubs and on public transit. There has been a boom in dog specialty shops in recent years offering more choices for grooming, accessories and other products. In Wales, dogs are allowed on some designated beaches all year round, and most others between the beginning of October and the end of April. Although they are not allowed in restaurants, dogs can be taken on public transit and in most pubs. In Hungary dogs are allowed in cafes, restaurants and other public places. Many dogs walk off leash with owners, even along crowded Budapest streets. It is common to see people walking their dogs for hours at a time in the parks or in the city on errands. Registration and microchips are mandatory and spay/neutering is commonplace but not compulsory. In Amsterdam the leash laws are lenient allowing dogs in most restaurants, cafes, and shops. Many hotels and establishments are dog friendly and dogs are off leash in most parks (there are hardly any with only dog-specific fenced areas) and often on the street as well. In order to take your dog on public transit you have to pay for a dog ticket which costs just a few Euros to go anywhere in the country. Crating is legal but used only when necessary (travel, training etc.) France is the friendliest of dog friendly countries in the world. Owners can bring their pets into supermarkets (outside the food area), shopping centers, and they are welcomed in almost all restaurants. It is common for dogs to be served a bowl of cool water before even getting the menu, especially in summer, and often times they are offered a treat. In many towns and villages in France there are dog 'loo' points where bags are provided free of charge to pick up after your pets, and there are bins for disposal, so there really is no excuse not to clean up. There are no leash or muzzle laws unless you have an 'attack' or 'guard' dog like a Pit bull or Mastiff. Overall France has 61 million domestic animals and nearly half of all households have a pet member. With the most dog ownership in Europe, there are countless dog services, pampering and boutiques in France.

9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

For a short period of time. ie if walking a dog to the shops, a few minutes is enough. If out in a park and nature calls, you need to be able to leave your dog while you visit the bathroom. This is a practical issue that should be based on leaving an animal for a sensible period of time, not an extended length of time.

10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight<sup>50</sup>

savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

These are public spaces and should be shared by all. Common sense should be part of your thinking. Please legislate for the majority of people who are responsible and caring owners and make it easy for dogs to be part of our community. The more people interact with dogs, the better.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Dogs are commonly used for therapy, to help people and for comfort and to bring a smile. Please can we help involve them more in the community so more people can enjoy them.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

I am a New Zealander

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Study after study has proven how pets have a calming effect on our bodies and minds, how they help children with A.D.D. focus better, how they reduce blood pressure and lower stress, how pets at the workplace make employees more creative, productive, and cordial to each other, and how they're such awesome additions to our lives overall. The council should allow pets and dogs in State Housing in Wellington. Many people have dogs and housing is an issue and animals often need to be given up and rehomed. Let's try and keep the whole family, including the dog together.

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

The changes should be extended to allow responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs on DOC land. The current restrictions are in place to preserve native wildlife; exercising domestic dogs on leash and on pathways will cause no more harm to native wildlife than allowing the public access to these areas. The changes should also be extended for DOC campsites to allow for those who wish to travel with their domestic dogs. Dogs on leashes, under control by responsible dog owners will do no harm to any conservation area.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, the entire area should be off-leash during winter months when there are fewer people on the

beach.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This would encourage dog owners to train and interact with their dogs. This should be paid for by the city council, just as play grounds are paid for by them.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Wellington has a vibrant cafe scene, allowing on-leash dogs (and subsequently their owners) to access this would remove the current discrimination against dog owners.

9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Dogs on leashes should be allowed on off-peak public transport. By not allowing them on trains / buses you make their owners use cars, contributing to the congestion around the city.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Comments

Yes, I do agree with the proposed changes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

The western and of the beach really needs to be changed to a year round off-leash exercise area. The current off-leash area on Reef Street is not fenced which would allow a dog to easily wander on to the busy road.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Comments

I'm not opposed to these changes. Although I have a small dog, as a general rule, the larger the off-leash space, the better. Having 30 minutes of run-around time in a small dog area is hopeless - my dog likes big spaces to chase rabbits, and finds chasing balls and sticks pretty boring. (Me too.)

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

It's so small, its barely worth it - I would still use Tawatawa Reserve or Wrights Hill or Lyall Bay for preference.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

There are three issues here: 1 Who pays capital for installation? As a dog owner, I am MOST UNWILLING to fund agility equipment for other dog owners. As a ratepayer I am unwilling to fund that equipment - I prefer to fund sport and outdoor activities for children, not dogs. 2 Who funds and provides maintenance or the equipment? I don't mind if a community group funds and maintain equipment at entirely their own cost in one or two areas in Wellington PROVIDING that they don't take over open space where our dogs currently like to run. 3 Where is the equipment placed? In my

view, agility equipment would be best placed at one of the dog clubs (e.g., the one next to Polhill reserve) so that it can be secured and maintained effectively. If people want to do agility stuff with dogs, they need to join with others and look after it themselves.)

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Comments/suggestions

I would like the bylaw to operate so that I can sit outside at a cafe with my dog at my feet (and that means being allowed to leave her outside while I go inside to order and pay). I would also like to be able to stop into a shop briefly (e.g., Harbour Seafoods on Cuba St to get fish for dinner).

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Comments/suggestions

Good idea given that beaches are rarely in use by sun-bathers before 10am, and they are rarely there after February.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

The larger the off-leash space, the better. Although I have a small dog, 30 minutes of run-around time in a small dog area is hopeless - my dog likes big spaces to chase rabbits, and finds chasing balls and sticks pretty boring. (Me too.) So I'd prefer more of the bigger spaces rather than lots of little ones.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Comments

Yes, I am very excited that off leash exercise will be permitted on the proposed side of Island Bay beach as this is a great area for the dogs and their owners, and well contained. This will enrich the lives of many dog owners and make our exercise options much better. Currently I have to drive to Lyall Bay or Miramar for a good off leash sea-side experience (I use Mapuia Walkway) and it will be immeasurably better to be able to walk to the beach in my own suburb. Equally awesome is that you're considering allowing dogs on Oriental Bay beach during winter. Brilliant! its a great socialising space for both dogs and humans, and the more dog friendly areas there are, it's more opportunities for dogs and dog owners to give and have positive experiences in the community. I am however curious as to which areas you're considering fencing as I looked through the list of proposed changes to the dog exercise areas and could not see any mention of fencing - although it is mentioned in the overview of changes considered. As a dog owner I find it immensely frustrating that there are several excellent areas for dog exercise, such as the off leash area currently at Island Bay on the Parade, and the off lease area below the velodrome in Hataitai, where the volume of traffic is such and the edge of the park and the road have no natural boundaries, that makes the off leash use of these areas completely impractical. I rarely see any dogs being exercised on the Hataitai area, (I think in my 15 years in Wellington, I have only seen this 2 or 3 times) and on the

Island Bay spot, dogs are always leashed when I have seen them. These two areas are the ones that I would desperately love to see fenced, the Island Bay one is very small so would be quite easy. The Hataitai one is massive, so I understand the expense, but fencing would also mean the park is more attractive to families and for ball - play to stop balls and kids running out onto the road.

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#### Comments

I like that you're considering the current leashed dog walk area on the right side of the bay as an off leash area. It would also be great to have NO time restrictions on that area - make it just like Lyall Bay's dog area.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

As in my earlier comment - please consider fencing areas that have no significant natural boundaries to the road.

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Comments/suggestions

Unattended is a tricky one - as I have to leave my two dogs leashed outside dairies or cafes when I pop in to get something. Or to the supermarket. I am very careful to be able to watch them from inside the store if I have to leave them outside, and they're only left alone for the amount of time it takes to get what I need and be served. I think it means people don't leave their dogs in locked cars, which is so dangerous. Where dog-leashing knobs are provided, in safe, shaded spots or by the stores themselves, some have a water bowl as well by those leashing spots, leaving your dog for 5-10 minutes is so valuable. Leaving your dog leashed and unattended for long periods of time is bad ownership, and I don't believe making it illegal is not going to stop bad dog owners from leaving their dogs in this way. Providing safe areas for dogs to be stationed encourages good dog ownership, and enriches the community by facilitating healthy attitudes towards pet ownership and public.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Rubbish bins for dog poo bags please. In some areas, if possible, a tap for water stops? Would be nice for walkers and runners too as they could refill their drink bottles.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

I'd love to see a way to fine people who don't pick up their poo... but so impossible to police. What about introducing a dog-owner licence that comes with your registration? that could be paid for once, and have a responsible dog owner course that you do to get the licence, holders of that licence would get a discount on their rego fees? Not meaning to place difficulties in the way of dog ownership, but to encourage education and responsible ownership.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Comments

Better signage at dog walking areas please to let people know its a dog park Council supported dog-friendly events at inner city and outer suburb locations - include education in these events - ie, free taster workshops with dog obedience lessons, helping to promote the value of training owners and their dogs to be better behaved. A lot of people don't know how to be a good dog owner, other than providing food and shelter. Socialising your dog is super valuable, and knowing how to help the dog be better behaved around other dogs and people and kids would help reduce negative experiences for all. We pay the highest amount of dog rego's in the country, I think for that, the Council should invest in growing the best dog policy in the country. Less restrictive, more educational, more supporting the community to enrich itself.

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Comments

Yes, I support your proposed changes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Yes, at the eastern side of the beach (current area). It makes sense to have half the beach for dogs and half not.

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I would happily pay a per-use fee for this, and I would also recommend the ability to hire it out privately.

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Comments/suggestions  
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More for the safety of the dogs than anything.

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Many people have dogs who don't like other dogs - they are not 'menacing' but are reactive. I would recommend a dog exercise area that is fully fenced, and set up so that dogs can get in and get out without passing each other - there would be a rule that only one dog (or several if the dogs get on) would be allowed in at a time. This would solve a lot of problems between dogs at off-leash areas.

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Most of them.

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#### Comments/suggestions

Seton Nossiter Park: Including the track from the road to the exercise area is a good change but it does not go far enough. Dog owners do not park on the road because it is not safe for the dogs so we use the carpark near the Scout Hall. The track from the carpark to the track should also be included. AND: the track from the bottom of the hill (where the proposed addition ends) round to the middle of the exercise area should also be included. While it appears that you can walk from the open area at the top of the map to the middle area of the map it cannot be done. Last year's flood caused a large slip that washed away a large portion of the bank and made the track up the side of the stream very unsafe. It is also not easy to cross the stream there as there isn't a bridge there. So the area should be increased to include the path around to the middle of the exercise area where there is a bridge.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

A lot of dogs and dog owners do not want plain open areas to exercise in. Especially if the dog is not interested in chasing a ball. Both dogs and owners appreciate variety and a good walk as our exercise. My dogs and I really enjoy walking tracks and I particularly dislike and avoid plain boring open spaces as they offer no stimulation to me. My preferred weekend walk is to drive to a safe carpark and walk my dogs off leash on a nice trail or track back to the carpark and the walk should last at least 30mins. During the week we have to walk on leash, on the footpaths, so weekend exercise should be fun for all of us.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

A lot of the dog exercise areas are very small, offer very little in terms of interest and are on the side of a steep hill. e.g. the proposed new area at Stebbings Dam, Churton Park. While the addition of

this site (and any new dog exercise area) is really good it is no where big enough. All that is included is a very steep bank. If a dog owner threw a ball down the bank it would certainly go onto the very small flat area at the bottom. Why does the area not include both sides of the dam? Why does it not include a portion of the stream? Why does it not include the path around to Glenside Road where there is safe parking. Why is it always assumed that dogs and owners want to walk on leash to an open area and then just run up and down a steep bank? A walk around the proposed edge of the area would be completed in under 10 minutes; Even a tiny dog needs more time than that.

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Comments

Why is it always assumed that dogs and owners want to walk on leash to an open area and then just run there? Personally I want to go to a safe carpark and walk my dogs off leash on a nice trail or track back to the carpark and the walk should last at least 30mins.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European  
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Correspondence to:

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Comments

yes

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Comments

no opinion

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Comments/suggestions

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Your policy for refunds when a dog dies is poor ( and yes I realise its based on central Govt wording) BUT the refund should be from DATE OF DEATH ( perhaps confirmed by vet or tag return). We became aware of this when Our Dog died. I note this was BEFORE the start of a registration year but after we had paid the fee, and I note both dates were well before the Due date for payment. We struggled to get a full refund. Your present policy does not recognise the grieving process, namely owners will be penalised who do not rush to request a refund. I could be argued we were penalised for paying early?

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

yes

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Comments

no comment

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I support this but only if they are tied for a short time for example popping into the dairy - perhaps have a time limit of 10 minutes so that dogs are not tied up for long periods in public spaces.

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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Yes, I'm in full support of the proposed changes, I think they are all a step in the right direction.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

I think the proposed area is fine for off leash walking

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

I think opening up Seatoun Beach as an off-leash area is fabulous, there have been no local off-leash areas before (the nearest is the area by the Atatürk Memorial). And there is never anyone using the beach in the winter. I'd be interested to know why the beaches further East round from Churchill Park are not off-leash as well as these are not well used by non dog walkers in winter either.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I like to run with my dog, and to have an off-leash walking/running track within the city would be a fantastic asset.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think dog agility equipment is a good idea, although we probably wouldn't use it. Dog owners

should pay for it.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

There are lots of dog owners in the city and so they should be allowed to exercise their dogs there.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Not sure what is meant by this statement. Are we talking about leaving your dog for a few minutes outside a shop? If so then I think you should be able to leave your dog for a short while.

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Great idea, the beach areas are not used until gone 10am so being able to exercise my dog there until then is perfect. And the change in the dates is good too, it gets rid of any confusion.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

More fencing on existing dog exercise areas would be good. So many of them are by the side of a road that I don't like to use them.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

Yes

No

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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Comments

Agree. In particular with the creation of a dog exercise area at the western end of Island bay beach (as per your map) and it's availability year round. Also with the intention to put up more signage to remind people to pick u their dog poo. It has been a real problem in Island bay of late - particularly near the scout hall on the edge of the e. golf course, in Clyde St. north and even on The Parade in the shopping area. My impression is this is people walking their dogs early before they go off to work - admirable provided they pick up the dog poo.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes. W end of the beach as proposed as a new dog walking area. As a frequent user of Lyall Bay beach I believe the experience there with dogs off- leash is excellent and self regulating. Those of us who value this remind anyone who isn't controlling their dog - hardly ever happens.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Yes, briefly and responsibility. Provided the dog is a). properly secured and b). of good temperament and behavior.

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Comments

A good council initiative - well done.

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## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Ralph Wilkinson <outlook\_31296AFC36D1BCCF@outlook.com> on behalf of Ralph Wilkinson <ralph.wilkinson@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 April 2016 3:38 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog policy - supplementary submission Q9.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I have already submitted a full submission on Dog Policy. After further consideration, I wish to register a supplementary submission in respect of one item, as follows.

### **Dog policy Q9. Do you think dogs should be allowed to be left unattended in a public place?**

My Initial response to this question, included in my full submission on Dog Policy, was.

#### **YES**

Yes briefly and responsibly, provided the dog is  
 a). properly secured  
 and b). of good temperament and behaviour.

On further reflection I now wish to expand the response to one question (Q9) as follows:

#### **YES**

I'm a retired person who does not always have access to a private car. I'm the owner of a well trained, obedient and carefully supervised small dog of good temperament. I'm scrupulous about picking up dog litter: particularly and as required under the by-laws, that of my own dog. But I also pick up for other dog owners who may genuinely have overlooked their dog doing a dump, or more often those who pretend not to notice or don't exercise responsibility for this. I don't want the public to become dog adverse or have to put up with dog litter / mess.

I wish to be able to combine walking / exercising my dog and my shopping and errands. I believe it to be reasonable and responsible and wish to be permitted to leave my dog tied up for short periods in a public place, as follows:

- on a supermarket site - beside a walkway or in the car park in a suitable place which doesn't block pedestrian traffic – for 10/15 mins. max. My local supermarket has designated dog tether locations. While I shop for foodstuffs and other basic necessities.
- outside the local pharmacy, library or similar, for a shorter period - 5/10 mins. max. Where I am close-by. To allow me to collect a prescription, return library books etc.

Sender name / identity / status:

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 Phone 021 877850

I'm a resident of Wellington with a small dog which is registered.

Ralph Wilkinson

# Dog Policy

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and send it to us by
- Dog Policy, Freepost, Wellington City Council, P.O. Box 2199, Wellington.
  - By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

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Dog Policy – Have your say

1) Which of the following best describes you?

Dog owner

Own another type of animal

Do not own an animal

N/A

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments/suggestions

Yes, overall.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments/suggestions

Yes, from the pier

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No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

So long as the dog

7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions  
 Dog owners could

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions  
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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions  
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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments/suggestions

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments/suggestions

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Other issues/matters or general comments

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### Submission

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Comments

Do not agree with further limiting areas small - medium dogs may walk leashed and unleashed

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

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- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If they are to be tied up and left alone then perhaps they should have a safe muzzle on - as lots of people walking past them.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

See above comment about muzzles if lots of people around

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
- No

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Dog Control officers are very well trained and do a good job. Please also ensure people are given a fair amount of warnings before fined/ penalised - education more effective than penalty

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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**Submission**

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Comments

Yes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Do not live near there so prefer not to comment.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think dog owners get very little for their registration fee. In our area, Churton Park, we have been given dog exercise areas that are steep and almost useless for all but the fittest of people and dogs. They are not suitable for training puppies as are adjacent to busy roads. They could have at least a small part of one of them fenced for the purpose of training young dogs. This is a public safety issue as untrained dogs can be dangerous to the public. I would also like to see a fenced dog park in our part of the city. The fact there is not such a place with space to run but fenced to train dogs to come on command may well be contributing to the number of dogs which will not come on command and cause problems on the street. This is a public safety issue. I also feel more and more that dog owners are being short-changed despite paying registration fees - especially as I see cyclists have very expensive infrastructure built specifically for them while making no financial contribution at all. (I do NOT see also having a car etc and paying registration fee/s for that as making a contribution for use of cycling infrastructure - people with 2 cars need to pay 2 x registration fees for example. Each mode of transport used other than walking should be paid for by the participant.) Furthermore, if while out walking our dog on a pavement (for example) we are run off it by a speeding cyclist - as happens all too frequently - we have no means of identifying the cyclist whose bad behaviour can from time to time cause injury - and always inconvenience. This is unlike the registration number that dogs are issued with when the fee for their registration is paid. Signs on shared pathways do say that pedestrians have the right of way but this almost universally ignored by cyclists. The Council needs to realise that responsible dog owners are well and truly pulling their weight financially by comparison with some groups such as cyclists - this is something all responsible dog owners are aware of.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

No

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral

- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

There is an issue here where large dogs can and do impact adversely on smaller dogs. This proposal would only benefit large dogs, on the whole. If a smaller dog or human were attacked by a larger dog while on such a track they would be a long way from veterinary or medical help. By comparison, the current dog exercise areas are able to have dogs off-lead but in areas where really bad behaviour by some dog owners and their dogs is mostly under surveillance.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

See above comparative comments with cyclists and provision of facilities by WCC. WCC should pay - and place basic fencing around the equipment areas. Cost would be a whole lot less than cyclists who pay nothing are asking WCC to spend on them - and actually getting very high cost facilities built for them. Not everyone by any means can be a cyclist - even if they wanted to be. Cyclists will always be a fitter, generally younger group. Ordinary pedestrians who do not have dogs and pedestrians with dogs should also be entitled to some special facilities provided by WCC. Eg dog agility equipment, seating, etc. Walking with or without a dog contributes just as much to health outcomes and lowering of health costs and should be fully supported by WCC.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Certainly for long enough for owners to go into a shop briefly. Yes, if going into premises where they can be comfortably looked after for the duration.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Not for more than a very few minutes. Risks to the dog and to people passing (who may be ignorant about leaving the dog alone) are too great. I have also seen people leave dogs tied up out in bad weather for quite long periods and it is not something that should be encouraged.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This would make it more viable for many people to fit a walk in the area into their day - and at a time when it was still relatively cool.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

No

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

No

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Who we are reaching

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Please state:

N.A.

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Dog ownership is hugely important to the mental and physical welfare of many people of all ages. In children it teaches them to care for other beings and be good to animals in general. In the elderly it is a chance to keep fit for as long as possible and be out on the streets with company and with the likelihood of chatting to other dog owners. WCC should make every effort to keep this group of registration payers well serviced and appreciate the efforts that most dog owners make to comply with rules and look after their dogs and the environment well.

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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Comments

Yes although I would like to ask that consideration be given to fencing off the Island Bay Reef Street exercise area so that it is safe to allow dog's off leash.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes but only in the newly proposed West Beach area.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I would like to ask that consideration be given to fencing off the Island Bay Reef Street exercise area so that it is safe to allow dog's off leash.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Off leash only in fenced areas or beaches as per proposals such as Island Bay West Beach. Not all dogs are well behaved when not in tethered control of their owner.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I personally wouldn't do it but I think people should be able to pop into a shop and leave their dog tied up outside for a short time.

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I would like to ask that consideration be given to fencing off the Island Bay Reef Street exercise area so that it is safe to allow dog's off leash.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

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Dog Policy

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Comments

I agree with the proposed changes, particularly those relating to Island Bay beach, Scorching Bay beach, and Oriental Bay. As a package, the changes represent a much better balance of the interests of dogs, their owners and the general public.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes. The area should be that proposed, to the southwest of the stormwater outlets. This section of the beach is rarely used even in summer. It will provide a much better beach exercise area on the south coast than the existing Houghton Bay area, which is subject to dangerous surf and toxic smells from the stormwater outlet.

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

I support the proposal to prohibit dogs from the seal haul out areas, but it would be good to clearly permit dogs off lead on the beach in Te Kopahou reserve in areas where seals are not present.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Great idea! More please!

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The costs of dog registration in Wellington are already very high and the infrastructure provided by council very limited compared to other cities in Australasia. Many other cities provide much better fencing, dog water fountains, bins and bags for faeces than Wellington does while charging less for registration, so I would not support increases in these charges to pay for additional infrastructure.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The current policy is very odd in this regard. Of course dogs should be allowed to stop in the central city.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

As long as they are secured to a tree or a post, no problem.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

More trails in the town belt should be off lead areas. It is such a pleasure for dog and owner to walk through bush or forest, each at their own pace, stopping occasionally for a sniff, without the

restraint of a lead.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Can't really see the point of the responsible dog owner policy.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Yes

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Comments

Yes - in the area proposed

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

For example by providing dog hitching posts outside the supermarket whilst I'm picking up a few groceries

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

No

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Comments

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- Yes
  - No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Yes

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Comments

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Dog owners could contribute

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

I support the changes to the beach exercise areas - particularly making Balena Bay and part of Island Bay beach off leash areas. It seems there are more and more dog owners in Wellington, and to date it has been difficult to find good off-leash areas in the city area to let dogs be dogs. Lyaal Bay is a great example of where it works well.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes - certainly in winter the whole beach should be off-leash. In summer it makes sense to have a well-signposted specified dog off-leash area. I think dogs should be allowed on leash on the rest of the beach.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

There are lots of places in Wellington where dog owners already walk their dogs off-leash in a respectful way. One area that would work well as a trial if you are of the mind, would be the higher trails around Murchison Park (if that's what it's called?) Also the trails above Houghton Bay would also work.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes for the whole beach.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

The one on the Te Ahumairangi should be clearly marked as on leash until the point that the area is reached. Currently everyone does off leash on the entire hill including side tracks. I would like signage of which areas are off leash and what areas are with tighter control on this.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

On tracks it is too easy for a dog to get away from an owner and bite someone. I hate going for a run then coming across a dog without its owner in line of site.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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#### Comments/suggestions

The council it just as important for people to get active as dogs are. Dogs are more likely to get bored with the same old routine. Happy dog equals happy owner.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

There is just not enough footpath for someone to avoid a dog. Let alone someone who does not pick up after their dog or if it does a runny poo, just gross.

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Comments/suggestions

Treat a dog like an infant, I would not leave mine alone for 5 mins in a public place.

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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Yes

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Comments

Contained to one area of the beach

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Comments/suggestions

Yes - in fact I strongly support any progress on giving dogs on a lead access to more public places and public transport - including buses, cafes, some shops etc. as many of the world's biggest cities does.

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No

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Yes, but please reconsider keeping the Evans Bay beach area (see below)

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I think it would be best to not make this beach an off-leash area. Probably not necessary anyway, as there are options nearby.

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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Supportive of most of the changes, but I think the Cummings Park area needs to be looked at too: is too small, and overused. When wet it becomes muddy and then the grass is easily damaged by dogs. Is there any possibility of providing an alternative area to take pressure off this park?? I also have reservations about the proposed changes to Evans Bay Beach area, see below.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

Mostly I am in support of these changes, but would prefer that the Evans Bay Beach area be retained. Although small it does allow dogs access to the bay for water play. It is adjacent to a freedom parking caravan park area, and some freedom campers do bring their dogs with them. The area is convenient because it is well served with car parks and rubbish bins.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Signage should be added to remind owners with menacing dogs to have them muzzled when off leash on tracks.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral

- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I do not think it should fall to the City Council to provide agility equipment.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It is important to be able to stop with a dog on a lead, for instance if the dog walker meets an acquaintance.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The dog owner does need to leave the dog unattended briefly to pop into a shop, for an icecream or take out coffee, for example. However it would be reasonable to put a time limit on this.

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*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

### Comments

It is good to see some additional dog exercise areas being proposed. However I do not think these additions go far enough. Some current areas are very popular and increasing the number of additional areas would take pressure off over-used grounds.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

### Comments

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes, increased dog exercise areas in Wellington city are long overdue!

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, I believe that the whole Island Bay Beach area should be an off-leash area.

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Comments/suggestions

It seems that most of the proposals are positive!

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Happy, well trained, well exercised dogs are good for the community. I believe that dog owners already pay much too much in registration. How about diverting some money from some somewhat less practical areas and sending some to benefit of happy, outdoors, exercising, doggy type people!

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Comments/suggestions

If an owner wishes to stop for a chat, or to get a coffee the 'not stopping' policy precludes this. I believe that there should be a normal, sensible policy that allows 'normal/sensible' behavior from dog owners. 'No stopping' seems over zealous and an invitation for ridiculous persecution by over zealous enforcers.

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Comments/suggestions

I believe that dogs should NOT be left unattended in public places, it is unfair on the dogs. I have often seen parents allowing children to pet unattended dogs at the Karori mall, it is asking for trouble!

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## Comments

There are very rural areas in Makara/Ohariu that come under Wellington City Council, yet we are 150

NOT city at all. We all have lifestyle blocks and our dogs rarely leave our properties, I can speak confidently for all down our road, yet we are treated the same as the city folk, and have to pay the same enormous amount to register our dogs as if we live in an urban environment. I propose that there should be a rural zoning where we do not have to pay such large fees to reflect the fact that we do not use the city zoned council dog facilities.

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Dog Policy

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** diana <dilorr@clear.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 April 2016 2:47 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** re dogs

From Diana Ranger  
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 Wilton

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I have had well-trained/ behaved dogs all my life and feel very strongly about aggressive dogs. Fortunately Wellington is not plagued with the hideous dog attacks that occur too frequently in N.Z. but I would like to see support from WCC re registration. I think it absurd that driver and gun licences require tests before being issued but that anyone can just get a dog or puppy without any control whatsoever. I would like to see a regulation/law that necessitates a "permit to buy and/or own" a dog. It need not be complicated or costly but should require two independent references and a correct statement regarding basic needs of dog ownership, viz.:

1. Fresh water must always be available to the dog and it kept in clean conditions.
2. Proper food (preferably not factory-made but natural) must be given daily and bones (which are essential to keep teeth clean, digestive system in good order and are 'occupational therapy') at least once a week.
3. The dog must be walked or exercised , twice a day when young and at least once when over 7/8. AND THE CURRENT RIDICULOUS LAW THAT IT CAN BE CONFINED FOR 23 HOURS A DAY MUST BE REPEALED.
4. The dog must be trained to sit, come when called, walk without pulling on a lead, not jump-up unbidden on people, especially children and, of course, have no aggression to other dogs or people.
5. Owners must realise they need enough personal funds for any needful vet. bills (a particular very sore point with a vet. friend of mine).

I thoroughly agree that dogs should not be tethered and left unattended in the central city.

Exercise Areas.

I have lived in Wilton for 25 years and walked over Te Ahumairangi at least once a month. It is extremely rare for people to access the "round-the-hill" track from Huntingdon Street or Cecil Road and virtually never up Monmouth Street: and very few people use the track at all from the Ridge Line. I would like that area to be off-leash as well -even as a trial. There are more walkers on the Ridge Line than any other track on the Reserve. I have never met/seen any people at all coming/leaving from Glamorgan Street at the end of the road or up/down the path through the playground, except with dogs. The longer the walk; the healthier are the big dogs (and people - to reduce our huge health bill in this country!).

The small coves and beach, which allow interesting swimming for dogs, south of the Dorrie Lessing Park could be available too as the public uses the grassed picnic area. I have never seen a member of the public climbing down the rock 'wall' to use that small area.

I do not think that any dangerous dog at all should be legally domiciled at all with the city and aggressive dogs needing a muzzle should incur a higher registration fee and be monitored. Community education programs about dogs should be funded from fees charged for problem dogs, not the well-trained and sociable ones.

Dog poo is a huge problem because the Council makes no provision at all for disposal bins and owners have to carry bags of faeces around, often for a considerable time (nothing whatsoever on Te Ahumairangi, Trelissick Park or Ian Galloway Park with sometimes 50 dogs there at the same time- and already getting very fouled, for example) and I think this contributes to the messes left on footpaths etc and plastic bags discarded. Masterton has dog poo bins right through the township and around the Lake Reserve and is a joy to walk a dog around.

Thank you if you have read to this end!

Diana

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Brian and Sandy Johnston <johnston\_bp\_sj@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2016 9:20 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy - Proposed Changes

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

My strong impression from reading the proposed changes is they are positive, and I fully support them as they stand; all the changes make good sense and remain integral and constant to the principles the policy seeks to serve.

I am aware of separate unsuccessful moves that have been made in past months by a number of residents in Ngaio through a Cummings Park Association to redesignate the East side of Cummings Park dog free. While your proposed policy changes intend to not change the current situation with Cummings Park, the public consultation may prompt a re-raising of the redesignation proposal. If that were to occur, I would ask that in the interests of fairness the value of any pro-change views be judged alongside the views already made to retain the status quo.

Thank you.

Brian Johnston

# Dog Policy

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

You can have your say:

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  - By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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I am making a submission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As an individual <input type="checkbox"/> On behalf of an organisation
Name of organisation
I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

Submissions close 5pm on Monday 2 May 2016

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Dog Policy - Have your say

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Comments/suggestions I do like the proposed changes but why do we need a time restriction or a seasonal restriction? If you are a responsible dog owner why not be absolutely unfestricted?

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

See the Summary of Information for more information.

Comments/suggestions Yes, The entire beach. Especially in winter when the only people using it are dog owners, The only ones who are crazy enough to go walking on the beach in a 50 knot southerly.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions Extend the areas for responsible dog owners.

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- No, opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

everywhere. A dog on a leash is more dangerous to Mt bikers than one who can dash out of the way. If I go one way and my dog the other a leash forms an effective close line.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

no any responsible dog owner will not do this anyway.

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Comments/suggestions

open 24 / 7. I and many others do shift work, why should play time get pidgin holded because of it.

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments/suggestions

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments/suggestions

Good job I like alot of the changes. This will help socialise dogs + owners. Some of the seasonal + Time restrictions are still silly and too full on. But its a step in the right direction and for a Countrie who has such a high percentage of dog ownership were only Twenty years behind Canada on this. Thanks.

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Comments

Yes. There are some excellent changes both in opening up additional areas for off-leash exercise and removing some exercise areas that were not safe / practical. I also really encourage the Council to explore opening up more areas to off-lead exercise that are large enough to take an actual walk on (i.e., trails and longish stretches of beach). The existing areas are fine for dogs who like to fetch or chase each other, but not so good for dogs (and owners) who prefer going for a walk or run.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes, but I think it would make sense to be based on time rather than area. I live in Island Bay and

pass the beach often. Except during the day in the summer there are generally few, if any, people on it. So why not make it an off-lead exercise area except during periods of peak human use (during the day during the summer)? That would make it possible to go for more of a short walk (see previous response) as opposed to just having a dog go for a swim since not all dogs are swimmers.

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Comments/suggestions

There is an error in the explanation of the reason for closing the Mitchelltown School site. It refers to a better alternative in Central Park, but I think that was probably intended to be Ohiro / Tanera Park. As far as I know, there is no dog exercise area in Central Park.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Really pleased to see Island Bay opened up to off leash exercise!

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

This would be great. My dog prefers walking to fetching, chasing, or swimming and there are very few existing exercise areas that are well-suited to dogs like that. Having off leash tracks also helps owners get more exercise than standing around at a dog exercise area while letting dogs get more exercise than they do when leashed.

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Comments/suggestions

I support this idea, but it should come out of rates in the same way that all ratepayers, rather than just parents, pay for playground equipment and all ratepayers, rather than just soccer players, pay for soccer fields and goals. Either all recreational equipment should be paid for by all ratepayers or it should all be user pays. It not fair to single out dog owners to pay for their stuff while also making them pay for everyone else's recreational equipment through their general rates.

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Comments/suggestions

I lived for a couple of years in San Francisco, which is very dog friendly. Being able to sit at an outdoor cafe for a meal with my dog in tow was great and something I did very regularly. I also didn't observe this creating any problems for anyone.

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I think this can work in selective situations where there is safe (for the dogs and passing public) dog parking, such as that outside of Moore Wilson. Where this can exist, it would make it possible to combine quick errands (banking, returning or picking up library books, post office...) with a dog walk, which would help make Wellington a more liveable / walkable city. Again, I did this while living in San Francisco (many businesses there welcome dogs even inside) and it was very convenient. I suggest this be amended to prohibit dogs from being left unattended in public except for in such official dog parking spaces and then creating more of those spaces. For example, both the Brooklyn and Island Bay libraries have places where this would work and having dog parking available in those places might encourage more people to walk to them.

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Comments

The microchipping system needs to be improved. I took my dog to the US and back with me. She was microchipped, but on the return trip her microchip failed. It turned out that hers was part of a series of microchips that were recalled by the manufacturer shortly after it was inserted by the vet here. I was not notified of the recall by the vet, nor by the Council, nor by MPI when I applied for her return to New Zealand. This made her return much more complicated and stressful and also would have caused problems had she been lost or stolen. Forcing people to microchip their dogs, but then not having a system that automatically flags microchips that are defective or are associated with lost or stolen dogs and notifies owners just does not make any sense. The policy should obligate the Council to implement this sort of flagging and notification and encourage other parties (vets, other Councils, other animal welfare agencies and organisations) to do the same.

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Comments/suggestions

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YES Proposed addition acceptable

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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We would like to see each exercise area contain at least one rubbish bin to deal with bagged dog faeces.

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delighted it is being reviewed  
Public transport should accept companion animals.

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Comments/suggestions

*Especially in cars. It should be an offence to leave a dog unattended in a motor vehicle. Temperatures in the vehicle can rise, sometimes killing the dog. WCC staff should have legal authority to break into vehicles where there is an unattended dog, regardless of whether the dog appears to be in distress or not.*

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*Leaving a dog unattended in a car is wrong + dangerous. I have telephoned the Police + SPCA immediately when witnessing this. The temperatures reached in the car can kill a dog. If owners will leave the car even for a moment and can't take their dog with them, they should leave the dog at home with lots of cool water + food available.*

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Comments

Yes very much in support of the changes - fantastic to see freer access to some areas such as Island Bay beach, Oriental Bay and Scorching Bay. Also to be able to walk through the city to visit friends with my dog. As a person with no children my dog is very important part of my life and social life and I will be very pleased to have more access to the places where restrictions are lifted.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes most definitely would like off leash and more importantly 24/7 all year access to the part of the beach where the restrictions are proposed to be lifted. (If Off leash wasn't approved then at least 24/7 365 day a year access on leach to that part of the beach. Island Bay beach is very large and the natural barrier from people provided by the pier makes it a perfect place for off lead as does the

distance from the road for dog safety. There are a lot of dog owners who cannot walk as far as Houghton Bay or Ohiro Bay (or get to Lyall Bay if do not have a private car) so Island Bay will provide an excellent off leash area - particularly as Reef Street dog park is not fenced unfortunately near the main road.

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Comments/suggestions

If the Island Bay beach access did not proceed then I strongly suggest Reef street exercise area have a fence installed as the roads are busy near it. However the advantage with the beach is it's very large so dogs are not all together in a small area.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Yes most definitely would like more access to Scorching Bay and Oriental Bay and the Island Bay off leash as proposed. Island Bay beach is very large and the natural barrier from people provided by the pier makes it a perfect place for off lead as does the distance from the road for dog safety. There are a lot of dog owners in Island Bay who cannot walk as far as Houghton Bay or Ohiro Bay (or get to Lyall Bay if do not have a private car) so Island Bay will provide an excellent off leash area - particularly as Reef Street dog park is not fenced unfortunately near the main road.

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Comments/suggestions

I do worry about coming across mountain bikers on narrow tracks so that may alert bikers not to use the track?

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Comments/suggestions

Would be good to tire out those dogs who would use it. Not sure how you could make dog owners pay. I would not like my registrations fees to increase to pay for this though as only some dogs would use it.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

Absolutely, I love seeing dogs in town. For myself I would enjoy having my dog in the city for a coffee on the footpath or sitting in a park or street. Also I think lots of people like seeing dogs and it gives nice character to the city and softens the urban environment. Busy areas are such that often owners are better at picking up droppings because there's people around watching so i don't think that is a going to be a big problem.

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Comments/suggestions

Yes because you may need to walk into a shop or a cafe and leave your dog secured. If you want people to use less cars and such - walking your dog to the shop or cafe is great and I would tie dog up and go buy what I need. Otherwise, if I can't take the dog i drive, because i save my walking energy for when I do have the dog. I would go out to more cafes and bars etc if they are dog friendly which is good for the economy.

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Comments/suggestions

People who don't like or want dogs are more likely to be out after 10 than between 9-10 so I think this is a good compromise. We should share spaces and therefore this is a good start towards making access fairer. Families tend to use those areas later in the day for instance so this would seem to be a easy adjustment to make for dog owners to have some fair access.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Suggest a fencing of Reef Street area if Island Bay beach addition is turned down.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Pleased to see adjustments more in dog owner favour - think will make the city a nicer place.

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Comments

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yes-its great to see enclosed dog areas being developed across the city

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yes-whole beach; unless better facilities are provided

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additionally note that dogs on leads are a hazard when mountain bikers are encountered

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dog owners or private sponsorship. Also get local owners to take responsibility for their dog area eg. community board or residents association

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I dont think it is far reaching enough or innovative enough eg. 1. increased emphasis on good dog owner status as a defacto licensing of owners. 2. suggest rebate of first year rego if a vet neutering cert and puppy training attendance at an approved puppy preschool is provided

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The rule of not being able to 'stop' in the central city area is frankly ridiculous. I can't imagine why this ever became a rule. The only thing it has done is highlight to residents and visitors that Wellington is non dog friendly. With a lot of dog owners, it is no wonder some of us decide to move to other dog friendly places (eg. Tauranga where dogs are welcome everywhere, and off leash).

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I support this because most dog owners are responsible. Those with dogs that can't leave them unattended for any reason simply won't. It appears that these rules have been made for a minority of problematic dogs, which has had a negative impact on most dog owners.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I would suggest the evening cut-off time be earlier than 7pm. Realistically, how many sunbathers are on the beach at 7pm?

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

The changes are very positive and I would commend those who have had input to date. My over-

riding comment would be that the Dog Policy rules should not be set in relation to a few problematic dogs... or the (seemingly animal-hating and dictatorial) Inner City Association. In addition, Animal Control Officers should ideally use more common sense when applying enforcements to dog owners. A one-size-fits-all approach is not a good reflection on the Council.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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- Submitter  
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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including “beach exercise areas”, “exercise areas (specified time)” and “beach exercise areas restricted during summer”.*

Comments

I like the proposed changes for Khandallah park but would like to ALSO see the upwards Northern Route from behind the pool up to Sirsi Crescent off leash. For most people who take dogs on the track we would want to particularly have the dog off leash (as its safer) up and down to the exercise area. Otherwise all this change is going to create is people getting in their cars and driving to the exercise area rather than using the convenient walking track up to it.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Although would like to see the change to Khandallah park to include the upwards Northern Route from behind the pool up to Sirsi Crescent off leash. For most people who take dogs on the track we would want to particularly have the dog off lease (as its safer) up and down to the exercise area. Otherwise all this change is going to create is people getting in their cars and driving to the exercise area rather than using the convenient walking track up to it.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Obviously this is dependent upon the dog and why eg to pop into a supermarket/shop to get a couple of things then of course.

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes, I am pleased to see increased access for dogs to previously prohibited areas in Winter, as well as providing for more off-leash areas.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, agree there should be off-leash areas at Island Bay, but do not have firm views on exact location.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

So long as the owner is close by, then I don't consider the dog 'unattended'.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

The more, the better!

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The requirement to have a fenced outdoor area for responsible dog ownership (RDO) penalises renters. We have a small dog who does not have free access outdoors, but we would be exempt from RDO because we do not have a fenced area, despite the fact we qualified in Auckland (which does not require a home visit).

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

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Dog Policy

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes - I'm really please to see the suggestions. In relation to Mount KauKau however, I would like to see more than what is suggested. Can you please consider the up/down track on the rest of that alternate route. This track isn't used by the majority of people and those who do use it expect to see dogs or have dogs with them. I rarely see children on these tracks. I would also like to see an off leash area on the Northern track that goes down to Simla Crescent (except where it crosses with the main summit route). My idea is to leave the main summit track for those that don't want to see dogs or prefer theirs to stay on a leash. This is the most popular track for casual walkers and families.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

## Comments

Yes please - this is an exciting addition to the possible dog areas we can use freely. I'm happy with the suggestion.

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## Comments/suggestions

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## Conditions/exclusions/comments

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

Yes please! This will allow us and our dogs to enjoy Wellington's environment naturally

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Yes please!

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Comments/suggestions

No. This isn't fair on the dog or on the public, and could potentially be unsafe for both.

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I realise that resources are tight but I appreciate it when the rules are enforced. There are too many dog owners that ruin it for responsible dog owners.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

I'm disappointed that I heard about these changes from a friend. I am surprised it hasn't been included in the regular dog owner newsletter and think this should be considered in order to get a wider and appropriate reach.

Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

### Submitter Details

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Comments

Please do not close the Polhill Park to dogs! (This area is called the Mitchelltown School Site in your policy document, but this is the wrong name to use, because the "Woof Woof Ruff" is in the Polhill Park. The Old Mitchelltown School site holds the Central All Breeds Dog Training School, for which there will be no change. Polhill Park needs to stay open to dogs, lots of us use it and our dogs love to wander around and smell for other dogs and interact with various users. We also will stop there to sniff after coming down the Polhill Ridgeline track (one of the few tracks that is closed to mountain bikes). It is not fair to abandon this park area for dogs just because the mountain bikers want it. Of course all the mountain bikers using the park limit what can be done there. I now keep my dogs on lead when in the Polhill Park, which is an OK compromise. But it would be going too far to shut dogs out of this park. We have already lost so many trails to mountain bikes, it is not fair to limit where dogs can peacefully go, just because there are other users.

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#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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#### Comments/suggestions

if you start to indicate that some tracks are open for dogs off lead, you will need really good signage on ALL tracks to make sure everyone knows the rules. I think it is better to keep ALL tracks 'lead required' (although no one seems to obey that).

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

More thought about how to encourage owners to clean up after their dogs - signs, better placed rubbish bins, bag dispensers, etc.

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Comments

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Please state:

American of European descent

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

The areas where dog are completely prohibited on the Tarakena Bay beach and beach head are storm zones and no longer house penguin nests as the nests were destroyed by storms It is also a designated wahi tapu and its not appropriate to have gardening weekends with people digging around areas that contain human remains Its no longer an issue to keep dogs off the beach particularly at times out side of the nesting seaon and moult.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

As in Lyall Bay an area to the south of the main beach could be used as a dog area Lyall Bay has worked very well ( I was the president of the Lyall Bay Prog Assoc when this was first mooted.)

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Comments/suggestions

I can only comment on the areas I live in

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Dogs should be allowed to use portions of beaches iat off peak times This would lower the load on existing beach dog walking areas such as Lyall Bay

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Many of the tracks are not used much in winter ex Rangitatau Reserve ' Maori Track'

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

We just want doggy do bags and a clean water supply

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Comments/suggestions

I love being able to go to an outside restaunt where provision is made for dogs WE are so behind the civilised world in this regard

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

this would be an accident waiting to happen

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I would like to see the areas judged on an individual basis as some will be more used than others .

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Many of the dog walking areas have real issues with dog safety for example along Cobham Dr the dog is walking right beside a 70kph carriage way. Also the lack of pest control ( rabbits) on Ataturk area makes it very dangerous for dogs as they can chase the rabbits beyond the confines of the DWA and we have had dogs go over cliffs and across busy roads

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Yes in person at the submissions

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
- 

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

#### Comments

This policy review should be looking at ways to improve the lot of dog owners in Wellington. Wellington has traditionally not been a dog friendly city. I have already seen correspondence from third parties such as Forest and Bird attempting to further restrict dog walking areas even further. I believe that discussions regarding the protection of penguin and other wild life should be outside the terms of reference of this review and should be negotiated at another place and time as there first needs to be a critical review of the success of the various nesting projects and planting projects, before they are used as a pretext to further punish dog owners.

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#### Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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- Submitter  
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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

My comments are in regard to the Pollhill Gully dog exercise area which has been incorrectly identified as the Mitchelltown School area. It should remain as a dog exercise area as the suggested alternative of Central Park is too far away for those living in the Holloway Road, Norway Street, Northland and environs, especially as many do not have vehicles. Central Park is a difficult place to park during the day due to the many park-and-ride (or walk) people and at night the park would be considered unsafe. There have been numerous reports of 'flashers' etc in Central Park. One of the advantages of Pollhill Gully is that it is well lit and near the road and people from around here can walk there. Also you cannot let a dog off the leash in Central Park so it is not a true dog exercise area. As far as I am aware there have been no problems arising from the exercising of dogs in Pollhill Gully. The only people who might object to the dog exercise area are the mountain bikers who are recent arrivals and who seem to have taken over the whole of Pollhill Gully, use it for gatherings and are constantly spreading their tracks into new areas. Any other reasons for removing it as a dog exercise area are a smoke screen as the only change in recent years has been the arrival of the mountain bikers. It seems it has become a battle between dog owners and mountain bikers. The dog owners were there first and should therefore have precedence.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

See above

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- Yes, support
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Risk to native life from dogs off leash- also they pose a risk to other track users if they have not been properly trained and are aggressive

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I have seen these dog agility equipment areas in Christchurch- I'm sure the Council pays for them. There should be more of them on the Wellington area

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Provided their owners pick up their droppings

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

There should be warnings about the health risk of contact with dog faeces in all areas where the public exercise dogs or are frequented by dogs. I have seen these warnings in the UK- it seems children are particularly susceptible to eye infections as they play on the grass where dogs have been defecating.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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- Chinese
- Indian

Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I have no comment on this, I haven't read it

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, down the Owhiro bay end, not the surf club end

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Dogs do not enjoy being left tied up, and could be dangerous to passers by and children who will run up and stroke them. It is stressful to all. People shopping, etc should leave their dogs at home in peace, and take them for a proper walk, not try to combine dog walks with their own agenda.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Only if owners are made to pick up poo

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

We are very lucky to have amazing facilities for dogs in Wellington. PLEASE make people pick up after their dogs - wardens, patrols, on-the-spot fines, whatever it takes. I have a big dog and 3 young children, and dog walking in off-leash areas can be a nightmare with poos everywhere - off leash does not mean the poo can be left there.

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Generally yes. I would like to think dog walkers can still walk the southern coast to the seal colony . If dogs are on a leash and are restricted to the road both seals and dogs should be safe.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes - just the south west end .

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Dogs on leashes should be able to be tied up for brief periods while owners shop.

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Comments/suggestions

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

would be good if there was more of a off leash for dogs.....maybe the other side of Maranui by the public toilets at the end of the beach

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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#### Comments/suggestions

Plenty of people are city dwellers and have dogs. The more socialised a dog is, the better the dog.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Plenty of people want their dogs with them as much as possible and like to complete chores and have their animals with them. There should be dog zones outside supermarkets and shops to support people being more active and treating animals as part of their family unit. The more socialised a dog is, the better the dog. Its a fact.....look at Europe!

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

So is it a dog exercise area or not? Most of the day you cannot go there with your dog so I would hardly describe this as a dog exercise area.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

I would like to state that the new Ian Galloway dog park is a massive hit. Only problem is that some dog guardians choose not to pick up their dog poo. Makes responsible people look bad. Like in Australia they use mostly dirt exercise floor.....not sure if this will work though due to Wellington being a lot wetter.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I agree with all proposals to relax the current restrictions, especially shortening the length of time when restrictions apply to beach access (i.e. summer rather than daylight savings, and 10am instead of 9am). I also support increased restrictions around wildlife habitats and areas of heavy traffic.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

I support the proposal for an off-leash area on Island Bay as laid out.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

I support any efforts to relax the existing restrictions. I believe the restrictions on Worser Bay should be further relaxed from the proposal such that dogs are allowed on the beach on-leash during the summer between 10am and 7pm.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Council should pay for dog agility equipment from the registration fees that are collected from dog owners.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I believe Wellington's restrictions on dogs stopping in the central city are completely over the top. There is no need to prevent a responsible dog owner from sitting on a bench on the waterfront with his/her dog, or sitting outside at a cafe with a dog. The city already has separate rules in place that require dog owners to control their dogs and keep them on-leash (unless they are in specified off-leash areas). Further restricting dog owners' activities in the central city is overly punitive for responsible dog owners.

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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I do not understand the proposed new wording of section 5.3.3, specifically the word 'controlled'. This should be clarified if this proposal is to be passed. However, I believe this proposal is overly restrictive. I believe dogs should be allowed to be left tied up and unattended for a short period of time in the central city area (perhaps 15 minutes) to recognise that owners are unable to take dogs into downtown businesses and may have business to attend to. For example, if a single dog owner has his dog with him while he has a coffee outside of a cafe, he will need to be permitted to leave the dog for a short time in order to go inside to pay for his coffee or use the bathroom. Not allowing a dog owner the ability to tie up his dog for a short period of time is overly punitive.

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I support this change, and would happily support even further relaxation to these rules. For example, the hours could be shortened in the evening too, to 6pm. Or, dogs could be permitted

during daytime hours if the weather is bad such that no one else is using the beach.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Generally, I believe Wellington's current policies are overly restrictive and complicated, and they should be relaxed and simplified.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Who we are reaching

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I am

- Male  
 Female
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My age is

- under 18 years  
 18-29 years  
 30-39 years  
 40-49 years  
 50-59 years  
 60 years and older
- 

Which of the following best describes you?

- Residential ratepayer  
 Commercial ratepayer  
 Residential and commercial ratepayer  
 I rent  
 Other
- 

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European  
 Māori  
 Samoan  
 Cook Island

- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
 Both
- 

**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
 Own another type of animal  
 Do not own an animal  
 N/A
- 

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including “beach exercise areas”, “exercise areas (specified time)” and “beach exercise areas restricted during summer”.*

Comments

The changes are not sufficiently restrictive

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

No. Dogs in the city should be leashes at all times, or removed from the owner and put down

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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[wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Surely the dog owners can take a stick themselves?

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dogs should not be allowed in the central city, full stop

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Correspondence to:

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### Submission

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
 Own another type of animal  
 Do not own an animal  
 N/A

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including “beach exercise areas”, “exercise areas (specified time)” and “beach exercise areas restricted during summer”.*

Comments

No

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I do not agree that dogs should be allowed off leashes on beaches at any time of year.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

I do not agree that dogs should be allowed off leashes on beaches at any time of year. In particular I disagree with the proposal to allow off leash dogs in winter on Oriental parade and Scorching bay beaches. These are very popular beaches all year round and would become unsafe with off leash dogs on them.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It should be possible to walk or jog along a track with your dog on a leash. As a regular jogger on tracks it is scary when you meet an unleashed dog.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Should be paid for by dog owners.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

 Yes I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

 Submitter Agent Both

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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

 Dog owner Own another type of animal Do not own an animal N/A

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

Yes, I agree with the changes. They would be beneficial to me as a dog owner, and should not cause any problems for other users of the areas.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

I use the off-leash area at Houghton Bay Beach, but would use Island Bay if this change was made, because it is closer to where I live. I am not familiar enough with the beach to say which part could be the off-leash area.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

There are some tracks where dog owners already commonly let their dogs off leash because the nature of the track (eg steep or thickly bordered by bush) means that there is little chance the dog will cause mischief. I'm not sure of the value in labelling those tracks specifically.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The existing language is unclear and should be revised as suggested.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

There is every reason to allow a dog owner to briefly tie up a well-behaved dog before popping into a shop. However if dogs are causing too much mischief or noise, authorities should have the right to penalise the owner.

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Thank you for providing and maintaining these areas. It is fantastic to have a good one near my home.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
- 

Who we are reaching

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

Submitter

Agent

Both

### Submission

1) Which of the following best describes you?

Dog owner

Own another type of animal

Do not own an animal

N/A

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

I don't think any of the areas should be removed, especially not Evans Bay or Mitchelltown or Te-ahumairangi slopes. There are not nearly enough off-leash areas for dogs and those that do exist should not be reduced unless there are compelling reasons.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

A large part of the beach should be kept dog-free so that people can picnic in peace. But it would be nice to have a small portion for dogs to play - perhaps towards the southern end?

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

We need more areas, not fewer/smaller ones.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

We need more areas, not fewer/smaller ones.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

We need more tracks, not fewer ones.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It would be nice to have such equipment, but if there are more urgent dog-related needs, then they should take priority.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If a cafe is happy to have dogs sitting outside with their owners, I would definitely support those cafes. But cafes should have the right to refuse to have dogs on their premises.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I avoid doing chores in the city because I walk everywhere but can't leave my dogs tied up for five minutes while I get something done. So I have to stick to the suburbs - little things like visiting the bank or the post shop or returning a DVD...

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

We need more areas, not fewer/smaller ones.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Cats should be subjected to the same rules as dogs. Dogs are not allowed to roam, and neither should cats.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
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### Submission

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Apart from sports grounds and private property, I will walk my dog on a lead where I like.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

All of it should be off-leash area.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Dogs should be allowed more access than just the mornings. 24 hours access.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Rate payers

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed

- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
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### Submission

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Comments

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Particularly support the proposals for Karori Park, Wright's Hill, Oriental Bay Beach, and top of Te Ahumairangi Hill.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

Absolutely support designated off-leash tracks - it's more interesting for the dog and the owner to walk along a track through bush without a line of sight across the whole area. Lots of dogs interact much better when passing on a track (where they don't see each other too far in advance) than when milling around in an open area. The best example is Trelissick Park, and the upper loop at Tawatawa Reserve is good too - would love to see more tracks like this, especially ones along a stream like at Trelissick. It's much more enjoyable to walk on a designated off-leash track than an on-leash track.

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Comments/suggestions

Would probably prefer spending priority to go to fencing more exercise areas, but agility equipment would be nice to have as well.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Owners should be able to sit at a cafe with a well-socialised dog under good control.

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Comments/suggestions

I support dogs being able to be left unattended in a public place (in some cases) and do not support the blanket proposal to prohibit this. Where there are strong hooks specifically for dogs outside some shops that people don't spend long in (eg, Penny's or Gamboni's delis in Karori) and the footpath is wide enough that passing people don't have to go too close to the dog, it's reasonable for well-socialised dogs to be unattended briefly. Otherwise, 'unattended' needs to be clearly defined in the policy.

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Comments/suggestions

The proposed dates seem to align better with when people other than dog owners actually use the beaches more over summer, and 10am allows dog owners a good amount of time in the morning.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Very strongly support having more large, fully-fenced exercise areas like the excellent one at Ian 255

Galloway park. The size of these is important - Ian Galloway allows our big dog to have a proper run, whereas we don't find Cog Park useful at all (although it's good to have small dog areas too). Hataitai Park seems like an ideal candidate, particularly if the whole area was fenced.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

The document mentions a potential exercise area app - great idea.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

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Dog Policy

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- Yes  
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Comments/suggestions

It depends on how long and the behaviour of the dog. If it's for 5 mins, while an owner goes into a store and the dog is friendly - yes. If it's a growling/boisterous dog - no, regardless of how long the owner is gone for.

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## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** cheryl constable <cheryl\_constable@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 9 April 2016 11:23 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Submission on Dog Policy (Lyllall Bay)

Hello again

Further to my submission below I would like to add some information.

This additional information may assist WCC in understanding one segment of dog walkers who walk their dogs on the non-eastern part of Lyall Bay beach.

This morning I talked to a man walking a dog on the non-eastern end of the beach. He said he started walking the dog at the airport end and continued to walk the whole length of the beach with his dog. He was unaware that the dog zone ended at number 30 Lyall Parade.

After entering the beach at the airport end he wondered why, when he got to the far western end of Lyall Bay beach, there were no other dogs on the non-eastern beach. I explained the restricted zone to him.

So perhaps there is an opportunity at the airport end for WCC to explain that the dog zone ends at number 30 Lyall Parade.

Cheers

Cheryl Constable

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**From:** cheryl constable <[cheryl\\_constable@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryl_constable@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 April 2016 9:33 p.m.  
**To:** [policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz)  
**Subject:** Submission on Dog Policy (Lyllall Bay)

Hello

Lyllall Bay Beach has a restricted area for dogs (eastern end to the airport).

There are often many dogs in the other part of Lyllall Bay Beach (non-eastern part).

I spend approx 30 minutes a day on the non-eastern part of the beach at Lyllall Bay. In summer I usually find 3 dogs on the non-eastern part in that 30 minutes!

When I approach dog owners and explain dogs are only allowed at the eastern end of Lyllall Bay beach, I am often abused. I have had stones thrown at me and received threats from dog owners who refuse to move their dogs to the eastern end. Three times this summer I have had dogs pee on my towel while I am on the non-eastern part.

The current signage is successful for some segments of the dog owner population. Other segments of the population require a different strategy!

There seem to be 3 segments: owners who obey the signs, owners who didn't realise the restrictions, and owners who know the restrictions but refuse to comply.

What can be done to improve the situation?

Signage does not work for two of these segments. Could there be a fine for those who take their dogs to the non-eastern end? If so who should I call when I find dog owners unwilling to move their dog from the non-eastern end?

Perhaps WCC staff or their contractors could spend an hour a day on the beach in summer with balloons, colourful flags etc. to draw attention to the restrictions.

Also I would like to see dog owners obliged to carry 2 bags each time they take their dog for a walk as sometimes dogs do their business twice in one walk and with no second bag they leave it on the street or beach.

Yes I would like to see dog owners fined if they don't clean up after their dog. Again who should I call if / when I see this?

Cheryl Constable  
226 Onepu Rd  
Lyll Bay  
Tel: 387 2009

Jessica Clarke

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**From:** McKee Family <mckee.family@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 2 April 2016 3:05 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Why should we submit, you don't listen.  
Awa road dog free area (on 2 blind corners) still has no fence or has not been disestablished.  
This has gone on 10 yrs now with at least three submissions from me.  
I'm awaiting a death from an accident, so I can sue, but am sure you'll blame someone else or say it was some blameless committee.  
Would be I could put one of you away in prison when it happens, but I suppose pigs will fly.

Mike Mckee  
0211071120

Sent from my iPad

- > On 2/04/2016, at 2:45 PM, Wellington City Council <[dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:
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Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Mary Morley-Hall <mtmh37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 2 April 2016 10:34 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

what are the fees per dog ? I have had a broken hip which is almost repaired .

I have had some local friends offering to help with oscar my retriever . kirstie steward being amazing along with her 2 labradors.  
I haven,t been able to drive my car which Oscar is missing.  
but public transport WILL NOT ACCEPT A DOG ON A BUS TRAIN CABLE CAR ETC EXCEPT FOR A BLIND PERSON WITH A SEEING DOG. WHICH NATURALLY THEY DESERVE

I HAVE FTried TO GET A PERMIT FOR OSCAR TO JOIN ME WHEN I HAVE TO GET TO OHAKUNE TO PROTECT MY HOME AT PUKAWA I HAVE KNOW ONE TO DO THAT BUT HE HELPS AS A COMPANION FOR ME AND CERTAINLY HAS MANY PASSENGES TO ADMIRE!!! MY TEL NUMBER IS 04 3852714 WHAT WILL THE DOG POLIC'Y'S BE ON THE 2ND MAY 2016 KIND REGARDS MARY MORLEY-HALL

On Sat, Apr 2, 2016 at 3:09 PM, Wellington City Council <[dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
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From the Public Health Team at Wellington City Council

## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Info at WCC  
**Sent:** Saturday, 9 April 2016 9:28 a.m.  
**To:** '180ave@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding proposed Dog Policy changes and review of dog exercise areas..

We have forwarded your email on to our Policy Team as they are best suited to respond. For more information on the proposed changes and review, please see the below link to our website.

<http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/dog-policy>

We value your input and if you require further assistance please contact us.

Kind regards,

### Aaron

Customer Services Team Wellington City Council  
 P 04 499 4444 F 04 801 3138 W Wellington.govt.nz  
 PO Box 2199 Wellington 6140

----- Original Message -----

> From: [no-reply@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:no-reply@wcc.govt.nz)

> Sent: 8/04/2016 5:27 p.m.

> Subject: Contact the Council / Fix It Form

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> The following has been sent from the Contact the Council / Fix It Form on the Wellington City Council website:

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> **Name:** Helen Young

> **Address:** Churton Dr

> **Suburb:** Churton Park

> **City:** Wellington

> **Phone:** 044784158

> **Mobile:** 0224784158

> **Email:** [180ave@gmail.com](mailto:180ave@gmail.com)

> **What can we help you with?**

> If other, give details: Extend a safe dog exercise area

> **Have you contacted the Council about this previously?** No

> Service request number:

> **Location:** Churton Park .Edward Wilson Park

> **Description:**

> Have my say on Dog policy changes. There is a nice dog exercise area at Edward Wilson Park. Churton park. But to get to it one must go down a very steep

> slope. I have slipped on it several times when walking my dogs. Hope I don't break a bone next time. I have seen another fall down this slope as well. One

> woman has children. The children say they have slipped while going down this slope.

> **Other comments:**

> There should be more done at this park as there is a large number of dogs & owners using it. A concreted step or pathway. In addition more clearing of

> blackberry from a pathway that we use to be able to walk through from one side of the park to the other. Thirdly there should be a waste bin at each entrance

> to the park. A fourth suggestion . I have been walking the Edward Wilson Park for some time, I have not seen children playing there. Would it be possible to

> extend the Dog exercise area. toward Cranwell street. Maybe have a section of it fenced.

Please contact me concerning the areas I am talking about.

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> We will get back to you as soon as we can.

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> For urgent request:

> Council Contact Centre

> Phone: (04) 499 4444

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Jessica Clarke

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**From:** karina lagreze <karina\_lagreze@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 10 April 2016 10:27 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog policy

Hi I was wondering if the council will impose regulations as far as tradesmen and their dogs. I am sick of seeing animals in the back of Utes/vans that have no place to seat or lay down, there is no shelter for animals when it rains, more often than not they are either not attached to anything or if they are, is by the collar instead of a harness which will be more appropriate since many have fallen and are dragged by the neck.

We need council and Government to finally regulate the sale of "sentient beings", animals should not be sold, traded or swapped in websites as animals end up not being desexed, registered, microchipped and when the novelty wears off, they end up being abandoned or in the pound; Only SPCA and reputable organizations should be allowed to sell animals which must be desexed and must have come from rescue shelters.

As tax payers we spend a lot of money on animal services, such as groomers, vets, doggy day cares, kennels etc, as well as in products related to our pets because they are part of our families, however, we need councils to move with the times and provide more benefits in return like they do in other countries.

Animals are no baggage, so there needs to be more options for people when traveling with our pets, ferries should allow owners to travel with their pets in the cars if they sign a waiver, in other countries, animals travel in the ferry in a section just for them, not with the bags and cars.

We should be able to walk our pets of leash at beaches and parks, outside the popular hours so they can get exercise. Most people work so they need to walk their pets early in the mornings or late at night, and there are not many places in the city that are fenced or have adequate lighting to do so, for example, the dog park in Mount Victoria, has no trees for shade in summer, it is not fenced so animals can go into people's houses and many times there have been possum traps found in this area. There is no lighting so people can't take them there at night, etc.

Oriental Parade should be a place where people can take their dogs in the mornings maybe between 6-7:30 am and later in the evenings especially in winter when no one is around, as long as there are rubbish bins and maybe degradable bags for people to clean up.

New Zealanders love their animals and we all should work together to make sure that they have a good quality of life, it is not only beneficial for the animals but also for their owners to be able to exercise them and to have them as companions, animals teach us to have empathy, compassion and respect for another being and we should make sure that we care and look after them the best we can.

Kind regards

Karina Lagreze  
Sent from my iPad

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Mirjam Morris <mirjam.morris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 10 April 2016 4:27 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** dog policy review

Hi there,

as a dog owner myself I would like to make two comments about the proposed amendments of the current Dog Policy:

### 1) RDO Policy

I object to the fact that simply because it is not possible to fence our section, I am permanently excluded from any RDO fee reduction.

I have passed all obedience classes with my dog. I walk her twice daily for a total of 90 min.

I do way more for the well being of my dog than many of those so called "responsible" dog owners.

I am not an irresponsible dog owner. Quite the contrary. Yet I'm being punished because I happen to live on a property where fencing is not an option.

In the old rules a tethered situation was acceptable. I think where fencing is not possible, tethering should be classified "responsible".

Your goal is to increase the % of dog owners who qualify for RDO. I believe a first step towards your goal would be, to be more practical about your classification.

### 2) Dogs not allowed to be tied up and left unattended in a public places

My understanding is that this includes situations where the dog is tied up outside a shop while the owner goes into the shop.

Dog owners know their own dog. If the dog is tied up away from any thoroughfare, there is no reason why the dog should impact on any strangers' lives in a negative way.

However, stopping owners from taking their dog on their errands with them, will have a negative impact on the dog (lack of socialisation) and the owner (lack of company).

So i.m.h.o. if you stop dog owners from taking their dogs on their errands, you have a loose-loose situation. And no winners at all.

As a responsible (sic!) dog owner (I consider myself one, despite your definition!), I of course would not tie up my dog in a place where people do not have the option to take a wide berth around the dog, should they not be comfortable around dogs. New Zealand is quite a dog phobic Nation. With your new proposed rule for dogs in public places you are only cementing this position. And I fail to see the benefit to the community.

**3) Dog exercise area:** On a positive note: The new dog exercise area at Ian Galloway Park looks fabulous. I haven't been myself but I see it is being used extensively and it looks fab. So WELL DONE WCC!

Kind regards,  
 Mirjam

## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** McLeish Martin <mcleishmartin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 10 April 2016 6:05 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dog Policy Consultation Submitted  
**Attachments:** OLS\_4082\_10\_04\_2016 3\_08\_59 pm.pdf

Hello,

My wife made this submission and I would like to make the same submission under my own name. McLeish Martin - 40 Townsend Rd Miramar. Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Cheers,  
McLeish

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Kiri Heel <kiriheel@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 10, 2016 at 4:10 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dog Policy Consultation Submitted  
**To:** McLeish Martin <mcleishmartin@gmail.com>

Here's what I submitted about the changes to the dog policies...

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [no-reply@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:no-reply@wcc.govt.nz)  
**Date:** 10 April 2016 at 3:09:01 PM NZST  
**To:** [kiriheel@gmail.com](mailto:kiriheel@gmail.com), [antoinette.bliss@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:antoinette.bliss@wcc.govt.nz)  
**Subject:** Dog Policy Consultation Submitted

Thank you for making a submission on the Wellington City Council's Dog Policy consultation. Your submission will be made available to the Mayor and Councillors, so that your views can be taken into account during their decision-making. If you have selected to present at a hearing we will be in contact with you shortly.

**Sharon Bennett**

Team Coordinator | Wellington City Council  
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## Introduction

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, the Council needs to balance potential and perceived risks to public safety, risks to wildlife and natural habitats, and potential nuisance issues with the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners. As it is often difficult to find a good balance, we want to check and see if we've got it right.

## Privacy Statement

(Note: all submissions (including name and contact details) are published and made publicly available as part of our Committee processes. Personal information will be used for the administration of the consultation process and decision-making on the Annual Plan. All information will be held by the Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, and submitters have the right to access and correct personal information)

## Submitter Details

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Last Name: **Heel**  
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**Comments**

I agree with all proposals to relax the current restrictions, especially shortening the length of time when restrictions apply to beach access (i.e. summer rather than daylight savings, and 10am instead of 9am). I also support increased restrictions around wildlife habitats and areas of heavy traffic.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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**Comments**

I support the proposal for an off-leash area on Island Bay as laid out.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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**Comments/suggestions**

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- No, completely opposed

## Dog Policy from Heel, Kiri

- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Conditions/exclusions/comments

I support any efforts to relax the existing restrictions. I believe the restrictions on Worser Bay should be further relaxed from the proposal such that dogs are allowed on the beach on-leash during the summer between 10am and 7pm.

## 6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Council should pay for dog agility equipment from the registration fees that are collected from dog owners.

## 8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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## Comments/suggestions

I believe Wellington's restrictions on dogs stopping in the central city are completely over the top. There is no need to prevent a responsible dog owner from sitting on a bench on the waterfront with his/her dog, or sitting outside at a cafe with a dog. The city already has separate rules in place that require dog owners to control their dogs and keep them on-leash (unless they are in specified off-leash areas). Further restricting dog owners' activities in the central city is overly punitive for responsible dog owners.

## 9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I do not understand the proposed new wording of section 5.3.3, specifically the word 'controlled'. This should be clarified if this proposal is to be passed. However, I believe this proposal is overly restrictive. I believe dogs should be allowed to be left tied up and unattended for a short period of time in the central city area (perhaps 15 minutes) to recognise that owners are unable to take dogs into downtown businesses and may have business to attend to. For example, if a single dog owner has his dog with him while he has a coffee outside of a cafe, he will need to be permitted to leave the dog for a short time in order to go inside to pay for his coffee or use the bathroom. Not allowing a dog owner the ability to tie up his dog for a short period of time is overly punitive.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I support this change, and would happily support even further relaxation to these rules. For example, the hours could be shortened in the evening too, to 6pm. Or, dogs could be permitted during daytime hours if the weather is bad such that no one else is using the beach.

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Comments

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Comments

Generally, I believe Wellington's current policies are overly restrictive and complicated, and they should be relaxed and simplified.

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Mary Morley-Hall <mtmh37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 2 April 2016 10:34 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

what are the fees per dog ? I have had a broken hip which is almost repaired .

I have had some local friends offering to help with oscar my retriever . kirstie steward being amazing along with her 2 labradors.

I haven,t been able to drive my car which Oscar is missing.

but public transport WILL NOT ACCEPT A DOG ON A BUS TRAIN CABLE CAR ETC EXCEPT FOR A BLIND PERSON WITH A SEEING DOG. WHICH NATURALLY THEY DESERVE

I HAVE FTried TO GET A PERMIT FOR OSCAR TO JOIN ME WHEN I HAVE TO GET TO OHAKUNE TO PROTECT MY HOME AT PUKAWA I HAVE KNOW ONE TO DO THAT BUT HE HELPS AS A COMPANION FOR ME AND CERTAINLY HAS MANY PASSENGES TO ADMIRE!!! MY TEL NUMBER IS 04 3852714 WHAT WILL THE DOG POLIC'Y'S BE ON THE 2ND MAY 2016 KIND REGARDS MARY MORLEY-HALL

On Sat, Apr 2, 2016 at 3:09 PM, Wellington City Council <[dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
 Dear dog owner

Wellington City Council is consulting on proposal to amend the current Dog Policy.

The proposed changes to the Dog Policy seeks to ensure that dogs are well cared for, Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership and that owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996. Changes are also proposed to dog exercise areas.

#### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DISCOUNT

To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. RDO's receive a 50 percent discount on their annual registration fee.

Further details about the policy review, submission forms, and the RDO discount are available from our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street, from Wellington libraries, on our website [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or by phoning 04 499 4444.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE DOG POLICY CLOSE 5PM ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2016

From the Public Health Team at Wellington City Council

To

WCC Public Health Team,

Hello!

On having your say to the changes of Dog Policy. As long as it dont cost more to Rent own a Dog from WCC. One Size dont fit all Dogs. You dont know Me or my Dog yet I'll pay high WCC fee each year. Oh Sure to get RDO after 11 Years for someone from WCC to come (at a price) to look over the Property. I'll be wasting good Money Dont have fences, dont need them. Because I'm a good Dog renter, owner As my Dog is always under my care, its not left alone, feeding, lonely, bored. As for Dog WCC Parks they are Corp. Lots of poo Owners of Dog dont pick it up (no Bins) Besides my Dog dont like crowds of Dogs. My Dog is happy playful clever, allways with Me because I dont work at a job that why I have a Dog to spent time on it. Some Peple should not have Dogs. The things one sees it side The Cost of a Dog Fees WCC Vet's pull on owners heart strings (big bills) Dog food Cost is more. Yet so many unwanted Animals Due to Humans. To many bad owners who dont pay WCC fee either Besides its all about Money. Dogs have feeling just like Humans. My Dog dont bother anyone

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everybody we meet like the Dog. So in Point W cc  
 fee's to me are to high each year. Really What Do  
 I get for it, Parts where to go, or allowed to ha  
 as I said One size dont fit all Dogs.

Good Luck sorting out  
 changes, all it will do is put more Stress on good  
 caring owners Renters After all its Money!

Sincerely

Renate & Bobrowski  
 81 Makara Rd Karori  
 Wellington 6012

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Ian St George <istge@yahoo.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 April 2016 10:57 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** dogs in restaurants

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I would like to see an expansion of the new proposals to include the possibility of dogs in restaurants.

This is not a public health issue. Dogs do not spread diseases to humans now that hydatids is no longer prevalent in NZ, yet we do not allow them in restaurants. Children spread many diseases yet we allow them in. There is a logical inconsistency there.

Dogs are allowed in restaurants in Europe and cause no trouble.

I think a sensible policy would be to permit restaurant owners to allow patrons to bring their dogs if they wish. As with any trouble-maker, they would be able to ask the owner of a noisy or objectionable dog to leave.

Ian St George MD

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I heartily support the expansion of dog exercise areas. It is clear that there are significant numbers of dog owners in Wellington and the restrictions are currently unjustifiably heavy-handed against dogs.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Definitely, it is not a large beach and not suitable for swimming. When I lived in Island Bay hardly anyone was ever on the beach except for dog owners. The whole beach should be off-leash.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If anything, however, I support greater creativity in providing dog exercise areas. Small fenced off grass lots don't invite dogs to exercise! Consider ensuring that where possible, exercise areas are landscaped with bushy areas, ponds and other features that dog love to play on - logs to jump over, rocks to stand on, etc.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

Again, I invite greater creativity. There is hardly a nice swimming beach in Wellington that you can take your dog to in summer. This is really unfair. I have been back in Wellington one summer, a great summer, and have been totally unable to go to a nice swimming beach with him. How about rebalancing a little? This does not need to be all or nothing in the approach. What about making the last Sunday of the month (or more!) dog-friendly, off-leash, at some of the more popular swimming beaches like Scorching Bay. This could easily be well signposted so people who don't like the idea of being around dogs can avoid the beach that one (or two) days of the month. Seems reasonable to me that dog owners in Wellington get to enjoy our beaches with our dogs once a month at least!

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes, absolutely - again, this doesn't have to be all or nothing. How about making the Clark Street trail up Mt. Kaukau off-leash, for example. Leave the Woodmancote one as on-leash. That gives people great options. Make the upper trails at Otari-Wilton off-leash, but the ones closer to the picnic areas on-leash. Lots of other examples, but you get the idea.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Ratepayers come in all different shapes and sizes. If dog owners have to pay for dog agility play areas, then make parents pay for child playgrounds. Fair's fair. It is nonsense to suggest user pays for this facility unless that is a policy applied to all city facilities.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Absolutely. What a shame that we can't attend any central city events with our dog. Wellington stands out as an anti-dog city - compare Paris or so many other vibrant international cities where dogs are welcomed and the city ensures any necessary cleanup takes place, just as it does for littering.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I am a responsible dog owner and would never, ever leave my dog unattended in a public place.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

I would urge even greater flexibility and allow a day a week when dogs can be in the area all day long. Again, it is time to move away from this all-or-nothing thinking.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

Just to emphasize that a greater balance is required between the rights of citizens to undisturbed enjoyment of recreational areas and the rights of citizens with dogs to enjoy them. There does need to be a balance but it is very heavily weighted right now to non-dog owners. We all need to share the city landscape.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

Regarding the responsible dog owner policy: please consider using criteria other than simply length of residence in one place. I understand where this might come from but some of us do migrate around a fair bit and yet are very responsible owners. There should be an option to qualify based on health of dog, demonstrated control and obedience, etc.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Yes I do.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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English

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

As dog owners pay in registration fees, more should be available for dogs in closed exercise areas providing, water, bags, rubbish bins, seats, shade and possible exercise equipment as jumps etc.

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Paid for by council in council registration fees

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Comments/suggestions

People rarely swim in the mornings in the sea as it is generally too cold

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I have made suitable comments above

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yes particularly Odell Reserve

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Part of it should be...not informed enough to decide where

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Comments/suggestions

I would love more fully fenced areas - makes such a difference if you know the dog is safe

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- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral

- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Encourages people to come into city, dogs outside cafes etc

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

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- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Poo bags and, particularly bins, at dog exercise areas are great. People are tempted to leave their bags behind if there is no bin to put them into. I am unclear about the rules around sports fields if they are not marked. It would be great to have clarify about whether your dog was allowed to on lead as a spectator (as they are in the Hutt).

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

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Comments

The council needs to move away from off leash areas and only have on leash areas and prohibited zones. The council needs to declare all areas off leash unless other wise specified like other councils around the country. If the council chooses to continue with declared off leash areas I support these areas being made as large as possible. Some boundries that are inside of parks eg the tree line at chelmesford reserve are ridiculous, dogs will run through these internal boundires and council are sill to believe otherwise. Setton notiser park - this area needs to encompass the whole valley up to the roads and surrounding properties - this is what it is currently used as. This dog area currently goes into a dangerous zone where the land has slipped and is impassable. Either the council needs to do earth works to make this safe or enlarge the off leash areas to include the walking paths. Karori Park - currently the whole bush area (on the hills) is used off leash - please make this legal. Encourage council to make all bush areas off leash for dogs - or have on leash areas and the rest considered off leash. Stebbings dam - make the whole area off leash Wrights hill - make the whole area off leash - like it is currently used.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes - areas indicated are acceptable.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

No comment

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dogs should not be allowed to be tied up, but owners can stop and have a conversation

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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 Comments/suggestions
 

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

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 Comments/suggestions

Restrictions are best kept as short as possible.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

The council needs to get away from off leash areas and only have on leash areas and prohibited zones. The council needs to declare all areas off leash unless other wise specified like other councils around the country.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

 Comments
 

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Hopefully the council has looked at horses and the lack of picking up of droppings that is currently witnessed around wellington.

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Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes to the section west of the stormwater pipe. No the the eastern section .

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

I am concerned about penguin nesting and haul-out areas along the South coast including the coastline continuing from Churchill Park at Seatoun, south around and adjacent to Seatoun School and Oruaiti Reserve, to Breaker Bay Beach. This is prime penguin habitat but dog walkers commonly let their dogs go off leash and kill penguins. Needs better signage.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
- No

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes, in particular the changes to Island Bay beach and the provision of agility equipment.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, the area designated in the proposal is a good idea. Island Bay beach has long been a very poor situation for dog owners, there is little point taking a dog to the beach on a lead, as that entirely defeats the purpose, which is to let the dog run and play freely (yet still under the owners control, as required by the dog control legislation), and results in immense frustration for the dog. As a result Island Bay dog owners who want to exercise their dogs off lead (in order to meet their dogs needs responsibly) are having to drive to other dog exercise areas such as Murchison Rd.

The only other designated area within easy walking distance (across the road from the beach) is far too small, unfenced and located on a busy road and intersection. It is completely unsafe for the vast majority of dogs and owners. As well as the inconvenience and disincentive this creates for dog owners to exercise their dogs responsibly, this situation also seems inconsistent with WCC's aims of reducing car usage. It appears that to date, a very small group of residents have taken a very proactive 'not in my backyard' attitude to this area of the beach, resulting in particularly rigorous enforcement of an 'on lead only' rule, that effectively deters any use at all by dog owners. However these residents are not representative of the wider Island Bay community which includes many dog owners who would also like to be able to use the beach.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed

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Comments/suggestions

Yes, as an experienced dog trainer, instructor and senior level dog obedience competitor, I think agility equipment is a good idea. Any encouragement to participate in dog sports increases participation and awareness around training, and decreases behavioural issues, irresponsible ownership, and the accompanying drain on council resources that may result. Most dog owners in Wellington city areas that currently train for agility, or have an interest in doing so, do not have enough garden space to have their own equipment set up, so have to travel to classes once a week. It is a big cost and time disincentive to participation in the sport for city dwellers. As to who should pay, we are already paying. The dog registration fees collected are substantial, and the services provided to date have been limited. Ratepayers have paid millions for a cycleway in Island Bay (and you collect nothing, outside rates, from cyclists). Dog owners are rate payers too... and then pay again with registration, so I think the fairly modest cost of agility equipment should absolutely be funded by council. The location and other aspects of agility equipment installations, do need to be carefully considered. The Murchison Rd dog area would be well suited to this, it has several large flat areas so the agility area would not conflict with other users, and it is well off the road, and far enough from houses that any barking issues wouldn't be too much of a problem. Putting agility equipment into small fenced parks (like Cog Park) would be a big mistake. Adding overly stimulated dogs with variable levels of training, into a small area like that, where there are many other users not participating and just wanting to walk their dogs (many of them small) in a secure area, would be a recipe for disaster in my opinion. Agility equipment should also come with education and/or signage, as owners of dogs that are under a year old should not be jumping them, their joints are too soft and it can result on long term damage. Yes, the provision of agility equipment would provide considerable benefits on many levels... but it needs to be done in consultation with people who understand and compete in dog sports. Done badly it could result in injury or worse.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Allowing dogs to be tied up in the central city (I think more accurate wording of the question would

be good), means more people will be able to go into shops, buy a drink, etc creating convenience for owners and overall economic benefits. Whether it is a good thing in general, depends on the dog and the circumstances. I'm not sure how you legislate for that when there are obvious benefits, but also obvious risks. It may be that the plan needs to be more specific to allow for that, but it is difficult to make one rule to cover the large spectrum of responsibility and capability that occurs amongst dog owners, and also others that may interact with unattended dogs in the owners absence. As a dog owner and trainer, I would not choose to leave my own dog/s unattended unless I could still see them, and it was for a very short time.

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dogs need exercise, people need to work, or drop kids at school. Extra time means more people being responsible about their dogs needs. Parents can't always exercise dogs with kids, this gives more opportunity to work around those limitations.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

The proposals are good, but could go much further at very modest cost. The Murchison Rd dog area has no drinking water facilities for dogs. A dog owner generously provides fresh water by carrying it in his car to refill a plastic container at the park when he is able, but there is already a water supply for the small nursery that has been set up there. All it would take would be a tap installed that can be accessed by all users, and a permanent steel bowl underneath. I'm sure this is not an isolated situation and other dog areas around the city could benefit from a more thoughtful approach to the users needs. To improve social interactions at this dog area, a built in BBQ would be great too. In other areas like Mt Vic, there are entire designated dog areas with no rubbish bins at all.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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**Comments**

I would like to see Kelburn Park made an out of sporting hours ie early morning/evening dog walking area. I know the area above the Terrace Tunnel is available but it is seldom mowed and there is often broken glass etc in the long grass that makes it unsafe to walk the dog there. I pick up all faeces at all times as do most people. Kelburn Park has good rubbish facilities and an open safe place to throw the ball for the dog. I know some people don't respect public place hygiene but why should the rest of us rates paying majority be disqualified because of the few. There are a large amount of people with small and large dogs in the area who walk their dogs in the early morning and evening when the park is not being used by anyone else and are subject to some serious fines if caught with their dogs off leash. Its another form of tax from the very people who pay and then pay again. Since we moved to wellington 16 years ago the amount of places we can walk our toy poodle in the central city has reduced significantly. We used to take her to Waitangi Park and she was videoed and photographed by many tourists as she fetched the ball. Now she's not allowed there at all. Again why should we, as significant rates payers, have our standard of living reduced.

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Comments/suggestions

However, I don't think it goes far enough!

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

It would be especially nice for us to be able to take the dog to Oriental Bay in the off season.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It depends on control. Some people have absolutely no control over their dogs and they know who they are. Maybe a clause differentiating who can get the dog to 'come' and who can't would be useful.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

That would be great! I'd happily pay a nominal entry fee to support that.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

We do. Sorry I didn't realise we weren't allowed. We shop and one of us stays outside with the dog depending on who wants to go into the store.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I have seen dogs tied to the library door handles. This is inappropriate anywhere for any length of time. When I have needed to return a book I pick the dog up and carry her in with me, return the book and zap out. No one notices or cares. If the library wants its book back it going to have to put up with this.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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## Comments/suggestions

I support any improvement in increased hours. I'd like to see it go further to increasing hours all year round.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

See above regarding Kelburn Park.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
- 

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

I'd be happy to come and talk to Councillor Iona Pannett regarding this on the 22 April. Many thanks for giving me the opportunity to blah on about my pet subject. ie. My standard of living in this city since I moved here 16 years ago.

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Dog Policy

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Comments

I agree with the proposed changes, I would like to see them implemented. Dog owners need more areas to exercise their animals off leash. Most dogs love the beach.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I don't go to this particular beach but I think the proposed area will work.

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

I am not clear what is envisaged re availability of agility equipment. I can't imagine how temporary removable equipment would work. Would this be fixed/permanent equipment similar to a children's adventure playground but equipment for dogs? If so, this is an interesting idea which could be fantastic. Also a great attraction for Wellington - several dog 'playgrounds' with permanent agility equipment, great idea! Ratepayers should pay for this. Not all ratepayers have children but rates still pay for the installation and maintenance of kids playgrounds. Likewise, not every rate payer has a dog, it's about being part of a community, for the common good.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I totally agree with changes to section 5.3.1 clarify that dogs are allowed to be on the sidelines of a marked sports field if it is not in use.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

I would like to see more poo bins at exercise areas provided by the council. Lower Hutt City provide bins and poo bags beside the bins on the Hutt river walking tracks.

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# Dog Policy

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Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

Enter your name and contact details	
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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Comments/suggestions



3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

See the Summary of Information for more information.

Comments/suggestions

Yes

Same area as currently off-leash

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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  Neutral   
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments/suggestions

More dog exercise areas needed, especially in central city. Suggest one in/near botanical gardens, or Magpie lawn or beside Glenmore Street.  
 Fully fenced preferable.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

In general yes, but would like to see dog exercise areas be bike free where possible. More bike free tracks would increase the safety and enjoyment of all walkers/joggers, not just dog owners. I currently avoid several tracks around Karori when walking my dogs on the leash due to risk of being hit by bikes - particularly on hillside tracks. I very rarely use the dog exercise area at the back of Kaori park as I have had a couple of very near misses-when my dogs were on their leashes. Also my toy dog has very sensitive feet and can't tolerate the prickles in the grass.

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Comments

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

But the need to be bike free

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

So long as they and the public are safe.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

The new dog exercise area adjacent to Ian Galloway park is fantastic. Another rubbish bin at the road entrance would be good. I hope it is still usable over winter as this field used to get very swampy. More areas like this please.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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Comments

Why are dogs not allowed on sports fields when there are no games on? More bike free tracks for walkers including dog walkers please. I am tired of having to jump out of their way to avoid being hit. I really enjoy bush walks but, as I get older and bikes get more numerous, I find I am avoiding more and more of the tracks that I used to enjoy.

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Dog Policy

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Comments

Yes - I support Island Bay beach being available for dogs year round during the day southwards of the pier. Off lead or on lead. I am more concerned about the current rule not allowing dogs on beach in summer time during the day than I am about the on or off lead issue.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes, as above - south of the pier.

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Comments/suggestions

I support the change from 9am to 10am, but the evening time needs to be similarly brought back from 7pm to 6pm.

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Comments

More dog litter bins

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Mr     Mrs     Ms     Miss     Dr

\*First name *Christine*

\*Last name *Winstanley*

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Suburb *Paparangi*      City *Wellington*

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas     Yes     No

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Comments/suggestions Mostly but see comment at No 11 + attached map.

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**LEGEND**

- Playgrounds
- WCC Tracks
- Original Dog Exercise Area Boundaries
- Proposed Addition
- Proposed Removal
- Prohibited



### 8. Seton Nossiter Park

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Barbara Sandeman <b.sandeman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 April 2016 11:14 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy proposal

Dear WCC,

I think the proposed changes to off-leash areas and restricted areas are fair and sensible. As a dog owner, I'm very happy about the proposed increased availability of rubbish bins near off-leash areas and I hope they will also be sited near the ends of walking tracks.

I would like the Council to consider providing and maintaining a supply of dog-poo bags by rubbish bins at off-leash areas. I'm appalled at the number of people who do not pick up after their dogs, and think any incentive to change this behaviour can only have a positive effect.

Yours sincerely,

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Comments

The additional off leash are on Wrights Hill is a great idea. Could we please extend it so the paths from the grass area at the top of the road are also off leash. It would be fantastic to walk a loop with my dog off leach, and we both love walking through the bush path. This would also sensibly include the other road part which connects up to the road you are proposing be off leash. There are so many dogs in Karori and so little area where they can be off lead. Accepting my proposal would still leave many tracks on the Hill available for walkers and bikers. This seems to me to be a reasonable balancing of interests. I don't believe that this proposal would disadvantage non- dog walkers. The Council needs to remember that many dogs are not interested in chasing balls. So while areas like the new exercise area at Ian Galloway are great, they are not the complete answer. I have a dog who just loves to walk and run, but won't chase and retrieve. So off leash pathways like those on Wrights Hill are hugely important. The closest off leash are that we can enjoy is Trelissick Park, which is fabulous. I strongly believe we should have something equivalent in Karori, given the size of the suburb and the number of dogs. Please extend the Wrights Hill off lead are as far as you can. Thank you.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

See above comments

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

See above

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed

- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

That would be fantastic. Ian Galloway exercise park?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Comments

I think that the summer/winter restrictions should stay in line with daylight savings. I think that the dog run area at the corner of Awa Road and Worsler Bay should be removed. It has a picnic table and a tree rope swing. It is often used for parking for events. With the beach across the road as a dog run area this area is surplus

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#### Comments/suggestions

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

it should stay in line with daylight savings

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

it would be good to have a rubbish bin at the dog run areas

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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 Niuean  
 Chinese  
 Indian  
 Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

New Zealander

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

New Zealander should be a ethnic option. If you are a New Zealander but not from Europe then you have to be an 'other'

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Dog Policy

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**Submission**

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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 Comments/suggestions
 

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- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

Owners should be able to leave their well behaved dogs unattended briefly in order to be able to enter a store or use a bathroom. I will often walk my dog to my local shopping centre, park my dog briefly while I pick up a necessary item or use a public toilet and then my dog and I will carry on our way. There is already legislation that covers nuisance and dangerous dogs in Wellington so I believe the council already the legislative tool it needs to keep the right balance of freedoms and rights for dog owners and the public alike in public areas. This additional restriction will unfairly hinder usage of public places by dog owners. If additional restrictions are deemed necessary then restrictions on amount of time left unattended would be far preferable.

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 Comments/suggestions
 

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

I mostly support this however, I would like Waitangi park to be on leash during summer nights as dog owners like to bring their dogs to the moonlight cinema and other evening events. The rest of the proposed changes seem fine.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

I think the council should provide a breakdown of how much money is brought in by dog registration fees and where this money is being spent. I find it hard to believe that the cost of my dogs registration in Wellington is proportional to his cost to our community. More transparency in this area can only be a good thing.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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- Indian
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Yes, agree with all changes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I support the proposed split between off-leash and prohibited areas on the beach.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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*proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I would like to see the walking tracks above Tawatawa Reserve designated off-leash areas in addition to the gully area.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

It's a good idea but either individuals or training groups would need to commit to paying for and maintaining the equipment.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

If they are restrained properly and well-behaved, I see no issue with leaving dogs unattended for short periods (1 hour or less).

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Yes, it is a good improvement

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes, many off lead dog beaches are not sheltered so are unusable in moderate weather. The proposed off lead area is good

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Particularly the improvements in Karori

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Inclusion of Island Bay and Oriental Bay beaches is great

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Tracks are a great way to give dogs walking exercise, which they don't often get in the smaller off lead exercise areas. They are more enjoyable for owners too

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Comments/suggestions

I wouldn't use it

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Comments/suggestions

Yes, enabling dogs to stop while under supervision in the central city is a good idea

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Comments/suggestions

Yes, I personally feel strongly about this. It could be restricted to suburban shopping areas and playgrounds. I don't think dogs should need to be left unattended in the central city, but being able to walk to the local dairy or supermarket and leave my dog tied up for a short period while I am inside is important. I have young children and being able to combine a dog walk with shopping is very handy as I would not have the chance to walk to the shops and do a separate dog walk in a usual day. This also allows dogs to be socialised around other people, which is good for their temperament

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Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

I agree with the changes allowing more off lead areas ant more times of the year especially Te Amairangi Hill from Wadestown Rd as I walk there most days already and 90% of users are dog walkers. Also Oriental Parade and Island Bay having some off lead times and/or areas is an excellent idea.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

I agree with the proposed changes to having an all year area for off lead and maybe the westerly section as it is away from the main area.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Would be great to have more areas for dogs and families to walk/play and be active together

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If dogs are allowed to share tracks like walkers and bikers already do then there are more places for everyone to enjoy rather than less. I would prefer to be inclusive than limit users... let's look after each other on all the tracks.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Would rather put the money into more public rubbish and recycling bins.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

Encourage more shopping and cafe visits by city dwellers and also encourage people from other parts of greater Wellington to come into town and enjoy Wellington on a different way. Great for shops as would get more foot traffic and great for the Wellington cafe arts tourist scene. Shops and cafes can let customers know if they are dog friendly.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Think can have a sensible guideline and most dog owners love their dog too much to leave it for more than 5/10 minutes...a quick takeaway or purchase.

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Great to have an opportunity for a morning walk which isn't at an terribly early time.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Very sensible suggestions and timely as we have our first dog who is 9 months old and were very surprised at how few places we can take her. Footpaths aren't very nice compared to parks, and bush.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

#### Comments

Most people really enjoy seeing a dog out enjoying itself and most dog owners are caring and considerate when it come to picking up faeces and not getting in the way of people who don't like a dogs company. Think it's good to have dogs around in varied public places as this helps children, adults and dogs to become more comfortable with each other and have positive experiences when there are so many negative ones in the mainstream media.

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Comments/suggestions

unsure if the area off Mark Ave (seton nossiter park) should be off leash- only if near by residents agree

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yes as long as they are well sign posted, but if there isn't enough council staff to respond to complaints or to monitor then no.

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Comments/suggestions

No, I think it would get vandalised or paid for by the masses and only used by a few, i would prefer money spent on rubbish bins for dog poo and free dog poo bags and fencing dog areas then spending money on equipment.

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Comments/suggestions

again as long as there is sufficient council staff to respond to complaints etc. maybe you could train parking wardens to monitor dogs in central city??

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absolutely not for the welfare of the dog and the public!

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Comments

I think we are lucky in Wellington to have the number of exercise areas we do.

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I would LOVE the council to have the power to order bad dog owners (owners of menacing/dangerous dogs) to get the dogs neutered/spayed as an option in the way they manage

complaints. I think all dogs should be compulsory neutered/spayed and if you want an entire animal you need a dispensation from council. Dogs registered as 'working' dogs should be exempt.

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Comments

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Comments

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#### Comments

No, not unless a section can be fully blocked off from general public. Otherwise there is no one to distinguish between safe dogs and harmful breeds that could be a danger to other beach users if unable to be controlled by the owner. There are already too many cases of dogs attacking members of the public, even when on leads, without increasing the risk of this occurring more.

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#### Comments/suggestions

They don't go far enough as outlined above.

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Comments/suggestions

We already pay rates and this is put to all sorts of projects around the region. Not all rate payers benefit from 'all' projects so why should dog agility equipment be any different and asked to be covered by dog owners solely?

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CBD should be dog free.

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Comments/suggestions

Again, provided 'fully' adequate dog exercise areas as outlined above would remove the need to have such time restrictions as they would then pose no risk to anyone else. Maybe shorter time restrictions would still need to be maintained for any areas close to housing to give home owners a break from dog noises but only for that reason.

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Comments

I would certainly appreciate seeing/reading or personally receiving a response to my main point and an explanation as to why so called dog exercise areas are not fully fenced in and therefore not entirely suitable for its designated purpose. If it is all about cost then why not put it to dog owners, perhaps at registration renewal time, to see if they will contribute to fencing costs on areas close by their family home or cater for this need better in the council budget as has been proven is possible with Ian Galloway?

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Comments

I do not agree with the change to Island Bay. The area south of the steps should not change to off leash.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

The southern half of Island Bay beach remaining an on-leash only dog exercise area due to risks to public safety, as well as risks to wildlife and natural habitats. 1. Conflict with People during Summer: During summer, all of Island Bay beach is thronged with people, especially children. Though I like dogs, I don't think free-range dogs are compatible with free-range kids. My four year old was almost bowled over when a dog was allowed to run down to the beach from the road. I don't know where the myth comes from that this end of the beach is less busy than the surf club

end. There are loads of beach combers, picnickers and swimmers along the whole beach November - March. It is a narrow beach, especially at high tide, much narrower than Lyall Bay. There is not room for both canines and children. 2. Marine Reserve: The beach in question is part of a marine reserve. What is the point forbidding people from upsetting the ecosystem by removing shells and seaweed when dogs can dig in rock pools and poo in seaweed? These are fairly common occurrences at the beach - the rationale with the poo being that if the dog poos late enough in the evening, the tide will remove it. Gross. People have noted that Island Bay beach has no penguin nests, so dogs won't be upsetting any birdlife. However, endangered reef herons that were listed as nationally vulnerable in 2013 nest on Taputeranga island. The real threat to the shorebirds from dogs is not that the dogs are going to catch and kill them. Dogs are way too slow to capture anything other than sick or injured shorebirds. The danger is in how the dogs affect the energy balance of the birds. Shore birds exist on a fairly tight energy budget and have high metabolic rates compared with other birds. It is not like there are miles of crabs on the beach. Research shows that dogs stuff them up more than humans which they allow to be closer. When they are constantly disturbed, these shorebirds actually suffer because the winter survival rate drops due to the poorer physiological condition of the birds. Beyond that, the nesting success of the birds in summer is negatively impacted by their poorer physiological condition through the previous winter. 3. Environmentally Sensitive Sand Dunes: Dune erosion is a challenge facing the south coast. There are signs everywhere asking people to keep off the dunes for this reason. It is unlikely that off-leash dogs will be so well behaved. In fact I have seen dogs in the dunes in recent months. How do the new rules plan to police this issue? Here is a link to a petition I set up last summer (before I realised I could have received more exposure by setting one up on wcc website). <https://www.change.org/p/wellington-city-council-keep-island-bay-beach-marine-reserve-free-from-dogs-off-the-leash/c> Many people agree with these points. There are plenty of other less environmentally sensitive areas for dogs and their owners to exercise. Also, with a little expenditure, the woof woof rough on Reef St could be fenced and made more suitable as a dog playground.

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I support keeping the hours of no dogs 9am-7pm and from Nov 1-April 1 (roughly as it is now) since these are the times during which the beaches are in use by people, and isn't the object off this rule to avoid dogs harming people?

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Comments

My one comment is that I think signage designating dog areas (and conversely, where it's no longer a dog area) is currently not clear enough in some places too sparse. For example, I didn't realise until this document came out that the main area of Willowbank Park (where the playground is and the big open space in front of it) was not a dog area because there are always dogs off-leash down there! And similarly, I have NEVER noticed any signage saying that the area next to the toilets WAS a dog run area. The same is true for Grasslees reserve - there are often dogs running around loose with their families in the children's play area, and when I hunted around for signs one day to say whether or not they were allowed in there, I really struggled to find them.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes

No

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 Tongan  
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 Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

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**Submission**

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*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

I have scanned through the list of proposed changes and in general I agree with the changes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

I do not live near this area and do not know enough to comment meaningfully.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

The main excise areas that effect me are Odell reserve and Trelissick Park, so improved signage (including making it clear to public that it is an off lead area, to inform/warn grumpy non dog lovers! ) and bins at the main entrances to encourage dog owners to remove their dogs dodos. Nobody wants to tread in dog poo! Currently I walk my dogs 1.5 - 2hrs a day and there is not one single council bin on route, so it means that I end up carrying it all the way home, in a blue nappy sack. More bins will encourage better compliance by dog owners, so less enforcement costs by council. Win Win : )

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

I do not use the beaches as I have two dogs and one is quite young, so the beach is too stressful with to many distractions, so unable to comment.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

If possible would be a good idea, but would need to be practical, so not easy in a city, hence that is why I take my two dogs to Trelissick park on a daily basis.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support

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Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed  
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Comments/suggestions

Difficult one. When I had just the one mature Labrador, walking through the outskirts of the city centre was a joy as the visitors would enjoy fussing her as they miss their own dogs back home, but having dogs in the centre of town could be an issue as it depends on the dog and/or the owner. My mature Labrador would be as good as gold, my young black Labrador is highly strung, so I would avoid taking her to busy areas, until she was older - less stressful for all concerned.

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 No, opposed  
 Neutral  
 Yes, support  
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Comments/suggestions

Yes as long as it is not distressed and only for a short period of time.

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- No, completely opposed  
 No, opposed  
 Neutral  
 Yes, support  
 Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Do not effect me, so as long as there is clear signage, then fine by me.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

No other comments apart from the ones above.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

None

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments  
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Dog Policy

## Dog Policy

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

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Wellington City Council  
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You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and send it to us by
- Dog Policy, Freepost, Wellington City Council, P.O. Box 2199, Wellington.
  - By making a submission online at [Wellington.govt.nz](http://Wellington.govt.nz)
- By sending an email to: [policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz)

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

Enter your name and contact details	
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Name of organisation
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If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

Submissions close 5pm on Monday 2 May 2016
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## Dog Policy - Have your say

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Comments/suggestions

Please don't remove access to the Kaiwhangwhava park. It's one of the only safe spaces we have for dogs & kids to mix as it's slightly out of the way for some. It's a beautiful sheltered spot and we

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See the Summary of Information for more information.

Comments/suggestions

spend a lot of time there over summer with our dog and kids kicking a ball around. It's also one of the only parks to have fresh water from a tap! Without this park we will not be able to exercise the dog and kids together.

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Comments/suggestions

dog owners already pay large sums for registration, it would be unfair to raise these again.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

for brief periods of time, yes.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

It would be nice to have some family friendly spaces that were also available to dogs. Its very hard with young children to find time & safe spaces to exercise the dog and kids together.

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Comments/suggestions

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** MR J IRVING <jeffreyirving@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 April 2016 4:25 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Dog Policy Enquiry

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Jessica

Thank you for acknowledging my enquiry. My Mac auto-corrected a typo with the wrong word below! "Shames" should have read "schemes" :-)

Under the current and proposed shames it does not look like it is possible to walk a dog on the footpaths from the Palmer Head car park and Tarakena Bay Beach car park or indeed from Palmer Head to a point where one can cross the main road to Ataturk car park.

Sent from my Kiwi iPhone

> On 19/04/2016, at 2:50 PM, BUS: Policy Submission <[policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
 >  
 > Thank you for your submission on the Wellington City Council's Dog Policy consultation.  
 >  
 > If you have indicated that you would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors, we will be in touch in due course to arrange a time for you to come in.  
 >  
 > Thank you once again for taking the time to provide us with your feedback.  
 >  
 > Kind Regards  
 >  
 > Jessica Clarke  
 > Graduate Advisor | CPO - Policy & Reporting | Wellington City Council  
 > P 04 801 4289 | M 021 227 4289 E [Jessica.Clarke@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jessica.Clarke@wcc.govt.nz) | W  
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 > -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Jeffrey Irving [<mailto:jeffreyirving@me.com>]  
 > Sent: Friday, 15 April 2016 5:32 p.m.  
 > To: BUS: Policy Submission  
 > Subject: Dog Policy Enquiry  
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> Hello WCC,

>

> I have read the proposed Dog Policy changes and would like to thank the Council for taking a proactive and pragmatic perspective on dog ownership. You have taken a lot of effort to provide wonderful amenities for all.

>

> I have a query regarding the Tarakena Bay and Palmer Head areas. As a dog owner, I walk around the bays from Breaker to Ataturk, some of this walk is on pavements and the rest is across grass areas a few metres from the road which is safer. Under the current and proposed shames it does not look like it is possible to walk a dog on the footpaths from the Palmer Head car park and Tarakena Bay Beach car park or indeed from Palmer Head to a point where one can cross the main road to Ataturk car park. The proposed plan for Tarakena Bay car park is the only one that has a black zoned footpath where a dog can be walked on leash to cross over the road to Ataturk.

>

> It appears that the only compliant and legal route is to walk on the edge of the main road between Palmer Head and Ataturk which is very dangerous with a dog on a leash and the road being a fast corner.

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> Is it possible to make the footpaths between all the car parks an on leash zone for safe transit and safe continuity of the walking route?

>

> Kind regards

>

> Jeffrey

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** struan.little@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, 17 April 2016 11:07 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Revised dog policy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Just to let you know that I think this is going in the right direction. Part of living in a modern city is living with dogs and they need to be integrated into the urban fabric. That means more access areas and allowing them more into the city centre.

While I understand the concern with dangerous dogs, the vast majority of dogs and owners are adding to the vibrancy of the city and, asking it a great place to live.

Thanks for the opportunity.

Struan Little

Sent from my iPad

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Caroline & Stephen <csflorentine@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 17 April 2016 3:04 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy Review 2016 - Scorching Bay

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I am writing in regard to the proposed relaxation of the dog control policy for Scorching Bay for the period 1 March to 30 November.

I strongly object to allowing dogs to be allowed off leash in a very popular beachside play area and beach.

It seem incongruous that the Council has spent a significant amount of money installing a children's climbing frame and now intends allowing dogs to roam free to pose a physical threat and encouraging dogs to defecate both where children play on the grass area and on the beach.

Unfortunately all dogs pose a threat, no matter their size, and by allowing dogs to roam free, out of the owners immediate control, children are put at risk.

Although some owners are responsible there are many that aren't. My family visit Scorching Bay at least weekly and have often observed in summer unrestrained dogs and the apprehension they cause children and adults.

Scorching Bay should be a beach for all to enjoy, and especially in winter people walk the beach and children play on the grass area and on the beach. Allowing dogs to roam takes away the freedom of all users (including others with dogs as unrestrained dogs pose a threat to other dog users).

Please reconsider the proposed change in policy, enforce the current restrictions on dogs and encourage those that wish to allow their dogs to run off a leash to use the Worser Bay dog play area.

If you wish to contact me my details are below.

Kind regards  
Stephen Florentine  
67 Falkirk Avenue  
Seatoun  
Wellington

021 38 40 40 / 04 495-3906 wk

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Braddell <braddell@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 April 2016 2:02 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

I was delighted to see the more reasonable changes being suggested to the Section 3, Worser Bay Beach, dog policy.

It reflects a more realistic view of activities on Worser Bay Beach: the shorter summer times and dates will now suit the higher usage times by people other than dog walkers.

I find that dog owners on the beach are very considerate to all.

Kind regards  
 Pamela Braddell  
 PH: 970 9223

> On 1/04/2016, at 7:01 PM, Wellington City Council <[dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
 >  
 > Dear dog owner  
 >  
 > Wellington City Council is consulting on proposal to amend the current Dog Policy.  
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 > The proposed changes to the Dog Policy seeks to ensure that dogs are well cared for, Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership and that owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996. Changes are also proposed to dog exercise areas.  
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 > RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DISCOUNT  
 >  
 > To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. RDO s receive a 50 percent discount on their annual registration fee.  
 >  
 > Further details about the policy review, submission forms, and the RDO discount are available from our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street, from Wellington libraries, on our website [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or by phoning 04 499 4444.  
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 > SUBMISSIONS ON THE DOG POLICY CLOSE 5PM ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2016  
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 > From the Public Health Team at Wellington City Council  
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## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Bruce Geden <Bruce.Geden@gw.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 April 2016 2:02 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy Submission

Many thanks for providing the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the 2016 WCC Dog Policy, specifically as it applies to the Seatoun Beach area.

Regarding the proposed changes to the dog access to Seatoun Beach area during the summer months, we suggest one or more of the following amendments to the proposed policy:

1. That provided dogs are on a leash, they be permitted in **Churchill Park** during the specified/restricted summer hours; or
2. That provided dogs are on a leash and the owner is using the walkway, they be permitted in **Churchill Park** during the specified/restricted summer hours – note, the walkway is now very well defined
3. That provided dogs are on a leash, they be permitted on **Seatoun Beach** during the specified/restricted summer hours

We would also like to suggest (if deemed necessary) that these suggestions be trialled over a summer and reviewed after that time to check the compromise solution worked in reality.

Our reasons for the proposed amendments are:

1. Presumably the main reason for the additional restrictions are so that dogs are under control especially when other beach & playground users are most likely to be present – totally agree with this
2. Free-roaming dogs on well used (summer) beaches is not acceptable – agree
3. Dogs restrained on a leash is a workable solution for most parties
4. Dog owners are required to pick up dog doos no matter where they are or whether the dog is on a leash or not. This is not an issue in respect of the restrictions as owners must abide by this - agree
5. The proposed restriction applies to 850m of flat walking, accessible coastline – it is a significant area to essentially ban dogs and their owners from when a compromise (on a leash) would achieve the same result
6. In the case of Seatoun Beach, we have observed that the adjacent footpath is usually busier with people relaxing especially during summer than the actual beach is so confining dogs to the footpath is not consistent

We note that the rules must be enforceable, easily defined, be fair and make common sense as viewed by a reasonable dog owner and member of the public.

Regards  
 Bruce & Rose Geden

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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I'm only going commenting on one proposed change, removing the dog area at Aro Street. This area was redeveloped to separate bike/foot traffic from the dog area. There was some bad will generated when the new trails were made that exited into the park. I'd hoped the new layout alleviated these issues somewhat. Removing the dog exercise area will not help. Central park is not close by, it is more than 1 KM.

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including “beach exercise areas”, “exercise areas (specified time)” and “beach exercise areas restricted during summer”.*

Comments

It would be great if dog owners kept to their responsibilities to owning a dog. Keeping to the rules and bylaws expected from them as dog owners. If one dog owner breaks the rules or doesn't believe they need too, then this ruins it for all dog owners within the Wellington region. Exercise areas for their dogs is great however if the beaches are used by the general public with children or themselves not wanting to be near dogs, then dog owners need to have them on a lead as well as picking up any/all dog faeces from our beaches.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

No, if other beaches have leash on policy, then it should apply to all. One rule for all, not be half and half on certain areas.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Dog parks and some beaches is good. I don't understand how there is a dog day in Khandallah outdoor pool during daylight savings.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Dog parks and some beaches is good. I don't understand how there is a dog day in Khandallah outdoor pool during daylight savings.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Walking/bush tracks, Town belt would be great for free roaming.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If this is a demand and requested for dogs, then dog owners fees should be increased to accommodate the extra costs and expenses for other equipment.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Only if its small or not aggressive towards the public.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Is a child under the age of 14 able to be left unattended in a public place. As responsible owners/parents all belongings should be supervised, it is not the general public's responsibility to look after other people personal belongings.

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Whats an extra hour for the general public. I don't have a problem with exercise areas being used between 10am to 7pm from 1 Dec to 1 Mar, but do dog owners actually listen or understand or abide to time restrictions on when they want to exercise their dogs.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Dog exercise areas like parks is good. Its our beaches that seems to be abused with lazy dog owners not being responsible in pick up their dogs faeces as they should.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

I believe there should be more policing by WCC animal staff to monitor our public beaches during the summer/daylight savings period and actually see how responsible some dog owners are not. Especially owners of small dogs. There should be first verbal warning with owners name recorded and dog registration details, if repeat offending occurs then they should receive a fine of \$200.00 for not doing the responsible thing as a dog owner. If again they choose to not be responsible another fine until the message sinks in that if they choose to own a dog and choose not to do the right thing then a fine it is. If unpaid fine, then it should be added and accumulate to the next round of dog registration for that owner.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

Multi cultural

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

In general yes, but suggest some extensions to beach exercise areas and clarification of restricted times of access to beaches.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes. From Pier to western end seems appropriate

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

However, it is suggested that the following beaches also be designated as off leash beach exercise areas at all times, as they fit the criteria used: Owhiro Bay Beach (at least between Owhiro Bay Stream and the boat ramp), as (signage currently says dogs must be on leads at all times, yet Owhiro Bay Beach is not listed in policy at all) The beach area between Princess Bay (including the car park) and Waitaha Cove Waitaha Cove

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Officially recognise more off-leash tracks through the Mt Victoria town belt area. Or you could say tracks linking Alexandra Road West and Charles Plimmer Park dog exercise areas. Desirably make all the sections of the major walkways (Eastern, Northern, Southern, etc) off-leash tracks away from roads/traffic.

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## Comments/suggestions

Seek sponsorship from vets and dog care service providers, other organisations (eg, Bunnings, Placemakers) and/or donations through give-a-little. I understand at least one dog care service provider is willing to fund/provide equipment in one of the parks. Start small/with one or a few, then extend.

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## Comments/suggestions

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## Comments/suggestions

Dog owners should be in the immediate vicinity to monitor their dogs and manage interactions between the dog and public.

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## Comments/suggestions

However, the intro to section 5 policy currently states (at second bullet point) '... and on-leash at all times in winter' and (at third bullet point) '... and off-leash at all times in winter'. Winter is not defined (and what about Spring and Autumn??), and the wording could be clarified to read as on-leash and off-leash respectively '... at all other times'.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to

make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Nothing other than those specified above

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

No

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Yes

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Comments

Yes as proposed.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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No, completely opposed

No, opposed

Neutral

Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I have made a submission in order to urge relaxation of the rules along these lines. Indeed, I think the proposal does not go far enough. I think that properly controlled dogs ought to be allowed on beaches before 10 and after 6 in the summer, and all day when the beaches are relatively empty. Compare Wellington rules with those that apply on the Kapiti coast.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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Yes

No

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Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes - in the proposed area as per the policy

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes - in particular the change to Seton Nossiter because I use this area regularly

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I strongly support this as we need to make it easier for dog owners to be able to walk their dogs off leash. Many dogs have a lot of energy and taking them for a walk on a leash doesn't always burn off enough energy. Being able to have easy access to more off-leash areas will assist this.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Unsure on this proposal as I'm sure a lot of dog owners would not want to pay if they aren't using the equipment. I guess it would depend on how much it costs.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes as long as they are not being a nuisance and the owner picks up any faeces. I guess this would be hard to police though. Not sure what the definition of 'stop' is. Does this mean stop at a shop and be left unattended or does it mean stop with the owner at a park or seat? As a dog owner I would be comfortable to see dogs in the city but non-dog lovers may oppose. I guess the increase in inner city apartments has meant an increase in dog owners walking their dogs in the inner city and if they don't have a car this means they do need to walk around the city.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes as long as they were tied up for only a very short amount of time. However I realise this would be very hard to police.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

I submitted a request to the WCC about putting in lighting at Meekwood Reserve on Ohariu Road, Johnsonville. We live very close to this park and use this as our main area to exercise our dog during the week mornings and nights. Now that daylight savings has ended it gets dark just after 6pm so by the time we get home from work it's pitch black when we take our dog there. Also if I need to exercise the dog on my own I don't feel comfortable exercising her in the dark so I am

restricted for exercise options at night to walking around the street. I would like the council to consider funding to add some lighting to this area as it's very popular with dog owners in the neighbourhood. It doesn't have to be massive flood lights, just a small amount of lighting would be beneficial. It could also be on timer so they only go on say between 5.30-7am in the morning and then on between 5.30-8.30pm at night.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

NZ Chinese

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes. I'm in favour of all moves to make Wellington a more dog-friendly city and to improve and extend options for dogs to exercise. I'm especially keen to see more areas where dogs can be off leash. In particular I would like to see an off-leash area for dogs in the Botanic Gardens. Many people (all very responsible dog owners) walk their dogs in the gardens but there is nowhere to throw a ball or stick, or for dogs to socialise with other dogs. Magpie Lawn is a popular area for people with dogs which would work very well for this purpose, and there are no doubt other options within the gardens that could work. Currently anyone living in this part of town has to get into a car in order to get to a dog exercise area, so I hope you will give serious consideration to this suggestion. I'm very pleased to see the proposals to add Balaena Bay, Scorching Bay, Oriental Bay and Seatoun Beach as off leash areas for March to November and the removal and/or relaxation of prohibitions in some areas. I strongly support allowing dogs to stop in the central city. They should also be allowed to be tied up in outdoor cafes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, as proposed.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The cost should be covered from the income from dog registration.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Neutral

Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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No, completely opposed

No, opposed

Neutral

Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

They should obviously not be left alone in a public place, but they should be able to be tethered outside a shop, and shops and cafes should be encouraged to provide a tethering post/ring and a water bowl.

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No, completely opposed

No, opposed

Neutral

Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

10.00am to 5.00pm would be a more reasonable restriction

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

As noted above, I would like to see an off-leash area for dogs in the Botanic garden, ideally on Magpie Lawn.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

I'm pleased to see that gaining responsible dog owner status is to be encouraged and made easier for people to sign up to. Until now it has been out of sync with the registration process, hard to find information on, and only available for a short period of the year.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Comments

Yes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments/suggestions

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

In principle, all tracks around Wellington should be off-leash, so long as dogs are under control.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This is not necessary - and there is no need to waste money on this. It is certainly not an appropriate use of ratepayers' money - and it is not appropriate to have dog-owners who might not use the facilities to pay. If some people want this equipment - they should fundraise and the Council should permit it to be installed - but there should be no Council contribution.

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Comments/suggestions

There is no reason to restrict this.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

In Ngaio, our Scout Group has no public park to use that isn't infected with dog poo in Ngaio, all three public parks in Ngaio, Chelmsford, Cummings and Whitwicks Field are now dog areas. We objected to this last time around and were ignored. We want at least one park back, preferably Cummings Park or Chelmsford.

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

We do not need more dog parks or exercise areas, dog owners make up a small percentage of our population and are getting more and more given to them because they yell the loudest. They are the minority

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Yes - we do not need dogs given more areas on family beaches

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

no - this is an open problem, the likelihood of a dog getting excited and biting someone is a disaster waiting to happen

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Dog owners pay - we are not paying for this, any attempt to make ratepayers pay for someone else's animal will be met with strong opposition.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

Remove Chelmsford reserve from the dog park list, it was brought in against the wishes of many people and our submissions were ignored last time. The dog owners are outnumbered by the rest of

us - give us our park back.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Better consultation with community groups who use the parks, especially Scouting and Guides as we use parks a lot.

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- Yes  
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Comments  
none

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## Sharon Bennett

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**From:** Jessica Clarke  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 February 2016 1:03 p.m.  
**To:** 'Graeme MacFarlane'  
**Cc:** Julie Sleep; Sharon Bennett  
**Subject:** RE: Cog park

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Graeme,

We will be in contact to arrange your oral submission in early May, after consultation has closed.

Kind regards,

### Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Julie Sleep  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 February 2016 11:42 a.m.  
**To:** Jessica Clarke  
**Cc:** 'Graeme MacFarlane'  
**Subject:** FW: Cog park

Hi Jessica

How does the oral submissions process work. Will you contact Graeme after submissions have closed? I'm on leave for a few days – can you please get back to Graeme.

Cheers  
 Julie

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**From:** Graeme MacFarlane [<mailto:gray@kapiti.co.nz>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 February 2016 11:22 a.m.  
**To:** Julie Sleep  
**Subject:** RE: Cog park

Yes Julie,

I would be happy to present an argument to the councillors. Will you let me know?

Graeme

**From:** Julie Sleep [mailto:Julie.Sleep@wcc.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 February 2016 4:54 p.m.  
**To:** 'Graeme MacFarlane' <gray@kapiti.co.nz>  
**Cc:** Amber Bill <Amber.Bill@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Cog park

Good afternoon Graeme

I will forward your email to the Policy Team who are managing the policy review and consultation process, along with an explanation of why you are unable to lodge it during the consultation period.

The opportunity to present to the Councillors will be after submissions have closed and after you have returned. I suggest you leave the opportunity to present open, as presenting to Councillors in person is likely to be more persuasive than a written submission which may be one of thousands.

Regards  
 Julie

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**From:** Graeme MacFarlane [mailto:gray@kapiti.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 February 2016 4:28 p.m.  
**To:** Julie Sleep  
**Cc:** Amber Bill  
**Subject:** RE: Cog park

Thank you for your response.

Unfortunately I will be out of the Country between 3 April and 7 May so will be unable to attend any hearings.

Can I accept that my email to you of 21 February will be included in the review and my suggestion the park be returned to the people and the dogs be sent to Alexandra road adjacent to the RSPCA?

I would be more than happy to confront errant dog owners if I had an authority but I don't and I am not sure I want to spend my days going down and back to the park.

Regards  
 Graeme

**From:** Julie Sleep [mailto:Julie.Sleep@wcc.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 February 2016 5:30 p.m.  
**To:** 'Graeme MacFarlane' <gray@kapiti.co.nz>  
**Cc:** Amber Bill <Amber.Bill@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Cog park

Dear Graeme

Thank you for your email.

When I replied to your email in December 2013 it was my understanding that both the Animals Bylaw and Dog Policy were flagged for review in 2014. Unfortunately this turned out not to be the case.

The Council has now signed off for the review of the bylaw and policy to take place this year. I have been advised today that consultation on the bylaw and the policy will start 1 April and close 2 May. This information is now on our website with a couple of email addresses if you wish to find out more about the consultation process - <http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/wellington-consolidated-bylaw-2008/part-2-animals>

The consultation process would be the best avenue for you to have your say on the existing Cog Park exercise area and any other spaces you feel should be considered. I encourage you to be involved.

The challenge with barking noise is that in order to address the noise issue you need to identify the dog causing the problem and work with the owner on strategies to address the barking behaviour. This can usually be achieved where the barking comes from an identified address and the barking dog can be identified.

Unfortunately, the barking causing distress for your family member comes from many/ any of the dogs at the exercise area at any time making it near impossible to identify the individual dogs or their owners unless they can be caught in the act. If you were to log a call about the barking it is possible/likely the offending dog would have left by the time the Animal Control Officers arrive.

The presence of an Animal Control Officer could result in owners better controlling their dogs noise, for a short while, but the Animal Control Officers cannot be positioned at the park all the time.

I can also understand how barking can wear one person down even when another person may not even notice it. And I am sure that the hot summer has seen more dog owners out and about with their dogs earlier and later, making the situation harder to handle.

I can assure you that the Animal Control Officers do carry out monitoring of the Cog Park exercise area and other areas. I have asked them to do some extra monitoring in the area and specifically requested some time on the weekend, however I point out that they cannot be at Cog Park all the time.

The other way to minimise barking is to reduce the number of dogs in the area which comes back to the case you wish to build for not having an exercise area at Cog Park. Again, I encourage you to have your say on this matter through the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

### Julie Sleep

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**From:** Graeme MacFarlane [<mailto:gray@kapiti.co.nz>]

**Sent:** Sunday, 21 February 2016 2:20 p.m.

**To:** Julie Sleep

**Cc:** Amber Bill

**Subject:** RE: Cog park

Dear Julie,

As you can see from below it is now over 2 years since I received your letter. I have underlined 2 sentences in your letter which are relevant to this letter.

We never received any advice of the consultation process and it is impossible to believe that an Animal Control Officer has monitored the area. The barking is almost constant during the weekend and is regular during week days. The bark of a dog is obviously in the high decibel rating and I suggest could constitute a noise hazard. It is one for our family.

What used to be a wonderful park area is now a disgrace of bare landscape and in hot still weather is far from odourless. This is not the place for a dog park.

I have suggested before that the obvious and better place for a dog exercise area is adjacent to the Wellington RSPCA in Alexandra road. It is away from housing, has more space and is part of the zone for animals.

This would allow the Council to clean up the area and create a beautiful children's play area. It is already fenced and would provide an excellent extra space near a popular weekend spot. It would complement the small area on Treasure Grove with a bit of expansion and more modern equipment.

Please let me know if it is necessary for me to submit a formal complaint?

Regards  
Graeme MacFarlane

**From:** Julie Sleep [mailto:Julie.Sleep@wcc.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 December 2013 2:01 p.m.  
**To:** 'Graeme MacFarlane' <gray@kapiti.co.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Cog park

Dear Graeme

Thank you for your email.

All dog exercise areas in Wellington must be designated by the Council in it's dog policy, so unfortunately, it's not as simple as identifying an area that looks okay and then developing it.

The current exercise areas, including the one on Evans Bay Parade, were designated when the Wellington City Council Dog Policy was set in 2009. I understand the draft dog policy was consulted on extensively and received many submissions which were considered by the Council before the policy and the exercise areas were finalised.

The fencing for the area was proposed by a Hataitai resident's group and they worked with a vet group to raise funding for the development.

The dog policy is due for review/redevelopment next year which is the opportunity for you to air your concerns about the current area and also suggest other suitable areas.

I am keeping a list of people interested in having a say on the dog policy and, with your okay, **I will email you when the consultation starts so that you can participate.**

In the mean time, I will pass on your email to our policy team for their information and on to the team who look after the parks.

**I believe the Animal Control Officers include the Evans Bay Parade exercise area in their patrols but I will pass this email on to them with the view of them doing some proactive monitoring of this area.**

Regards  
Julie Sleep

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**From:** Graeme MacFarlane [<mailto:gray@kapiti.co.nz>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2013 11:37 AM  
**To:** Julie Sleep  
**Subject:** Cog park

380a Evans Bay Parade  
Hataitai

23 December 2013

Animal Control  
Wellington City Council

Attention Julie Sleep

Dear Julie,

Last week I rang animal control to discuss a problem resulting from the alteration of a section of Cog Park at Greta Point from human use to a dog exercise area. Your Wayne Batty rang me back a few days later and after a conversation suggested that any action to be taken would need to be directed to you.

Firstly let me say that the dog exercise area was built about a year ago without any consultation and thus input from any of the surrounding property owners or occupiers. When I lodged a question with Amber Hill I was told that the area was being shut off from human use as a result of action from the Hataitai Residents association and a vet at Miramar. No one asked us if we were happy about having our space usurped by outsiders. Let me add that the 12 houses immediately above the park and the surrounding high rise apartments do not have any dogs.

After a year of use by dog lovers from far and wide the park is now ruined. The entry points are devoid of grass and half the park has withered grass. When it rains the bare patches become a mud heap. The council has had to spend more of the ratepayers money to prevent people parking on the grass verge which in turn had turned into a mud heap. The restriction now means we have dog owners parking illegally up our street.

Dogs have fun in the park and as you would expect some express their joy by barking. This would be acceptable if it was not for the fact that when one barking dog has been exercised and taken away we shortly after have another one arrive and take over the barking role. The end result is that on a busy day we can get an almost continuous day of barking dogs. Also in spite of a free bag supply for clearing dog droppings we still get some owners who don't see or don't bother to clean up. Imagine the smell on a hot day caused by droppings and urine from dozens of dogs.

I do not believe a dog exercise area should exist so close to a built up area and particularly where the space is far too small.

With the opening of the SPCA property in Alexandra road could we please have the Cog park exercise area returned to its original state without fences and dogs and a new exercise area opened up alongside more appropriate space beside the new SPCA?

Kind Regards  
Graeme MacFarlane

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Bindy Bonnette <bindy.bonnette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 April 2016 11:32 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Submission re: Dog bylaws and dog spaces.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Submission re: **Dog bylaws and dog spaces.**

### **Off leash Small dog options**

**Small/Older/Sp.Needs dogs would benefit from the option of about third of these areas being fenced off internally - safely separating them inside the larger enclosure.**

I am excited to hear there are more enclosed fenced dog parks proposed, we are regular users of the Hataitai fenced dog park and the Karori Wilton Fenced enclosures.

I have one concern about these that perhaps could be taken into consideration – Small/Older/Sp.Needs dogs would benefit from the option of about third of these areas being fenced off internally safely separated from the big precocious dogs inside the larger enclosure. I've had a lot of experiences where my small dog can get bowled in enthusiastic play by bigger dogs that while its perfectly innocent play – they have dislocated bones in smaller fragile dogs on impact. Other small or older dogs feel the need to crouch down and sit low profile when a large dog is running around in the enclosure and they feel unable to play and enjoy themselves, A smaller area within the ring fence could easily provide owners the option to choose to separate big small and infirm dogs exercising when they feel it's necessary.

### **Small dog tags**

**A 'cat sized' dog tag/tube/pendant would greatly benefit small breed dogs.**

In my experience the present small dog tag is wholly unsuitable for very small dogs and puppies and is a choking hazard. I would love an alternative to be found for Toy/Miniature sized breeds.

A puppy small breed at 3-6 months is smaller than a kitten and the tags are huge and hang in their faces asking to be chewed off. I ask that you consider an alternative option for small dog tags - particularly when you are potentially adding tags for cats into the system, a cat sized dog tag/tube/pendant would greatly benefit small breed dogs.

### **Aro Valley dog spaces**

**I am opposed to the woof woof ruff by Aro street bus terminus being closed entirely to dogs, Dogs on a lead should still have access to this community space if the change is to go ahead.** We use this park to walk the dog on leash twice a day, every day. I agree this area is mixed use and unsuitable for off leash play

- being right next to a main road. I would not be opposed to changing the off leash status of the park as long as dogs are still welcome on leash.

Wildlife reserves and recreational use

**The Polhill Gully and Zealandia Halo is a local shared space experiencing growing pains - Users are unclear about where is and is not okay for dogs, bikes and walking. Clear maps at the mouths of the parks, consistent track names and clearly identified access signage would greatly help.** I often find visitors looking for maps or directions to certain tracks they've seen advertised but cannot find while on site.

**Well considered zoning giving ALL users fair use of the area perhaps on different tracks needs to be well considered.** Small and older dogs who cannot get out of the way of speeding cyclists require exercise and enjoy the quieter tracks. We have had a recent upsurge of visitors to the area for recreational activities and I think clearly demarcated areas where each user group can safely enjoy themselves and not cause harm to each other and wildlife would be great. I have seen birds on the ground on downhill cycle tracks with chicks and often fear for their safety should a fast bike or unleashed hunting dog shoot down the hill.

#### **Poo, Trash and changing space.**

The Pollhill parks and recreational areas have an increased quantity of traffic.

- We need better located rubbish bins around the Aro Street/Holloway Road terminus of tracks and parks. Some dog walkers leave poo bags along the side of tracks and I think a clearly placed bin at the mouths of tracks would help.
- Having a dog with a well practiced nose for finding poo we regularly locate piles of human excrement to roll in after someone has been caught short. Over summer the area also attracts freedom campers who in addition to pooping in the bushes leave piles of loo paper around the edges of the park and surrounding bush areas by the Returned soldiers memorial and opposite bank area at the feet of the trees.
- The area could benefit from a changing shed/Toilet block. I daily witness bare bodies popping into and out of their lycra cycling gear and Im sure that a changing space would be well used.

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Bindy Bonnette  
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## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Kayla Hollis <hollk@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 April 2016 10:46 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Clarity for Micro Chipping

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Mōrena,

Is this revised Policy suggesting that Micro chipping is now compulsory for all dogs? If someone could please provide some clarity around this, if this is the case I do not believe that individuals should pay registration fees if their dog is Micro chipped.

Micro chipping enables identification of dogs **permanently**, therefore paying a registration fee would not be required.

Micro chipping all dogs would mean identification of those dogs could be made, along with the identification of owners and address information defeating the purpose of registration.

If this is the case, It would make more sense to have one or the other, but not both.

Ngā Mihi,  
Kayla

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** CrowesNest <shane.crowe@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 23 April 2016 9:05 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy - Review Suggestion

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please include a \$750 infringement fee for fouling anywhere other than owners property without removing and disposing in their or a public rubbish bin.  
The fine should be doubled if the owner simply tosses the offending poo bag somewhere.

#### 12.2 Fouling of public places

The owner or handler of the dog will immediately remove and dispose of their dog's faeces if the dog defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner.

Irresponsibly leaving dog crap creates health issues, is unsightly, fouls footwear and legally blind aids and much ends up in our clean Wellington harbour where we fish and enjoy water activities.

If reasonable evidence is provided by the public, Dog Control should be able to enforce the infringement.

It should be a simple responsibility to clean up the dogs waste. Otherwise don't own one.

Regards  
Shane

Jessica Clarke

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**From:** John.Cassandra Brandeis <cassjohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 23 April 2016 9:57 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Cummings Park DEA Submission

I am a 43 year old male, married cat owner with 3 children, resident in Ngaio, and I'm open with people that I don't generally like dogs running free anywhere.

However, we live in a pluralist society and I recognise that many people like and own dogs, and that dogs need exercise, and that DEAs are a great improvement compared to when I was a child and dogs ran free and terrorised us.

Accordingly, I support the status quo at Cummings Park. I have spent the last 7 years walking through there 3 times a week as my 3 children have gone to Ngaio kindy. That's a lot of dogs getting exercise over that time and we have only had one incident in that time where a dog ran out of the DEA and hassled one of my children. Of course I was and am unhappy about that, but in the end nothing worse than a scare came of it and so I don't think I can look in the mirror and say thousands of instances of dog exercise should not occur because of this - indeed it would probably net lead to more serious instances because without Cummings Park, incrementally, dogs would get less exercise, and be more frustrated at home, and who knows which child or visitor will get bitten because of it etc.

We also go through Chelmsford St play area (we take a short cut through the bush home) regularly and have never had any issues there, although it is used far less than Cummings Park.

Thank you for your time.

John Brandeis

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Christine Ridding <cridding@infogen.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 April 2016 4:16 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

I have perused proposed changes and agree with those that affect me. Thanks for increasing areas where I can walk with my dog, one of my favourite Wellie activities.

Christine Ridding  
37 Orangi Kaupapa Road, Northland

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Jesse Gale <jesse.gale@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 April 2016 8:57 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Fwd: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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From: **Jesse Gale** <jesse.gale@gmail.com>  
 Date: 25 April 2016 at 08:56  
 Subject: Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy  
 To: "BUS: Policy Submission" <policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz>

Dear WCC

I have read the proposed changes to the dog policy and I support all of it.

One thing I would like clarification of is regarding the enforcement and penalties for 'minor offences' such as dogs running off lead in parks (not dog exercise areas) or owners not removing dog poo. For example, can the council remove RDO status from an owner based on a complaint from a neighbour, or from the account of a Parking Services worker, or is it only the dog control officers who can make these determinations? Are there other penalties such as fines for these minor offences? Is there a right of appeal if an owner is accused of not being responsible?

Yours

Jesse Gale  
 Dog owner

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On 5 April 2016 at 09:34, Jesse Gale <jesse.gale@gmail.com> wrote:  
 Thanks

On 4 April 2016 at 10:49, BUS: Policy Submission <policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Jesse,

We were having some technical issues with the webpage. These have been fixed, and a full version of the Dog Policy is now available online.

<http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/dog-policy>

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Kind regards,

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Jesse Gale [<mailto:jesse.gale@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, 2 April 2016 12:42 p.m.

**To:** BUS: Policy Submission

**Subject:** Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

Thanks for the email, I am interested in learning about the proposal

Unfortunately on the website the link to the Dog Policy actually links to the submission form, and the text-only version of the Dog Policy is corrupted or broken. So it is impossible to see the new Dog Policy on the website.

Please fix the website links, and send me a copy of the proposed Dog Policy as a PDF document.

Regards

Jesse Gale

Dog owner, Mt Victoria

On 1 April 2016 at 22:22, Wellington City Council <[dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Dear dog owner

Wellington City Council is consulting on proposal to amend the current Dog Policy.

The proposed changes to the Dog Policy seeks to ensure that dogs are well cared for, Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership and that owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996. Changes are also proposed to dog exercise areas.

#### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DISCOUNT

To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. RDO's receive a 50 percent discount on their annual registration fee.

Further details about the policy review, submission forms, and the RDO discount are available from our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street, from Wellington libraries, on our website [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or by phoning 04 499 4444.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE DOG POLICY CLOSE 5PM ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2016

From the Public Health Team at Wellington City Council

## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Katie Underwood <kt@danzat.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 April 2016 5:18 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Statement of Proposal

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Greetings

I am making this submission as an individual and I don't want to make an oral presentation.

This is my submission of the cat policy, dog policy and animal policy. This submission applies to all of those items within the statement of proposal. I am

Problem 1:

I would like to see more details of the '45% of respondents bothered by cat behaviours'. When was this survey done, where was it done, how many people were interviewed and what were the questions asked? Also 45% is less than 50% so isn't a majority.

I do have an issue with limiting the number of cats per household. I can see no cost effective way to monitor this. A more detailed explanation would be necessary before I would support this. The reasons given for limited the number of cats reads like an April fools joke. Running across roads? Really? Public Health? Dogs are a greater danger with disease and attacks. Cats getting into rubbish is a reflection of bad rubbish control by the owners of the rubbish and a health issue itself. If cats can get in so can mice, rats and dogs. Surely rats are a bigger health problem than cats. Blaming cats for getting into rubbish is a red herring when the owners not securing their rubbish is the real issue. It sounds like change for the sake of change. It would be better of the council to spend its time at the other end of the food chain and go after mice, rats, mustelids. Then go after the family moggy.

I have no issue with cats being microchipped and registered so they can be easily identified and not confused with feral/stray cats.

Dog policy

Agree with streamlining access to areas. While I am not a dog person, I do understand the need for dogs to have areas to exercise and play including some beaches and parks. A bigger issue for me is the blatant ignoring of 'dogs must be on a lead' signs. The council needs to implement an education programme. Using the councils own words, 'Nuisance issues persist despite existing voluntary measures, so something more mandatory in nature is required.' Owners found walking their dogs off the leash in areas where having a dog on the leash is the rule, should be instantly fined. I'd like to congratulate dog owners for being great about collecting their dogs doings from the footpath. However, this is not the case in bush areas. A common habit is to collect the pooh, place it in a bag, then leave the bag neatly by a sign, a bush or beside the track. Or they kick the pooh off the track into the bush. This is particularly revolting when doing pest control off track and standing in some dog pooh.

Feeding animals in public places

On the whole I support this policy in regard to pigeons/hedgehogs. Where is the evidence that the feeding of stray and feral cats has led to the creation of a cat colony? Not against this in theory but get the feeling that there will a law of unintended consequences as a result of this general policy across all animals.

Poultry

Interesting. I thought keeping a rooster in an urban area in Wellington was against the law already. Support this fully.

Not sure about limiting the number of chickens. Why 12? If chickens are being kept in unsatisfactory condition, surely this is an Animal welfare/SPCA issue not a public health and can be dealt with under those rules/laws. How is this to be monitored? The cost of doing so?

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

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 Agent  
 Both
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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
 Own another type of animal  
 Do not own an animal  
 N/A
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including “beach exercise areas”, “exercise areas (specified time)” and “beach exercise areas restricted during summer”.*

Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
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Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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No, completely opposed

No, opposed

Neutral

Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dogs should be able to be left unattended for a short period of time if they are restrained and away from entrances (for example, tied up outside a shop well away from the door for a few minutes).

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

No, completely opposed

No, opposed

Neutral

Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Would dogs on a long rope or extendable lead be considered to be on a leash??

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

Yes

No

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Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching.  
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I am

- Male
  - Female
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My age is

- under 18 years
  - 18-29 years
  - 30-39 years
  - 40-49 years
  - 50-59 years
  - 60 years and older
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Which of the following best describes you?

- Residential ratepayer
  - Commercial ratepayer
  - Residential and commercial ratepayer
  - I rent
  - Other
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
- Māori
- Samoan
- Cook Island
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Comments

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Comments

Not qualified to comment.

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Comments/suggestions

There should be properly designed agility equipment at some areas, however I am not in support of a levy: we pay our registration fees on time every year, as do my other friends with dogs. Surely the many \$\$ from us would be more than enough to cover progressive installation of equipment around Wellington.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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I think there should be more enforcement of the on-lead requirements especially on the waterfront: too, too often we have encountered off lead dogs, and while my dogs are well behaved and well socialised, neither react well to being approached by a roaming dog. Roaming wardens at peak hours - weekends - would be appreciated. While 90% of us have our dogs on lead, and pick up their poo, there is the 10% who need to be reminded of their responsibilities. Maybe a few spot fines would pay for the agility equipment? I also feel there should be a minimum, enforced requirement that all handlers should carry poo-bags.

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I think Cummings Park should NOT be a dog exercise area. It is too small, not fenced - with free access to a busy car-park - and I have never taken my two dogs there. Making this a dog-area has removed a valuable resource from the community. When we first moved to Ngaio, I remember taking our son to community picnics and events in the park: I would not like to have a picnic on the grass now, after years of dog poo and pee. While I note no change is proposed, I would strongly support this area being removed from the dog areas. We in Ngaio are spoilt for choice, especially since Chelmsford has been added in recent years, and Trelissick Park has also been made off-

leash. Cummings Park should be returned to the community.

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

Yes, having more exercise areas and beach access is wonderful.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Definitely. Wherever it would be most logical to add a fence to prevent dogs getting onto the road. Even though dogs are supposed to be under the control of the owners, sometimes they lose all common sense and take off. To prevent accidents, I highly recommend making all off leash areas near busy roads fully fenced.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Really encourage council to create fully fenced parks, especially on busy roads and poo bins at entry and exit points.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Some dogs are happy playing with other dogs, but some aren't. These dogs are not anti social, but just behave better if they are able to keep moving, rather than being in a crowded group of dogs. Having off leash tracks would solve this issue. They'd still meet other dogs and get to practice their behaviour skills, but as they and their humans could keep moving, there would be less of an opportunity for them to have an issue with another dog.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support

Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I've always thought having some 'pay as you go' dog parks would be a great idea. Fully fenced with poo bins and a gold coin donation or pre paid swipe card to enter and use equipment. Fitting them out with a water station for drinking water and a hose to wash off dogs if it's a muddy or sandy site. I also really like the idea of having a small dog area and large dog area as all dogs have different play styles.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed  
 No, opposed  
 Neutral  
 Yes, support  
 Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

NZ is still not dog friendly. More places for dogs and owners to stop and enjoy the city would be beneficial. Dog friendly cafes and public transport would bring us up to speed with other countries.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed  
 No, opposed  
 Neutral  
 Yes, support  
 Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I don't like seeing dogs leashed up outside establishments but I do like the idea of dogs being allowed into establishments.

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- No, completely opposed  
 No, opposed  
 Neutral  
 Yes, support  
 Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes the more time we are allowed to exercise our dogs the better.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

I think there are lots of off leash dog exercise areas, but very few fully safe ones. I would like to see the following areas fully fenced, with poo bins: Dorrie Leslie Park Ataturk park (fenced at the Moa point end - this would be a very small investment and would prevent dogs getting onto a very busy road). This park desperately needs a poo bin in the Bowes Cres entrance/parking lot. Hataitai beach Awa Road/Seatoun Lyall bay Ruahine Street

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Thanks for listening. Really appreciate that council is moving in a dog-friendly direction

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Please do not make the dog exercise areas smaller. Especially the off lead exercise areas such as Seton nossiter park. It's such a fantastic area for dogs and restricting it would be a huge shame. There should be more off leash areas made available to dog owners, especially when they are away from houses, roads etc like Seton nossiter. I believe that whole Valley should be an off leash area for dogs.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes! More off-leash areas! Anywhere would be good except the main populated areas or near main roads.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Please create more dog walking areas. Preferably off lead so dogs can play and interact but also on the lead areas.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

YES absolutely! It's encourages responsible dog ownership and allows more freedom for the dogs to behave naturally. I would use an off the lead dog track every other day if one was in my area.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think that would be a great idea and again would encourage dog training and interaction in a fun way. I would be happy to make a payment towards using such equipment and I think it is a fabulous

idea.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I do think they should be able to 'stop' although I don't believe they should be able to be left unattended.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I think dogs should be treated in a similar way to children. It's the owners responsibility to watch and look after their dog, if they have to go into a shop etc while in town then they should either leave the dog at home, take it to a doggy daycare or have someone wait outside with the dog. I wouldn't leave a child unattended outside, why would I leave my dog?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Summer is the hardest time for a lot of people between work and Christmas. So sometimes you have to fit in walking your dog when you can. Allowing an extra hour for someone like myself would make a world of difference and ensure I can have time for a good long morning walk as well as an evening walk. Although I think the restricted hours should actually be 10am until 6pm.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to

make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

Please allow more off leash dog areas. Please make off leash areas bigger. Please do not reduce the size of the Seton Nossiter off leash area. Please consider how healthy it is for dogs to play and interact amongst each other in off leash dog areas. I take my dogs to Seton Nossiter almost every day and I believe it is because of this they are well rounded very friendly dogs. I think it's harder for dogs to be so friendly with other people and dogs if they only attend puppy preschool etc. The interaction they get in off leash areas really is invaluable and is incredibly important to their development and also their training.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

#### Comments

I have heard a rumor about Auckland city council putting rules and restrictions on 'dangerous breeds'. It makes me sick. I'd like the council to consider better options if they were to implement something similar. The problems associated with 'dangerous dogs' comes from poor responsibility from owners or poor understanding/knowledge from owners. I think that instead of chipping or distinguishing what are really just perceived dangerous breeds, we should be looking at educating and teaching responsibility to dog owners. It would be better if EVERY dog owner was required to attend a dog training class yearly and pass it - along with their dog registration. You encourage the RDO but for a lot of people that's a huge amount of training and classes. I think if you motivate/enforce training owners it would make a huge difference. You should be educating the dog owner and no persecuting particular breeds. It's essentially racism in a different form and shouldn't be allowed. It encourages ignorance and an incorrect perception of dogs.

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#### Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

N/a Haven't been here so can't comment.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I support the overall policy review and changes. Especially support changes to Oriental Bay beach, Seatoun beach, Waihinahina park in Newlands and being able to stop in the central city.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

Strongly support the change to allow dogs on Oriental Bay beach during the new winter months. We often walk on the parade on leash and no one is on the beach. It would be great to let our dog have a run off leash while our son collects shells.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

As long as your dog is under control and you watch them and pick up their poo. I would like the tracks around Setoun to be off leash.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

The proposal to develop Waihinahina park would be a great place to have exercise equipment. You could have large things on the south side and small things on the north side in the proposed smart<sup>498</sup>

dog area. I would support our dog registration fees going towards this. We walk to this park from our home. It can be a place for boy racers to hang out so often there is broken glass on the road. It would be good if the council could clean this area on th way to the park clean and mow the side verges more often and fill in the pot holes.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes totally agree as long as the dog is socialised and non-threatening. This would be a great change to the policy so you can walk your dog and stop at a cafe with outdoor seating.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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Comments/suggestions

We don't leave our dog unattended.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Totally agree as often these beaches are empty of people. It just makes sense to be able to use them with your dog.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

I strongly disagree with the proposed changes around Mt Kaukau. In my opinion, Mt Kaukau is already an unsafe area with a very high frequency of dog owners walking their dogs off-the-leash. I have encountered countless numbers of dogs off-the-leash - this is intimidating for myself (walking and particularly when running) and for my children - we have stopped taking our 3 and 5 year olds on walks in the Kau Kau area (and to the summit) specifically due to this problem. When I personally (and politely) ask dog owners to put their dogs on a leash on the Kaukau tracks, I often get flippant / mildly abusive responses (including comments about the rules being ridiculous, and my dog wouldn't hurt anyone). Dogs are also occasionally walked through (both on and off-leash) the children's playground at Khandallah Park - which can also cause children to be anxious / intimidated. In addition to anxiety and intimidation, if unchecked, it is only a matter of time before there is a serious incident. Additional large / clear signage is required along with continued enforcement activities. Please give this priority. All I am asking is that dogs are properly controlled and this includes being on a leash (which also provides visible reassurance to the non-owner that the dog is under control).

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Comments

No view on this

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Comments/suggestions

This seems to duplicate question 2.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Please see question 2.

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Dog Policy

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Comments

No. I would prefer to see Island Bay beach retain the requirement for dogs to be exercised on the lead. Meeting dogs on the beach discourages other users (me included). There is a dedicated exercise area very near the beach opposite the park. Also, as the island is being protected as a penguin habitat in the proposal, so should the beach. Penguins are present in the area.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

No, it shouldn't. Dogs are intimidating to lots of people, and the habitats of native animals should be protected.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Currently people do have dogs off the lead at Makara and Aro Valley tracks. I've had a scary encounter on the Pollhill tracks when I met an unaccompanied dog. The owner turned up soon after but it did put me off using the trails.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
- No

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Related to dogs but not specifically exercise areas: has anyone been fined for dog fouling or leaving their dog poo bags in inappropriate places? This morning I counted four bags containing poo dumped between my house (one on the pavement, two over the fence on Milne Terrace and one on a car bonnet!) and the sea wall. That's pretty awful behaviour! What's the council able to do to crack down?

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File
Dog Policy

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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes. I would also like the Lyall Bay beach area to be increased to include the western end, during the winter. If not for all times and days, then maybe it could be considered for restricted times - e.g. up to 11am and then after 4pm.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes. I think it could have winter hours similar to those I have put for Lyall Bay beach.

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

The Ataturk off leash track is off limits to bikes yet people still ride up and down it at times. Some say they have not seen the no bikes signs (they are very small). Would it be possible to have a no bikes symbol painted on the track at the top and bottom?

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I don't know how all dog owners would feel about paying if their dog was not going to use it. However our rates pay for playground equipment for children yet many of us do not have children. So I think it should be paid by all ratepayers.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Many restaurant, cafe and bar owners are very welcoming of dogs. And owners of other businesses too.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I don't think there is any problem with leaving a dog outside a business while you go inside for a short time. I see this at Chaffers St New World all the time. There might be a time limit for this though.

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I think the restrictions should be relaxed even more.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

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No.

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- Yes
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Comments

n/a

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Comments

Yes I agree. Am glad to see the changes being considered/proposed.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I don't mind about this one personally.

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Comments/suggestions

They look sensible to me.

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Many dog owners love to use tracks, and should have access to some tracks with same rights as others. Similar to those with bikes, children etc. it may be an inconvenience to some, but if it is a known off-lead area, those with a problem with it will avoid those areas just as those of us who don't like kids, bikes etc. avoid places where they are found.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Strongly support this. Again similar to play equipment for children etc., this is an important

recreational tool for those with dogs. Ideally the council could pay. Alternatives are for community groups/dog organisations to raise funds/sponsor agility equipment. This has been done in Auckland, Henderson - perhaps review what they have done there. It is very successful.

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Comments/suggestions

This is one of those ones that is hard depending on the dog and its aggression levels etc. also how long it is to be left. It is stupid to think one can't leave their dog tied up outside a dairy while you pop in to get something briefly; however being tied up and left for anything beyond 10-15 minutes and being beyond earshot etc. is in my view unsafe to both the dog and others. (It could get stolen, etc.)

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Comments/suggestions

Would be brilliant to have more time that we are allowed to use these dog exercise areas particularly with Wellington not having very favourable outdoor weather much.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

No thanks

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Comments

Thank you for going ahead with these reviews. It is wonderful and glad to see there is recognition of the benefit of having some good things available for those of us with dogs. There are so many dog owners in Wellington and they encourage our positive recreation etc. so it makes sense to support us in this. Thank you!

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Getting dog organisations to sponsor dog equipment at dog exercise areas is a very viable option to pursue. (such as dog day care, grooming, etc. places) - it helps their marketing and gets funds for equipment.

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File
Dog Policy

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dog areas are really important, for keeping dogs exercised and socialised. Please don't reduce any dog area, as there are so few place where a dog can run.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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#### Comments/suggestions

If it was at a cafe while the owner was with the dog- yes. If you are going into a store and tying up a dog in a busy high people traffic area - No.

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#### Comments/suggestions

Yes, but only where owners can see them, for example popping into the dairy - is ok. But leave them at a shopping centre to go shopping, not so cool. You are not able to see who is coming up to your dog, and most dogs hate being on a leash and unable to get away from threats.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

I think it really depends on when the public are more likely to be on the beach. If you are getting families with small children on the beach at 9am. Then that should be the cut off. If it's 10 then that should be the cut off. Children and dogs are both unpredictable, so lets keep them safe.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

Dog walking areas are really important. And I think that general public without dogs need to be more aware of these areas, so they can keep out of them if they don't like dogs. I have had people say 'put that dog on its leash' when we are in a designated area. Now owning a knee high very non aggressive well behaved labradoodle makes me think that it is not the dog that caused that suggestion, but rather them not understanding where the dog exercise area began and ends. And I feel it is because they are unaware that they need to share this area with dogs.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

Most registered dog owners follow the dog bylaws, it is the unregistered ones that don't. I feel that rather than tightening up the dog laws, the council needs to be harder on unlicensed dog owners.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Comments

No in relation to proposed change of relaxing restrictions on dogs using the side-lines of sports fields when they are not being used for sporting events. The current by law states dogs are prohibited in sports fields. Why would WCC wish to relax this restriction? When sporting events are not on, fields are used for many different activities such as team practices, individual sport training and family fun. For example, my 15 year old daughter uses the top field at Alex Moore Park for sprint training. Often dogs, on and off the lead ran up to her and she has found dog pooh next to where she trains. Relaxing the current by law would make this situation even worse with more uncontrolled dogs and dog pooh. Why should we have to share our sports fields with dogs and irresponsible dog owners?

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## Comments

No comment

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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## Comments/suggestions

No comment on changes except that more fenced exercise areas would be helpful to hopefully reduce the number of dogs being exercised in prohibited areas.

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Comments

It would be helpful if WCC animal control officers could increase number of their patrols at Kipling Street Play Area, Alex Moore Park, Truscott Park and the tracks up to Mt Kaukau to stop dog owners from using all these places as off leash exercise areas. As a frequent user of these places it is scary to be approached by uncontrolled dogs, especially without warning, and a nuisance to try to avoid the dog poo that irresponsible dog owners do not pick up.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

People, whether they are dog owners or not, matter more than dogs. Please keep some areas i.e all sports fields and their surrounding borders plus play areas dog free for those of us that wish to enjoy them without (a) the fear of being attacked or (b) the nuisance of walking in dog pooh. Please also provide more fenced exercise areas for dog use only.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Comments

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Comments

I would like the part of Island Bay beach that now has a total ban at all times given the same status as the western side. I cannot see the reason for prohibiting dogs, on or off leash, from that part of the beach, especially in winter. Also, I would like the small dog friendly area on the other side of The Esplanade, fenced in. It is very close to the road & is unsuitable for off leash dogs. They could easily run onto the road.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

As above. I agree it should be off leash. Dog owners are responsible people & would use discretion where people are on the beach. I'd particularly like to be able to walk my dog all along the beach.

There seems no reason why part of is is prohibited all year round

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes. I like the 10am start in summer time. Before 9am was too early for me.!

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

With the addition of the north/east part of Island Bay beach

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Already commented. Yes

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Already mentioned that I recommend the small off leash dog park in Island Bay be fenced in. Perhaps all such areas should be too. I'd never let my dog off the leash in such a small area close to a road, which makes the area redundant as a dog free park.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

### Comments

I believe discretion, by both dog owners & animal control officers, should rule the day. After all, bad rules are made to be broken, such as the one now which says dogs have to be leashed on some beaches. Also, when it's obvious that within the banned hours in summer time, the beach is empty the bye-law should be viewed with discretion by the dog control officer.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Which of the following best describes you?

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- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I strongly oppose of any beach in the Wellington area being used by dogs, either on or off the leash. Dogs should be leashed at all times and have access only to public streets and specified dog exercise areas.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

No

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- Yes
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Stebbing's Dam Recreational Area. I live close to this recreational area and often walk here. This area of land, which is under the ownership of GWRC, had been used as an uncontrolled informal off leash dog exercise area ever since the dam was built. Since the opening of the extension of Westchester Drive, visibility and access has been improved, with a consequential increase in usage as a dog exercise area. The proposal to define part of the Stebbings Dam Recreational Area as a dog exercise area is therefore welcome as it will give definition to the allowable use of part of this area. However by defining the dog exercise area in this location, with the publicity that it will receive, will inevitably increase usage. Currently many of the dog owners arrive with the dog in a car. Often the cars are parked on the grass area adjacent to the recreational area access gate. This area is really the front entrance to Churton Park, adjacent to the Churton Park sign. It is an area that would benefit greatly from some planting to make an attractive entry point to the suburb. Planting and beautification is not feasible at present because of the informal way cars are parked here. To fix this situation, a physical barrier is needed to separate the dam accessway from the grassed areas. The barrier could be a series of bollards, a kerb, low wall or some very large rocks. Note that there is plenty of space for parallel parking on Westchester Drive itself, so there is no need for cars to park adjacent to the gate at all. Please include this requirement as a part of the establishment physical work for the dog exercise area at Stebbings Dam Churton Park.

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

This looks like Question 2 repeated. See comments above which apply to Stebbings Dam only.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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Comments

By and large

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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*proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

By and large. Part of Cummings Park could perhaps be fenced for the use of dogs. But certainly, no attempt should be made to shut dogs out of Cummings Park altogether. Most dog owners would generally support the Council's proposal of no change. Further, dog owners are probably the major users of the park. By contrast, there are some people in Ngaio strongly opposed to the continued presence of dogs in Cummings Park. They are of course entitled to their point of view. But how much popular support do they command? Any firm Council proposals seeking to change Cummings Park as a dog exercise area should be put to a dedicated public meeting. (Section 5.2 refers) There are strong reasons why Chelmsford Park is not an acceptable alternative for Cummings Park. Among other things, the former does not have Cummings Park's central location; has no stream; lacks adequate parking; is difficult of access for older people; is without seating; and has porous boundaries.

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Yes. It is suggested that when parents of small children have to pay for children's playground equipment, then it would be appropriate for dog owners to pay for some dog agility equipment. (If consulted, however, many dog owners would be prepared to donate their time to helping construct such equipment.)

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

Dogs should never be a nuisance. It would probably be difficult to find a place in the central city where, because of its density, they could be tied up out of the way of people.

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- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Yes. 'Public place' has a very wide definition. There is a certain balance to be found between public and private need. It should be possible legally to be able to tie up a dog out of the way of people when one is returning books at the local library, for example. A blanket ruling would make that impossible.

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to

make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

The Ian Galloway Park dog exercise area is a major success. More such large, fenced areas elsewhere would be much appreciated and well used. Trelissick Park is a gem. Dogs are permitted off-leash and that privilege is highly valued. Dogs have been exposed to poisonous pellets there. Those pellets had probably fallen out of inadequate bait stations. Bait stations are not cheap, but some dog owners (including myself) have said they would be prepared to contribute to purchasing more secure ones. But we look to the Council to take a lead on this.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

Dog policy is admittedly a difficult area. The community is divided on many relevant issues. Opinions are sometimes emotionally based and certainly strongly held. Concerning Cummings Park: only in a targeted public meeting can the relative strength of opinions on relevant issues be assessed; and the arguments appropriately weighed. Certainly the present proposed policy seems fair and balanced to me.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes, in general. I would appreciate the use of no pooping signs being on city and suburban footpaths to reinforce the right message. Essentially dogs should not poop on a public footpath as often it is difficult to clean up and people walk right through the residue. It is not enough to say clean up your dog's poop. Dogs can be trained to poop in appropriate places. It is however essential to say that dogs MUST be on lead which many dog owners do not do. The removal of the 'no stopping' ban is far more realistic than do not leave your dog tied up and unattended. By having the central city area open to dogs WCC is not paying attention to residents who do not like dogs and are afraid of them. The other issue is that once a dog has entered a business it no longer comes under the rules of the WCC. I am tired of being in cafes in town where people have their dogs with them. It is being quite common and because there is no management of this it is a growing trend. Dogs on sports field. No - not at any time. It is usually a narrow piece of land, owners are not responsible, many kids are afraid of dogs and they should be able to be free to relax and play. As a parent with sporting children and a dog means I strongly oppose this proposal. It is dog owners benefit at the expense of non-dog lovers.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I think this is best answered by Island Bay residents who use the beach. I think it is too small a beach to have both dogs and families. Dogs continue to poop, owners dont pick it up and then young kids find it when playing in the sand.

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Comments/suggestions

None of the dog exercise areas are ones I use.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Dont use them

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Letting my dog off lead in the bush like Trellisick Park is the most amazing experience. If it is designated, other users are aware of the potential to meet dogs off lead - especially mountain bikers and young families.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

The cost of purchasing, maintaining and replacing is a nice to have rather than essential. I think WCC has other priorities. Vandalism is also an issue. The more you have in an area the more potential for damage by vandals and skateboarders.

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Answered this in the summary. Repeat... The removal of the 'no stopping' ban is far more realistic than do not leave your dog tied up and unattended. By having the central city area open to dogs WCC is not paying attention to residents who do not like dogs and are afraid of them. The other issue is that once a dog has entered a business it no longer comes under the rules of the WCC. I am tired of being in cafes in town where people have their dogs with them. It is being quite common and because there is no management of this it is a growing trend.

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Comments/suggestions

I walk my dog through Brooklyn Village every day, call in to get a take away coffee and talk to the shop keepers. I leave my dog tied up for 5-10 mins and this would be no longer possible. I am not sure what is viable.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It all depends on the use of specific areas. I dont think you can have a blanket rule as it must be driven by the community in which the park is.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Improved signs about dog owner responsibilities everywhere. So many are faded. Dog areas with poop bag dispensers and poop bins around seem to be much cleaner. I am not sure how far you have to go to hand feed dog users and leave them with the responsibility. Tawatawa Reserve has had an amazing amount of work done but dog owners have not stepped up and respected the increasing beauty of this area. The first 100m of trail is always littered with poop alongside and on the path. It is gross!!

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

It's a good attempt at fine tuning what is there. Essentially I think the WCC Dog team is doing a great job. This adjustment to new habits is good but there are some tensions, like dogs being in the inner city' is a tough one to solve. I think there needs to always be a balance between dog lovers (? % of residents) and non dog lovers. I see so many adults and kids shy away when they see a dog coming towards them adn we must meet the needs of all residents.

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

I oppose Island bay beach being an off leash area - this beach is widely used by families and children. the risk from loose dogs and faeces is too great, and I believe WCC would be liable under the new H&S legislation.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Why are you removing Liardet / Balfour dog exercise area - this is used. Banning dogs there, will lead to dogs being walked on Liardet Park even more than they are now!

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I support off leash areas, if these are fully fenced.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

However this should be included in dog tagging fees.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I am opposed to dogs in the CBD - they are a trip hazard and I am not keen on dog faeces on footpaths (this will happen based on current poor level of pick ups through parks at present...)

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Comments

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I am not happy about any dogs being allowed on sports fields at any time. As a sportsman it is utterly disgusting to find dog faeces across a field you're about to play sport on. Noone is policing the current policy, so why would anyone will police an even looser one....

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes

No

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Regarding the Botanical Gardens I certainly agree with the changes you are proposing but ASK THAT YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDER making Magpie Lawn as an off-leash area. Even though I do not own a dog I regularly walk with two friends who both own dogs. We very much enjoy the regular walk we do but it is really important for the dogs to have a paly area where they can frolic around together. Perhaps look at making it an off-leash area at certain times. I notice most people walk before and after work. Please take this suggestion into consideration.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

Please make Magpie Lawn in the Botanical Gardens an off-leash area

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Comments

The major improvement dog parks and off-leash walks need is more rubbish bins. More bins, less dog poo left on the ground. It's very disgusting having to pick it up and take it home in the car.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

I regularly use the small Te Ahumairangi slopes park. It's not really suitable for anything other than a dog park, why remove it? It's very convenient, as there's a car park nearby and enough bush between the road and park to not fear dogs running off onto the road.

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#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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#### 6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

There are numerous 'on-leash' tracks which 90% of dog owners treat as off-leash, because there's nothing better for exercising dogs than having them running around off-leash. Maybe look into ways of implementing more 'official' 'off-leash' walkways, but have clear signage as to why dog owners must be careful about having their dogs off-leash.

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#### 7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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#### Comments/suggestions

That would be fun! But I don't think rate payers will want to pay for equipment that agility trainers will use to train their dogs for competitions. It also might encourage arguments over people 'hogging' equipment.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

No. I think this is a very good rule, as it is fair that people be able to walk their dogs through town, but it ensures boundaries and makes it clear that the CBD is not for dogs. It's also a good rule, as I have seen dogs tied up to traffic light poles, able to walk onto the road, which is so dangerous! There aren't places suitable for dogs to be tied up at.

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Sometimes we need to tie our dogs up while we go inside a shop. It would be great to have a standardized set of rules and guidelines for owners and shops, such as standardized signage made available to stores for them to show where dogs should be tied up or asking patrons not to leave their dogs outside. If you ban leaving dogs in public places, the other option is for owners to leave them in cars. I all too often see dogs left in cars on hot days (even because their owners are stopping for coffee at a nearby dog friendly cafe! Imagine if it wasn't dog friendly!), people will risk this over risking being fined.

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Comments/suggestions

I don't go to any areas with time restrictions

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Comments

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Comments

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- Yes
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#### Comments

There is an open drain in Seton Nossiter which is very dangerous. The Terrace dog park could be better! Shelter at the enclosed park at Greta Point please, there's no shade for the dogs and it gets really hot there in summer

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File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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 Mobile: **0225562663**  
 eMail: **sarahbarker777@gmail.com**

Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Mostly. Glad to see clearer timings for specified times rather than outright exclusions. The Stebbings Dam area is very small in comparison to the open area that is Stebbings Dam. Is it to be fenced or well signposted. I think it would be better to make it the whole slope and down to the dam itself (excluding the path for non dog users) Dennis Duggan park is a good idea to include the north part, not sure why for small dogs only as most users of this park are well socialised dogs. This park gets very wet and smelly (being an old tip) are there any plans to help with drainage or at least raise the path a bit so humans can stay dry in winter? Setton Nossiter - nice to see that you can now walk down the path with dogs off lead in the proposal. Are the council aware that to stick only to the off leash area is currently unsafe due to a slip (I presume that they are as someone has put up a temporary fence). The stream by the dam where you would need to cross is dangerous when there has been rain (not been a problem this summer) but would benefit from a bridge. I would really like to see Setton Nossiter become fully off leash for the whole par (like Treilissick Park became a few years ago). I only ever see doggy related people down at this park and it would be really great if we had a park in the Northern Suburbs that we can walk for at least an hour with our dogs off leash the whole time - that way humans and dogs get decent exercise. It is currently very poorly signposted as to where the off leash area is. Tinakori Hill - this is another one that I would like to see being completely off lead - especially the whole of the ridgeline to both car parks as is a

great place to walk dogs if near Kelburn/Karori.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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#### Comments

Yes, I don't mind where but a portion of the beach would be nice as not a lot available in Island Bay itself. The park across the road is too open to be safely used for a lot of dogs.

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#### Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Absolutely! I like to walk my dogs in the great tracks that Wellington has to offer. It would be great if we had some that you can have a semi decent hike and allow dogs off lead. I aim to walk my dogs off lead for at least an hour each day, but sometimes this is difficult.

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Comments/suggestions

The like of the new Ian Galloway could have an area fenced off to include some agility equipment. Another park could be the northern end of Dennis Duggan park. It would be great to be able to do some quick training if short on time to stimulate mind as well as body. I would support paying for a little bit being a dog owner but would rather see local businesses hep out. My major concern would then be theft and/or vandalism and who/how that would be monitored. Would also be great to have in a lit area as we don't walk our dogs until at least 6pm which means in the dark for about 5 months of the year!

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Comments/suggestions

No, keep central city and built up suburban areas dog free. In saying that outside major supermarkets in the suburbs it would be great to have a designated tie up zone - if I do walk on the lead I sometimes want to stop in and buy something for dinner on way home but there is no where to tie dog up that is safe as supermarket now mandates no dogs to be tied up outside.

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#### Comments/suggestions

In certain areas. Would be good to have more designated tie up zones. Some shops have them others are unhelpful and say no tie up not don't have a safe place to do so. There also needs to be more education for members of public not to approach dogs without owner present and owner's permission.

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#### Comments/suggestions

Make it as clear as possible and give responsible dog owners that would like to walk their dogs the chance to do so

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

Please add more rubbish bins and get them emptied more frequently. I often see the bin at Dennis Duggan overflowing for days on end and feel sorry for the rubbish man that has to sort it out.

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Comments

WCC call centre need ability to access dog registration details. You now have to ring the council instead of animal control direct. We rang on the weekend for a found, injured, dog, the poor call centre guy then had to contact animal control just to access the tag number to inform the owners that it had been found. By all means animal control need to know and document it but make life a bit easier for all concerned and share your databases. I also really dislike trying to register dogs with WCC. I have adopted 3 over the years from SPCA and have all relevant details and filled in your stipulated form(s). Why then do I get asked lots of questions and nearly do the job myself when trying to register. Surely your form should be written in the way that it has to be inputted into the computer system so the staff don't have to go looking for information. I have found it highly frustrating when I have gone in organised and it takes so long to do what I think is a simple task.

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File
Dog Policy

# Dog Policy

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and send it to us by
- Dog Policy, Freepost, Wellington City Council, P.O. Box 2199, Wellington.
  - By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

## Enter your name and contact details

Mr     Mrs     Ms     Miss     Dr

\*First name **David**

\*Last name **Calder-Flynn**

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Suburb **Kelburn**

City **Wellington**

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas     Yes     No

## \*Mandatory fields

I am making a submission

As an individual     On behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation

I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors.

Yes     No

If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

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Comments/suggestions

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It would be really good if there was a dog exercise park within the Botanical Gardens, as the nearest park for Kelburn, Thorndon residents is too far away.

Dogs are People too!

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Please consider putting a dog exercise area in the Botanical Gardens, there are so many dogs that would love it.  
+ Magpie lawn would be the perfect place!

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City	Wellington
Phone	04 387 4977
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Lyall Bay

- ① MAKING a clear indication on the beach where the Lyall Bay exercise area finishes and the no dog area begins.
- ② Better monitoring of dog owners who bring their dogs into the prohibited area.
- ③ Stronger enforcement of dog owners picking up dog's faeces.

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Street address	152 THE PARADE, IS. Bay.
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City	Wellington
Phone	934-9332
Email	McM@paradise.net.nz
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It is sad having nowhere to walk my dog off-leash. In ~~Paris~~ London last year there were many dogs off-leash in posh inner city parks, also in a pub area near Tower Bridge

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I APPLAUD THE GENERAL LIBERALISATION OF THIS POLICY - IT'S ABOUT TIME! - I ESPECIALLY APPROVE OF THE CHANGE TO THE "CENTRAL CITY RESTRICTIONS".

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Comments

I am commenting only on the proposals for Willowbank Park, Tawa. I agree with the proposed changes to the dog exercise areas in Willowbank Park as they are plain common sense following the construction of the new bridge and walking/cycling track through part of the old dog exercise areas. The area abandoned has been unusable for a dog exercise area since then. The new proposed dog exercise area is now entirely on the west side of the railway track. However, the maps provided for Willowbank Park showing the existing dog exercise area do not reflect what has been happening in the past and at present. The dog exercise area indicated on the eastern side of the railway has seldom been used as a dog exercise area. Dogs are nearly always exercised in the picnic area adjacent to the children's play area near the Takapu Road Railway Station. I have long been disturbed by this as I often take my grandchildren to the play area and have to run the gauntlet of dog owners and their dogs chasing balls and sticks through this open area which is adjacent to the swings and slides. Dog owners have asserted their right to do so. It is a constant concern to keep young children from being knocked over by the dogs some of which are poorly controlled. The signage in the area is very ambiguous and does by no means indicate where and where not the dogs are allowed to run freely. Until reading your map of the existing regulations I thought that they were allowed to operate in this area. The maps provided appear to show that this

has never been an approved dog exercise area. It would be good if the signage was altered to indicate clearly where the dog areas really are and where they are not. The approval of the proposed changes to the dog areas would be a suitable time to alter the signage and perhaps indicate that dogs are not to roam free adjacent to the play area which is mainly used by very young children.

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Comments

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Aviashni Kumar on behalf of BUS: Dogs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 April 2016 3:29 p.m.  
**To:** Jessica Clarke  
**Subject:** FW: Confirm Mercury; Enquiry number: 2451718

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Jess,

I spoke to Mark and he wants me to forward this as a dog policy feedback. I have updated confirm

Thanks

Aviashni Kumar  
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**To:** BUS: Dogs  
**Subject:** Confirm Mercury; Enquiry number: 2451718

Enquiry number: --- 2451718  
 Status: --- Request Logged  
 Follow Up Date: --- 29/04/2016 13:17:36  
 Action officer: --- Animal Control  
 Logged By: --- Kristina Shavez  
 Subject: --- Account Enquiries  
 Site: --- Mantell St  
 Location: --- Mantell St, Seatoun, Wgtn  
 Contact: --- Mark Jennings  
 Phone: --- 021614231  
 AIT Phone: --- null

Description: --- Mantell St Steps at 79 Mantell St. Dog owners not picking up after dogs. The renovated path, steps besides my house has dramatically increased the number of people who use this walkway. It has unfortunately increased the number of people who walk their dogs here.

There is a terrible amount of dogs mess left on the path. Especially at the entrance and around the steps. I have noted that around 70 per cent of dog walkers do not even carry the dog poo bags to pick up after their beloved pets. These same people are usually the same people that do not even bring a dog leash let alone use one. I believe the total lack of signage has given these dog owners the impression it is actually not a walkway but a dog's toilet. Please can council affix signage reminding the dog owners to pick up after their pet and remind them of the fines for not doing so. I spoke with one owner who refused to pick up after his dog, claiming it was allowed if not on the path. He begrudgingly got a stick and pushed the mess off the steps a few inches. What action can be taken against dog owners I see regularly allowing their dog to foul the walkway and not clean up. I would be willing to record vehicle registrations for these owners.

Notes: --- Info@ received from [jenningsnz@clear.net.nz](mailto:jenningsnz@clear.net.nz)

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Bea Hamer <b.hamer@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 April 2016 8:28 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Exercise area Cummings Park

I think the dog exercise area in Cummings Park should remain. It poses no threat to the surrounding shops or grassy area beyond the stream and is a place for dogs to run and socialise. A flat open space is what they need. They do not need "improvements". Dogs delight in freedom, smells, running and meeting other dogs. Dogs denied this often turn morose or aggressive. Please leave this space alone

Mrs Bea Hamer  
4a Pomare St  
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ph: 479 3704

Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Sally Lees <sallylees@ihug.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 April 2016 10:41 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy submission

Hi

I am supportive of all the proposed changes.

When it comes to changes to parks, I am very keen to see the changes to Waihinahina Park go ahead, especially the separate area for small dogs. The pond at the far side (where the track goes up to the road) used to be a reliable source of water but since earthworks were done a couple of years ago, it drains much faster. I am not sure why that ended to be done - we walk there frequently and had not been aware of any flooding issues, for example. We don't use it as often now because we end up with extremely muddy dogs, which didn't used to be a problem.

On a related note, there is a tap in the Troop Clearing BBQ but not all dogs can drink from a running tap; could a water bowl be installed there, given that signs warn against drinking from the stream?

I would like to see more incentive for neutering, such as requiring un-neutered dogs to be muzzled in public (have a different coloured tag for un-neutered dogs?) - unless someone is a registered breeder or shows dogs competitively there is seldom another reason for a dog to remain un-neutered. Does the council note whether a dog is neutered in the records of dog control incidents, and if so is there is a higher rate of incidents involving un-neutered dogs? Alternately, perhaps it would encourage RDO status if, rather than un-neutered dogs, all non-RDO dogs had to be muzzled in public. Again this could be signalled by different coloured tags.

Has any thought been given to simply requiring all dogs to be muzzled off-lead? I cannot help but think that this would prevent a lot of the attacks by poorly-controlled off-lead dogs, and in my experience a wide range of size and breeds are involved. Sometimes the greater good is more important and I personally would have no problem if required to muzzle in public, if it helped protect the many people and dogs attacked in public.

I would very much like to see Breaker Bay made into an off-leash beach. we greatly enjoy meeting friends in the car park to walk up through the Pass of Branda to enjoy the views past the old pa site etc and it is such a shame to come down onto such a quiet beach away from the road and not be able to let the dogs off. It would be ideal to have the walk above be off-lead as well. Again, it is well away from roads and we mostly encounter only other dog walkers up there.

It would be good to have an app for dog exercise areas - I enjoy trying out new places and this would be a useful way to get information.

I have not been able to find reference to any required age for people walking dogs. I am concerned at times to see quite young children walking dogs without adult supervision, and their ability to cope if another dog should attack, or something startles them and they let go of the lead. Some of them are being pulled along by the dog, which is not very safe near roads. Is there anywhere that spells out a minimum age for dog walkers in order for a dog to be considered legally under control?

Please clarify what is meant by unattended dogs not being allowed to be tied up and left unattended - does this include outside suburban supermarkets, dairies etc?

With respect to dog control costs, I would like to see the council specify what proportion of registration fees are used for this, rather than the current statement of '75% from registration and control fees and enforcement'. I cannot see any justification for owners of dogs that do not cause problems to have their registration fees spent on dog control of other people's dogs. Dog control costs should be recovered from those owners, and any shortfall covered from rates as a public good.

Has any consideration been given to allow muzzled, on-lead dogs into Zealandia? Sadly I don't have time for walks that I can't take my dog on, so don't go to Zealandia for that reason.

I have noticed a public call for feedback on the dog park at Cummings Park. I am keen to see this park retained. It is one of few parks that has access to fresh water, and the proximity to the cafe makes for a pleasant break. If dogs are bothering walkers on the other side of the stream, perhaps gates that auto-swing closed could be installed at one or both ends of the bridge over the stream. Perhaps there also needs to be clear signage on how to access the playground without going through the dog park, as I have seen people complain about dogs when walking through, when there are other routes to get to the playground without going through the dog park. I live closer to the Silverstream Road park but the lack of fencing and proximity to the road mean I do not feel it is safe to use, and the planned subdivision at the end of the road could seriously compromise the safety of any dogs using it. I am puzzled however that the Nagio.org.nz website says that Cummings Park is under consideration for changes when the council document states that no changes are planned. I trust that no changes will be made unless full public consultation is undertaken, which is not part of the current process.

kind regards  
Sally Lees  
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Crofton Downs  
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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Karen Bishop <karen.bishop@vodafone.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 April 2016 11:17 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Cat and dog proposals

As both a cat and dog owner (with RDO status) I am very interested in the changes to the policies in keeping domestic pets.

I think it is a good idea to make it a requirement for domestic cats to be microchipped to help identify strays in the area. My cat is already microchipped.

I think it is a good idea to have one set period for restricted times to certain areas, in particular times when one has access to beaches to be consistent throughout the region.

My one concern to the policy and this is not absolutely clear from the policy is leaving a dog unattended in a public space. I sometimes walk my dog down to the local supermarket and tie her up outside well away from the main entrance so I can pop in to buy some milk. It will only be for a few minutes. If dogs are not allowed to be left unattended even for a very short time then in future if I just need one or two items from the local shops I will not be able to take my dog in which case I will probably drive there, creating more traffic on the roads, creating pollution etc.

I can understand the need to restrict dogs being left unattended in a public space but could there not be a time limit, say they can only be left for a maximum of 5 minutes?

Karen Bishop

Sent from my iPad

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Comments

No. Areas where other members of the public wish to access them for recreational purposes should not be subject to roaming dogs that are not on leads which may subject them to potential risk or that may 'foul' areas where they maybe walking.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

No. Areas where other members of the public wish to access them for recreational purposes should not be subject to roaming dogs that are not on leads which may subject them to potential risk or

that may 'foul' areas where they maybe walking. The WCC should provide either an enclosed dog exercise area for this community or completely isolate an area that is adequately sign posted.

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

It appears that more and more areas are being given over to dog owners without serious consideration being given to the rights of other users of these areas. More concern is being shown to wildlife and natural habitats than to members of the general public especially those who don't like animals and have a fear of animals, along with the potential risk situations that the public maybe placed in.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

If installed it should not be a major cost to the WCC but a cost to dog owners, e.g. through increased fees.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

Current management of the dog policy within the central city is poor and communication with and response from officials, is less than satisfactory. We oppose the proposal that the restriction on dogs not being allowed to stop within the central city area be removed. It should be easy to sign post the intended central area and to ensure that high pedestrian areas such as Lambton Quay and lower Willis Street are kept free of dogs as far as is possible. Many of the people who infringe the current bylaws are not people taking their dog to and from the waterfront for exercise purposes but beggars and owners who take their dog shopping as if it is their right. Many of these are the same people who tie up their dogs and leave them unattended or who create a problem for shop owners and shoppers alike by taking their animals into shops often against owners' policies. It is not uncommon to see beggars' dogs off the leash and to experience owners with unleashed dogs walking through Cuba Mall. We don't understand why it is necessary for dog owners to take their dogs with them wherever they go.

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Those people who currently tie up their dogs and leave them unattended create problems for shop owners by blocking doorways, leave dogs to 'stress' with the owner not present, and place members of the public who may seek to befriend the dog, at risk of attack or biting. This situation would only be exacerbated by allowing dogs to be left unattended in any public place as the question implies. Health and safety should be paramount and WCC in its decision making should

be acutely aware of that.

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It is a pleasure to go to major cities such as New York where specially constructed dog exercise areas are provided, with rules stipulating that dogs must be on a leash and taken directly to and from a residence to the exercise area. The same can't be said of many European cities where dogs 'foul' footpaths and are taken into restaurants, etc. Give us the former any day!

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

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The Council must ensure that their officers can effectively manage any changes to their policies, along with the current ones, before any such changes are made. Penalties for breeches of the dog policy need to be sufficient to deter dog owners from flouting the dog bylaws. Concerns have also been expressed about people abandoning the 'Golden Mile' because of parking difficulties to shop in suburban malls. The same will happen if you allow unrestricted dog access to this same area. You are catering for wildlife such as seals and penguins within your policy, why not rate payers and members of the general public especially from a fear and risk perspective?

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Comments

My comments are generic i.e. not specific to a particular area apart from the CDB. I have lived in & visited a number of cities in the world. Wellington is a delight on many fronts, but it stands out against other cities for it's lack of dogs & their related excrement in the city. I feel it would be detrimental to this clean, calm image if dogs, other than guide dogs, were permitted in the city. Any rules and regulations are only as good as the policing of them. I live at the Mt Vic end of Owen Street & note that most people let their dogs of the lead at the start of the path. This has led to dogs getting in to our garden & attacking our chickens. Leads are essential where gardens are accessible.

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## Comments/suggestions

Many track walkers, like me, are fearful of dogs. I also believe that some dog owners do little to monitor their dogs crapping in bushes & undergrowth, which would become even more problematic should this 'off-leash' proposal go ahead. As noted above the most mild-mannered of household pets can become a killer when they discover a chicken on their off-leash activities.

7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

I support this providing it is not another cost to the rates. I do not know where the dog licence money goes, but it could be used for this.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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## Comments/suggestions

Only guide dogs. See above in my general comments.

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## Comments/suggestions

Owners should not expect others to monitor their dogs behaviours.

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*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments  
No

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

I'm pleased it is being consulted on. Once in place it needs policing.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Who we are reaching

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- Male  
 Female
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 Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

## Comments

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## Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

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 Both
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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

I agree with the proposal that dog exercise areas should be fenced, particularly when they are next to roads or children's play areas. The fact that they are not currently fenced is the major reason why I do not use them. I was very excited to see the new facility at Ian Galloway Park, the fence is suitable for containing all sizes of dogs, for the safety of the dogs and comfort of the general public.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Not unless it is fenced.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I have concerns about the effect of unleashed dogs interacting with native wildlife.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It should come out of the dog registration.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It's too small an area, it's not fair on people who don't like dogs. Also just because a dog is on a lead doesn't mean it is under control and in the central city there too much potential for something to go wrong.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Absolutely not!

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I support the deletion of the dog exercise area at Cummings park in favour of the development of a better facility, like Ian Galloway Park, elsewhere. I think it would be better to have one park fully developed for children and no dogs allowed, and then have another decent sized park fully fenced for dogs and no little children.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

I think it's awesome that the problems associated with dog exercise areas are being addressed. Well done on the Ian Galloway Park facility - it's what we've been saying we needed for years! Thanks for listening!

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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## Who we are reaching

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

### Comments

It's good to see that we are getting something from registering our dog.

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### Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

As proposed

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

They could attract vandalism, if dog owners wish to do agility they can join a club

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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Comments/suggestions

Provided they are leashed and only left briefly. People need to manage their children.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Cummings Park is a great dog exercise area and is well used and managed by many dog owners. It would be great if this area could be flood lit to enable it to be used for an extended time.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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- Submitter  
 Agent  
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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Yes, I agree with the proposed changes for Willowbank park in Tawa. I have two young children and have long been concerned about people exercising their dogs directly adjacent to the toddler's playground. This is dangerous and there have been times when a dog has rushed around the playground and scared the children. There is also the danger for unleashed dogs to attack and maim the children. The signage is dreadful; there is no indication to dog owners that this area is off limits. Please put up very clear and obvious signage where the dog exercise areas are, and signage to show what is off limits to dog exercise to enforce this.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, strongly support

#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

We frequently encounter dogs off leash on tracks where they should not be - even be on leash. This can be very confronting especially for children as the dogs are often way ahead of their owners.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

If you can afford to own a dog, you should be able to afford to exercise your dog. Otherwise you

shouldn't buy one. Non- dog owners should not have to pay for the needs of dog owners.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
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Comments/suggestions

Certainly not if they are unleashed.

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Something needs to be done about attitudes of many dog owners who flout the rules as if they don't

exist. Enforcement needs to be a priority.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
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**Submission**

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Yes

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed

- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I support the retention of Cummings Park as a dog exercise area, it is well supported by the community and a great asset in the Ngaio community.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Yes I do. I think the proposed changes are excellent. They are well thought out and take into consideration dog owners needs whilst maintaining areas that protect the wildlife. Thank you so much.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I don't know. Am unfamiliar with it.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Am neutral because we have a dog that probably wouldn't play with dog agility equipment. Nice idea though.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I support this with the proviso that dog owners are made completely aware of their responsibilities for picking up their dogs poo. As a dog owner I get very upset and irritated that other owners are not always so responsible with these things.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This is a tricky one for me. The only time a dog is left unattended in a public place is if someone pops into a shop. And so in principle I am not against this. However I think the idea of taking a dog into the city centre and leaving it outside a shop isn't a good one because its so busy. My view is that there is no need to say anything about this in the policy.

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Thank you. I feel that these proposals are very well thought out.

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Cindie U <mallow\_puff\_girl@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 April 2016 11:42 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog policy

Hi,  
Why are you getting rid of Kaiwharawhara dog park? There are basically no fully fenced dog parks anywhere and it is hard enough trying to find somewhere to walk the dog where we can both relax.

Please keep Kaiwharawhara park open to dogs. Preferably open it for more of the year.

Thanks,  
Cindie

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Brian Sheppard <brian.sheppard@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 April 2016 8:52 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Cc:** Churton Park Community Association  
**Subject:** Dog exercise areas proposal - Stabbings Dam Recreational Area - Churton Park Community Association submission

The Churton Park Community Association supports the proposal to define part of the Stebbings Dam Recreational area as a dog exercise area but requests a physical barrier to formalise the parking of cars: separating the dam accessway from the grassed areas.

### Environmental values:

The Stebbings Dam Recreational area is a great facility for Churton Park. It has a variety of access tracks, established when the dam was built. In addition, there is an extensive revegetation area near the stream that was planted by the Glenside Streamcare group.

More recently, the Churton Park Revegetation group with the assistance of GWRC Rivers Group carried out planting adjacent to the top of the spillway, restoring the original beautification requirement of the dam resource consent.

### Dog-exercise area:

This area of land, which is under the ownership of GWRC, had been used as an uncontrolled informal off-leash dog exercise area ever since the dam was built. Since the opening of the extension of Westchester Drive, visibility and access has been improved, with a consequential increase in usage as a dog exercise area.

The proposal to define part of the Stebbings Dam Recreational area as a dog exercise area is therefore welcome as it will give definition to the allowable use of part of this area.

### Car parking:

Establishing a formal WCC dog exercise area in this location, with the publicity that it will receive, will inevitably increase usage. Currently, many people arrive with the dog in a car. Often the cars are parked on the grass area adjacent to the recreational area access gate. This area is really the front entrance to Churton Park, adjacent to the Churton Park sign.

The Churton Park Community Association sees that this is an area that would benefit greatly from some planting to make an attractive entry point to the suburb but this is not feasible at present because of the informal way cars are parked.

To fix this situation, a physical barrier is needed to separate the dam accessway from the grassed areas. The barrier could be a series of bollards, a kerb, a low wall or some very large rocks. Note that there is plenty of

space for parallel parking on Westchester Drive itself, so there is no need for cars to park adjacent to the gate at all.

Yours sincerely

Brian Sheppard  
President, Churton Park Community Association

57 Erlestoke Crescent, Churton Park, Wellington 6037

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**From:** Sally Talbot <novak.ta@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 April 2016 11:38 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** DOG POLICY REVISION

Dear WCC Dog control staff,

I think many of the alterations here are sound. Thanks for your hard work.

I do support the opening up of Waitangi park and Seatoun/ Worsler Bay areas to dog walkers.

I think the use of sports grounds by dog walkers is problematic- all too often I see dogs using these parks despite prominent No Dog signs , so the risk of faeces affecting humans playing sport on these fields is real.

I would like to see doggy bag dispensers and disposal bins at busy sites in Wgtn ,as I have seen in other towns in NZ. Anything to encourage poo removal is a good thing!

Sending a few bags with each registration tag each year would be a good reminder too.

I am not sure if I can agree to Oriental Bay Beach being accessed by dogs in winter- it is very heavily used all year round, and I suspect that dog faeces will collect there plus there are risks of young children being affected by dogs while they play there. Local dog- loving residents can instead use the town belt walkways which are extensive and handy.

Yours sincerely  
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Comments

No in particular regarding Island Bay Beach See below

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I do not fully agree with the proposal to change the western end of Island Bay Beach into a offleash dog area at all times for the following reasons: 1. While the area excludes the majority of the replanted dune system it does not include the area nearest the drains opposite the parks. The plantings in this area are extending each year along the wall and provide an important part of the dune system that has environmental as well as positive infrastructural benefits to the city. The total exclusion area to the policy needs to extend to the steps and the drains. 2. While I am not averse to

dogs on the beach I am aware of the need to control them. The western end of the beach is home to breeding oyster catchers which I have been observing for a number of years. Uncontrolled dogs are a threat to their habitats.

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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- Male
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My age is

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- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

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Dog Policy

Mrs J M Kerfoot  
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Dog Policy

I go with the new  
policy

Thank you

J M Kerfoot

# Dog Policy

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and send it to us by
- Dog Policy, Freepost, Wellington City Council, P.O. Box 2199, Wellington.
  - By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

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If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

Submissions close 5pm on Monday 2 May 2016
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Dog Policy - Have your say

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Comments/suggestions

Yes but many do not go far enough -> PTO

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments/suggestions

We do not use most off lead beach areas as they are too close to the road and far too small. Support off lead access proposed but personally unlikely to use often.

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Comments/suggestions We agree with the additions of off lead dog areas.

We do not think the additions go far enough / add enough in some areas -> PTO (Karori Park / Wright Hill / Sedon Nossite / Tawatawa reserve / Ian Gallaway)

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If you have a designated off lead track when mixed use occur it is with full knowledge off lead dogs will be encountered and less tensions between mixed users would occur. If users do not want to encounter dogs there is clarity about which tracks to avoid. Would be

great to be able to run for more than a few km with dogs off lead instead of on lead all the time!

We are keen mountain + road bikes, runners + dog walkers.  
Wellington has an excellent range of running and MTB tracks.  
However off lead dog access is poor in many areas and we often  
drive more than 30 mins across the city twice a day to access  
off lead dog areas that accommodate more than a 5km walk.

### Karori Park / Wrights Hill

Agree with addition of off lead paths but very limited off lead  
access in Karori.

### Ian Halloway Park

Excellent addition, safe, fully fenced and allow training as  
well as exercise. Accommodates for short walks.  
Problematic as next to a main road and many dog chase traffic.  
Suggest - adding vegetation especially along fence next to road to  
Screen road, create interest for dogs (not all dogs chase balls!)

### Karori Park

So small that more than 10 laps required for an off lead walk.  
Frustrating for dogs and owners.

Suggest whole bush area between dog walk area currently and  
skyline (including wec/wahine tracks) be off lead access.

Current off lead dog area ~~is~~ already shared use - why not  
extend this?

### Wrights Hill

Many tracks with only small square of grass (parade ground)  
off lead. Takes less than 5 mins to do a lap!

Zealandia fence line fully fenced + path essentially enclosed  
Why not off lead access wrights hill side of Zealandia fence line?

### Seton Nossiter

Great resource for off lead dog walkers but still only 1.6km.  
Why not close off lead entire length of valley towards Avenlands?

### Tawatawa

Excellent resource for dog walking. Why are there not more  
areas like this in Wellington. Big, vegetated, good parking, away  
from road, bin provided for dog waste. But again 3+ laps per walk.  
Suggest Tawatawa bush track from behind nursery to reservoir  
off lead as well. (Walkers/bikers wanting to avoid dogs can  
easily use the upper track via A Kiraho → Tawatawa ridge and  
city and sea walkway.)

- 7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?
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Comments/suggestions

Combined WCC + dog owner funding. WCC contributes to multiple MTRB, running + other fitness initiatives. Why not dog agility?

- 8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

Broadly yes - Wellington should be doing more to be dog friendly and this is a step in the right direction.

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Comments

No. Houghton Bay Beach and Lyall Bay are more than sufficient options.

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Comments/suggestions

Wellington needs to be more dog friendly - removing the ridiculous 'no stopping' rule will help. Enforcement should also be stepped up though - stronger penalties for non-registration etc.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

As above, I think Lyall Bay and Houghton Bay are sufficient.

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Comments/suggestions

Works well in Ngaio Gorge - better signage about off-leash areas would be helpful (and more policing of dogs being off-leash in on-leash areas).

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Comments/suggestions

Common sense, rather than blanket bans required here - popping into a dairy for 2 minutes is fine, leaving the dog for 2 hours to go to a cafe, not so much.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

Please retain Cummings Park in Ngaio - Chelmsford Park is not suitable. More signage highlighting the non-off lease areas would be good, as this is a bug bear for non owners, especially at the childrens park.

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Comments

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Comments

I love taking my dogs for a swim, but I do not agree that Scorching Bay or Oriental Bay should be beaches where dogs are allowed at any time. Scorching Bay is a beautiful family beach and Oriental Bay is a beach for everyone including many many tourists. The reason being is that some dog owners never pick up their dog poo, it is so annoying and makes the rest of us who do, look very bad. A few spoil it for so many and feel that with these two beaches that are used by so many members of the public, they should be kept for them, we dog owners have other beaches we can take our dogs to for a swim and run. No dog poo on these two beaches please.

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Comments

Totally, at the end that you can now use to walk them on a leash.

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- Neutral
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Comments/suggestions

Yes support apart from Scorching and Oriental bay becoming dog exercise areas and I would also like to see Ataturk memorial walkway opened up for off leash walk, this is a area that is very rarely used except by dog walkers and we must keep them on a lead apart from the middle section. I totally agree the area around the memorial, but it rugged hills where everyone walks their dogs off leash so why not make it off leash.

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Comments/suggestions

Tracks that already exist to be used by all people including dogs.

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pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

What is the point really, I would sooner see more rubbish bins so we can dump our poo bags and not have to take it home in our cars

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Comments/suggestions

Totally agree, just like everywhere else in the world, dogs are a big part of our lives now and we have huge inner city living.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Not unless the owner has popped in quickly to a shop, but otherwise no no no. You wouldn't leave your child unattended in a public place.

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Comments/suggestions

Most areas are not used before that time anyway so why not let someone use them. We must all learn to share and live together.

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Comments

No am very happy with what we have, just please please please could we have more rubbish bins.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Please please more rubbish bins

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

Dutch/Kiwi

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

We need hold owners responsible for their dogs, dog behaviour and teach dog owners to please please pick up their dog poo, it should be an offence to walk ANYWHERE including on a no lead walkway without a lead and poo bags.

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

They seem resonable.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Island Beach West of the Groins(flood water outlets) have as a off-leash area both summer and winter.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

No further comments.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

No further comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Support, have great concerns as to the non regulation of cyclist using such tracks of which they use as a private speedway riding a great speed with their heads down and their backside in the air with complete disregard for the safety of others using such tracks. As a walker I have been hit by a cyclist and tumbled down the bank.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

This has the potential for commercial facets to move in on dog walking/exercise followed their potential to seek out potential clients or harass dog owners to have their dogs enrolled in classes - no reeks of commercial activity.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

As a dog owner I am not infrequently stopped and spoken to by friends and members of the public, I do need to stop and talk.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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## Comments/suggestions

Unattended in a public place ? do we have a time limit. Not infrequently I would like to stop and shopped in Wellington City only place I know where to keep my dog and that is in my car !

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## Comments/suggestions

For those that work the night shifts this arrangement would be welcomed - we don't all have a day job.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

There are some area's and I think of the Tawa tawa dog park, that of a couple of seats. Also suggest to reduce such cost the WCC could encourage dog owners to have Memorial Seats in the park as paid by dogs owner who have the financial means.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

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Others issues/matters or general comment

#### Comments

From my concerns are and have been the use and abuse by Animal Control (AC) in the use of spy cameras on dog owners (myself) at a time when it was not a By- law of the WCC also as defined by the Police Web site, Operation of spy camera by AC was not legal. Who is controlling AC, Have/will dog owners be notified of recent changes that now allow the operation of these cameras and what are their rights. Experience shows my rights were trampled over when camera use were not legal !

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

In general yes, thank you for revising.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes, it would be good if it were a section the same way Lyall Bay is.

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Comments/suggestions

I would also like to ask that the area below receive a tap and double gates please or at least have the gate's upgraded so they shut automatically once someone leaves. There isn't a lot of shade and over summer it was very hot. Bringing water is ok when you drive there but I often walk, it would be great if that were a place you could stop and let your dog drink. Lower portion of Treasure Island/Kainui Road Reserve (land opposite Cog Park)

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

If they are sitting with their owner at a cafe. Not to be left there while their owner is off shopping.

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Oriental Bay Beach is well used year round and should remain free of dogs so visitors, locals and children can use. Dogs should be prohibited from using Waitangi Park.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

The area proposed includes the Pier which is used year round by families. There is already a clash between users. The proposed area should be moved further west.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Some such as the local proposal for Finnimore Terrace are fine except I think there probably needs to be an area in Kingston/Mornington

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

See comments on Oriental Bay and Island Bay beaches

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Probably council with some support from those who want

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Comments/suggestions

The Central City is a major shopping precinct and tourist area. To allow dogs unrestricted in this area is wrong. The policy should be tightened to prohibit dogs that don't belong to owners living in the area from entering and the area should be more clearly defined. Do councillors want to see Pit Bull terriers walking down Lambton Quay or Cuba Mall. We recently had a walk by 500 dogs which was very intimidating, This would allow that group to walk through the Central City unhindered.

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Comments/suggestions

Need to be under control at all times otherwise every cafe in town will have a dog tied up outside.

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Comments/suggestions

The suggested time period is far too short and the reasoning is flawed. Everyone knows when daylight saving is and this is the time when families are out and about.

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Comments

Poorly thought out in some areas

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## Comments

The proposed changes to sportsfields just makes the current policy more murky and almost impossible to enforce. Sportsfields should be a Prohibited Place including sidelines. Who is going to define 'is not in use'. Is a group of people kicking a ball around 'in use'?? While I am opposed to the proposed changes in a number of places the new policy states '(from 1 December until 1 March the consecutive year) and off leash at all times in winter' - Winter is June - August. What about rest of year.

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Comments

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Comments

I don't believe there should be any seasonal restrictions as it simply doesn't matter what time of the year it is. In general though, the changes seem to be reasonable. I am specifically on here to answer question 11.

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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No too much risk here. I think most would agree

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

This is why I wanted to lodge a submission. I frequently use Cummins park DEA. I am really pleased to see that there are no changes under the proposed policy. However the Crofton Downs, Ngaio Residents Association continually push their agenda to have this park closed as a DEA. Every year the same people with the same agenda pipe up with little factual information. The reality is, they want it closed and used for other purposes. However this park is highly frequented by dog owners and their families. There is a strong community that exists within the dog community. This would be disbanded if the park was ever closed down. People exercise their dogs there do so because it is safe, close to the hub of Nagio, convenient to amenities. Chelmsford and Trelissic DEA's are too far away for a number of people and certainly are not places you would take your dogs and family at night. There has often been an argument that Cummings DEA could be a picnic area etc. The reality is, it wouldn't be used for that and there are other areas for families that don't want to be around dogs. I really appreciate the work that WCC have done and the understanding they have around the benefit of the Cummings park DEA.

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Dog Policy

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Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and send it to us by
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  - By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

Enter your name and contact details	
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*Last name	PATTERSON
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\*Mandatory fields

I am making a submission	
<input type="checkbox"/> As an individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On behalf of an organisation
Name of organisation	SEAN NOSSITER DARK WORKING GROUP
I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No POSSIBLY.
If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.	

Submissions close 5pm on Monday 2 May 2016

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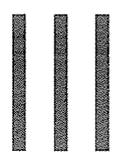
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# SETON NOSSITER PARK WORKING GROUP

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27 April 2016

## SUBMISSION

### DRAFT DOG CONTROL POLICY 2016

### SETON NOSSITER PARK

The Seton Nossiter Park Working Group presents this submission.

The review of the Dog Control Policy currently being undertaken in respect of Seton Nossiter Park proposes that the 'off-lead' area may once again change back to include the path down into the valley floor from the Mark Avenue car park

The Seton Nossiter Park Working Group opposes this proposal.

Seton Nossiter Park is classified as a recreational reserve protected under Section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977. It provides a natural environment for the recreational use and enjoyment of the people of Wellington and, in particular, the adjacent communities of Grenada Village, Paparangi, Newlands and Woodridge. These communities have a combined population exceeding 14,000 residents.

The Seton Nossiter Park Working Group was established in 1995 to ensure there was community representation in the management and welfare of the park and that the park and other park user's interests were identified and recognised. The Working Group and the Wellington City Council have a formal 'Memorandum of Understanding' operating between them. Part of the Group's responsibilities is to assist in the restoration of the park. Since 2007, nearly 20,000 trees have been planted in the park of which nearly 10,000 have been planted by the Seton Nossiter Park Working Group and Woodridge Planters and 10,000 by Wellington City Council. Prior to 2007 approximately 2,000 trees had been planted by the Group.

The park is also a very important and significant ecological area with an abundance of wildlife and is part of a wildlife corridor. This is an environmental park that must be protected at all cost.

In 2001, dog walking was identified as being a standard recreational use of Seton Nossiter Park. The City Council's Dog Control Policy was amended for the park to become a permitted dog exercise area. This was from the Mark Avenue access point, down the track and along the valley floor, up to a specific point near the eastern section of the park.

In June 2004, the Working Group presented both a written and an oral submission to the Council in respect of problems that were occurring in Seton Nossiter Park since the 2001 designation.

Part of those concerns involved the Mark Avenue access path down to the valley floor being included in the 'off-lead' area. Experience had shown that the inclusion of this specific section of the access way had, since 2001, created a number of difficulties for general park users and was not in the best interests of the overall park.

Some of the difficulties included:

- The path being covered in faeces to the point it became a health hazard.
- Many families stopped using the park because of out of control roaming dogs.
- Uncontrolled dogs rushing at children. No park user should feel threatened by dogs. On a narrow pathway people who are uncomfortable with or are scared of dogs have no way of avoiding them.
- Other dogs in the park being attacked or harassed with owners complaining.
- Dogs generally roaming anywhere due to no owner control.
- Uncontrolled dogs chasing birds and wildlife.
- Parts of terrain are steep banks and roaming dogs chasing birds could be hurt.

What was occurring practically all the time between 2001 and 2004 was that the dog was out of the vehicle at the car park and away it went and at sometime, somewhere, the owner and the dog would meet up again down in the valley floor. This was totally unacceptable and had to be stopped. Dogs must be in sight of the owner at all times.

If a dog is taken 'off-lead' at the valley floor it basically remains in sight of the owner and can be better controlled and put back 'on lead' if necessary.

The Council fully investigated this and our concerns were accepted as valid and justified and consequently the access path from the Mark Avenue entrance down to the valley floor became 'on-lead' only.

The official 'off-lead' area therefore became:

The valley floor, not including the Mark Avenue access path, up to the stream crossing adjacent to the Paparangi School boundary and the titoki grove.

Dog owners may exercise their dogs in the specific section but they are only another park user and must respect the park and other users at all times.

In October 2009, the Council had a further review of the dog policy and without any consultation with our Group, the council officers compiling the policy changed the ruling back to what it was in 2001 – the access path down to the valley floor would again be 'off-lead'. The officers had not

conducted an investigation or referred back to the reasons these exercise boundaries had been applied since 2004.

In November 2009 we presented an oral submission requesting the Council do not ratify this change until further consultation between all parties had been undertaken. Effectively it would have created the same difficulties experienced between 2001 and 2004. As a result, the Council later agreed that the proposed change should not take place and that the ruling of 2004 must remain and this has continued till now.

On 28 March 2016, we became aware that a further review of the Dog Policy was being undertaken and that in respect of Seton Nossiter Park the 'off-lead' area may once again change back to include the path down into the valley floor from the Mark Avenue car park – hence this Submission against the proposal for the reasons stated above - reasons that still remain today.

This path is the main access into the park for all users and is heavily utilised by a great many people during all hours of daylight – seven days a week. Prior to the path reaching the valley floor there is a left hand bend that prevents physical sight along the overall distance of the path.

Some of the problems of the past have been created by very poor signage being displayed in the park. There is no sign at all in the Mark Avenue car park or the adjacent walkway and the signs in the valley floor indicating where dogs can be 'off-lead' or need to be 'on-lead' are very small symbol type only attached on the side of some small posts. A great many people do not even know they are there or just miss seeing them. We believe larger (written) signage should be erected clearly stating what restrictions actually do or do not apply and where. The main entrance signage should also apply at the other public access points – Bushland Grove and Colchester Crescent.

The Seton Nossiter Park Working Group continues to recognise that the park is an ideal place for dogs to walk and exercise and continues to welcome dog owners. Seton Nossiter Park must remain and continue to be a natural recreational reserve and its role as a protected public facility for the enjoyment and benefit of all.

In view of the information contained in this submission, we would request the Wellington City Council does not ratify the current proposed change to Seton Nossiter Park as detailed in the Draft Dog Control Policy 2016.

Thank you for receiving this submission.



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## Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Helen Baynes <helen.baynes@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 11:34 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission; BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Submission on dog policy changes, from a resident cat-walker!  
**Attachments:** Beth by Wellington's waterfront lagoon 1.jpg; Beth by Wellington's waterfront lagoon 2.jpg; Beth in Civic Square 2.jpg; Beth in Island Bay Park near ocean.jpg

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi there,

I'd like to please make a submission about the proposed dog policy changes. I'd appreciate it if you could please confirm receipt.

I come from a perspective currently somewhat unusual in New Zealand, but changing as urbanisation moves more people into apartment living in central cities. I have an indoor cat, and I take her (Beth, 8 months old) on walks on a daily basis in a harness/leash around Wellington. In fact, we're often outside the Council offices and chatting with staff! Where possible, walking an indoor cat is recommended both for their physical and mental well-being and my kitten has taken to it really well and she loves going out on adventures around Wellington.

The biggest issue I face is dogs (and as an aside, also people throwing their chicken bones all around the central city; disgusting, and dangerous for cats). I really struggle to find spaces to safely walk my cat where dogs are a rarity and dog owners are in compliance with leashing rules. In all prohibited areas - including the CBD - I have come across dogs off leash which poses a risk not only to my leashed cat, but also to me. If a dog attacks, I'll be in its way.

My specific objection is to these clauses:

- *removing the central city area restriction known as the "no stopping" ban and instead clarifying that dogs are not to be tied up and left unattended in public places*

*Central city restriction:  
 dog owners can move  
 through the central city but  
 not stop.*

*Remove – allow dogs to stop in the central city. New clause added to prohibit dogs being left unattended in public spaces.*

*Central city restrictions*

*It is proposed that the restriction on dogs not being allowed to stop within the central city area is removed. This central area is not clearly marked or sign-posted and is different from the central area in the District Plan. More dog owners live in the*

Thanks for your consideration of this submission. I've included a few pictures of my kitten enjoying Wellington over the gorgeous summer we've had!

Kind regards,  
Helen

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

It's too dangerous, having to share a track between walkers, runners and cyclists is already hard enough without adding dogs into the mix.

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I'd like to ask to educate dog owners around the rules of having dogs on or off their leash. The norm is to have them on their leash, unless stated otherwise. A lot of dog owners let their dogs off their leash where they shouldn't (when walking their dog on the street, in a park, on running/cycling tracks...) and then pretend they didn't know it wasn't allowed.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Comments

Dogs should be completely excluded from Oriental Bay beach, on or off leash.

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Please revise the signage you have in mixed people exercise and dog exercise areas such as the path near Attaturk memorial. The signs says no mountain biking, which means no off-path biking.

Some dog owners think this means no bikes at all which is incorrect. Your sign could say 'no off-path biking'. If a dog or its owner frightens or abuses our children or us, what redress do we have? Do we take a photo, phone the council - it's not as if we can identify the dog or the person. It seems to me dogs have inappropriate precedence over people.

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I don't have a strong opinion as I don't go to Island Bay.

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Comments/suggestions

The rule regarding no dogs on Cuba Street is very restrictive. I enjoy taking my well-behaved labrador into the city and many people stop to say hello to her because she is so friendly. However, the restrictions limit where I'm allowed to go and they seem to be entirely arbitrary.

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Responsible dog owners will not leave a dog unattended for a prolonged period of time because they will be concerned for the dog's welfare and safety. However, being prohibited from leaving a dog unattended at all is very restrictive for dog owners and will lead to more people leaving their dogs at home, rather than exercising them in the city.

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Comments/suggestions

It's very frustrating to walk past a beach that is completely empty at the end of the summer, yet not be allowed to let my dog go for a run or a swim. I'm very happy to not use the beach during peak times and these new timings will allow me to use the beach a lot more throughout the year.

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English

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Comments

I agree with all of these however Balaena Bay should be dog off lease from the car park to the changing sheds only.

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Comments

I don't know

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Oriental bay, off lease during winter from 1st March to 30 December should be off lease all day. Freyburg beach, dogs should not be allowed. Scorching bay off lease in winter from 1st March to 30th November. Seatoun Beach, off lease in summer before 10am and after 7pm 1st dec to 1st March and all day at other times of the year. Waitangi Park, no dogs at all.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

See my comments under exercise areas.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Yes from spca to marjoribanks street. In fact all areas along the town belt should be off lease unless native wildlife is of risk.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

50/50 council and dog owners. Council subsidises all other community activities

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Pooch bags should be provided in all exercise areas including beaches. Heavy fines for those who don't pick up pooch. Strongly worded signage to support this. Parking wardens should be given the authority to enforce the dog policy. They could also take photos and for people who don't pay up, post on the council website shame them. There's nothing worse than stepping into a dog poo.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Comments

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File
Dog Policy

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Comments

I only agree with reductions in dog exercise areas. The reasons for this mainly relate to the lack of adherence to current by-laws relating to picking up excrement after your dog and keeping your dog on leash in areas not designated as 'dog exercise areas'. Do not add 1 square metre of space in any part of the city until current dog owners pick up after their animals and adhere to on-leash by-laws. My experiences this week include mowing my lawn 5 minutes ago and stepping in a pile of dog sh\*t in my backyard (I do not own a dog), cleaning dog sh\*t off my baby's stroller wheels after a walk along the Northern Walkway on Te Ahumairangi (Wadestown end) where I counted 14 piles of it in the first 500m of track earlier this week. I obviously missed one as that was the one I had to scrape off the wheel under my sleeping baby prior to bringing him in to the house. I also have to shovel piles of sh\*t from the footpath in front of my house on a fortnightly basis and have been bitten by a black poodle(on-leash at the time) that was not registered 5m from my front gate. As you can tell, I'm not in favour of much in the way of dogs. This is mainly brought about by uncaring, irresponsible dog owners. Therefore, do not reward dog owners with more space until they can manage the current space and dog-owning practices properly.

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Comments

No comment

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Yes, I see that there is a removal of an area on the N end of Te Ahumairangi. Good. IMO more green areas on top of the mountain should be removed.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Absolutely not. My wife will not use the Otari track, the Northern Walkway specifically due to off-leash dogs. I have asked owners of known dangerous breeds to leash their dogs in the presence of my wife and child and have been met with comments like 'my dog is not dangerous', 'this is an off-leash area' (it wasn't), and when bitten, 'its the first time my dog has ever bitten anyone'. If your dog is off leash it can freely run ahead or lag behind. This is most likely when the dog defecates and the owner says to themselves 'it wasn't my dog' because they didn't see it. If a dog turns while not on-leash and attacks someone how to you gain control of the animal when the owner is no where to be

seen? I've watched un-leashed bull terriers walk passed my baby's stroller and sniff it. What am I to do if the dog attacks? My wife doesn't like the unease of it and neither do I. No one should have to put up with it walking a public track.

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

As above. I do not believe dog owners are respecting current by-laws so no further perks until they are complying with current by-laws.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Only working dogs. Too many people and children around to risk a dog bite.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

No. Some dogs are dangerous and no one knows which one will bite.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral

- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

No, I've wandered through a dog exercise area in Ngaio and it was littered with dog excrement. As stated, if owners had been cleaning up after their animals, fine, but they aren't.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

In general, not increases in any dog-related amenities until current owners comply with on-leash by-laws and clean up after their animals.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Comments

Please register this as a formal complaint against dog owners in the Wadestown area including Te Ahumairangi.

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Dog Policy

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Comments

I think changing the beach restriction times to 10am to 7pm is a good idea, as mostly the only people around on the beaches before 10am are those walking their dogs. I also think having beach restrictions by calendar month rather than daylight saving times is sensible and less confusing.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

It would be great if part of Island Bay Beach was an off leash area, could this be managed in a similar manner to Petone beach and Lyall Bay with half off leash.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

As a regular user of the exercise area at Seton Nossiter I am very much in support of extending the area at Seton Nossiter to include the track from the carpark on Mark Ave. An exercise area at Khandallah Park would be very desirable as well.

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Comments/suggestions

I have mixed feelings about this proposal. With the increased numbers of people living in apartments in the central city I can see that they would enjoy being able to stop with their pets (as I would enjoy with my own). however, I would have concerns about a small dog tied up and unattended getting stood on or frightened by both vehicles and a high volume of people. Also, a not well socialized dog could be a risk to people passing by or approaching it.

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Comments

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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

Arthur Carmen Park - I agree to the change of timing to make it available all year round - but not sure why the area needs to be reduced to remove the top level. It is not a heavily used park and suits dog recreation. Taylor Park - need to add to the map the new Tawa Valley Pathway as a WCC track route, and remove from the area the southern section along the pathway which has recently been revegetated. Willowbank Park - need to add to the map the new Tawa Valley Pathway as a WCC track route along with new stream crossing bridge.

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Comments/suggestions

Agree - otherwise than noted above

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Tracks tend to have by there very nature limited sight-lines and dogs can quickly get out of sight and hence control of their master. Most bush reserve tracks are also relatively narrow and well used by the public, so there is already a conflict between walkers and dog users. Some tracks may also have other users like cycles and horses. We need to concentrate on educating the public to have their dogs on-leash in public areas (including tracks) and making exceptions to this policy here and there only serves to undermine the universal clarity of the policy. Also most bush areas around Wellington have active possum bait control being undertaken and off-leash dogs can easily disturb the protected wildlife, especially during the bird breeding season.

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Opposed because it will fall on the ratepayers to undertake maintenance from vandalism and graffiti.

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Comments/suggestions

This is not just an issue for the CBD but also effects suburban supermarkets and cafes.

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Comments/suggestions

Daylight saving is a well known concept in NZ after which the time to walk dogs in the evening twilight changes. I think the time variation should remain aligned with the daylight saving change.

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## Comments

I think that the category of 'Beach Areas Restricted During the Summer' should be changed to 'Beach Exercise Areas (Specified Time)' in keeping with other 'Exercise Areas (Specified Time)'. This would then allow the concept of 'Controlled Public Place' to be dropped and simply referred to as 'Public Place' which would remove a lot of confusion and significantly enhance the understanding of the requirement for Dogs to be On-leash in ALL Public Places unless for those areas that have a the designation of 'Prohibited Area' or 'Exercise Area'. The other significant issue is dog faeces not being removed from tracks and footpaths and even playgrounds. And even if it is removed by the owner it may not be effectively disposed of. Even if the dog faeces is picked up by the owner and placed into doggie-do bag, it is then often thrown into the adjacent bush or reserve plantings. The policy/by-law does not stipulate how it is to be disposed of. There seems to be little enforcement of this policy/by-law and little public awareness of this requirement and the offense / penalty that may arise if not complied with.

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- Yes  
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Comments/suggestions

Dogs should not be allowed off-leash in reserves with identified bird values e.g. Huntleigh Park, Makererua St (where kaka have fledged). Signage advising owners and dogs are entering a 'bird zone' or similar and that dogs must be kept on leashes would be helpful.

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Please state:

Radio buttons don't let you tick more than one box. New Zealander.

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

No

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Make half of Island Bay dog friendly....or 9am to 2pm only.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
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Comments/suggestions

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- Yes, support
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

sick of pushbikes flying at me and my dogs.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Only if the walker needs to go to the loo..and try to let someone know that the dog owner is busy

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I guess one extra hour is better than not

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I don't take my dogs to the Greta Point as it is poo mud and there should 2 so that the other one can be rested !!

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Just more areas...please

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
- No

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Please state:

I am a New Zealand European Maori

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

More poo bags please and could the bins be closer to the beach.!

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Dog Policy

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Comments

Re. No. 15, Cummings Park - I would like this Dog exercise area status to be removed, and for it become an on-leash only area. Then the Park can be fully used by the whole community; the ground can repair to a pleasant place to walk, sit, picnic in, play ball games, have community gatherings etc. At present the surface is rough and uneven, so is not safe for elderly folk; the exercising dogs mean the area cannot be comfortably used by the much larger number of Ngaio people who do not own dogs. It is a very attractive, sheltered space, with potential for enjoyment by a much wider group than presently feel safe and comfortable there.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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## Comments

No, a popular beach at all times, they should continue to be prohibited.

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## Comments/suggestions

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## Conditions/exclusions/comments

Re. Oriental Bay - Dogs should not be allowed on the beach at all. Many people like to be on the beach during winter as well as summer, and any dogs at any time will impact negatively on this.

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- Yes, support
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## Comments/suggestions

If dog owners stick to these designated areas, the rest of the population can enjoy other parts of the city without having to watch out for dogs, and their waste underfoot.

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Comments/suggestions

If equipment is provided, dog owners should pay.

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Comments/suggestions

After a summer like this one, 2016, the dates should be from 1 December to 1 April, or even 1 May.

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Comments

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It would be most helpful, if the policies were adhered to by dog owners, and policed more vigorously by officers. Just today I was startled by a dog at my heels, off-leash, with a runner a little way behind, in Otari Reserve, where there are plenty of signs signally on-leash only. And in Trelissick Park while sitting reading by the stream, I have been trampled on by a large, wet, dog, with the owners out-of-sight. Rather than apologise, they allowed it to happen again on their return trip.

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- Yes
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Please state:

Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

At Te Ahumairangi I have not seen a sign that indicates exactly where the boundaries of the dog off leash areas are. I think this leads some people to be under the impression that the whole hill is a dog off leash area. I regularly see people with their dogs off the leash on the northern walkway and other trails. Furthermore where the Falcons nest (off the northern walkway) there is a sign that says 'keep your dog on leash if you go this way'. This confuses the matter because, on the northern walkway their dog should already be on a leash and this now implies that being off leash is ok on the northern walkway. I think it would be helpful if there were a map at each carpark that made that it clear that's it is only the ridgeline track that is a dog exercise area (ie not the whole hill). The signs that are at the carparks say 'woof woof, dog exercise area' which is cute I am sure, but it doesn't clearly communicate that 'dog exercise area' means 'you can let your dog off the leash here, but nowhere else' and its not clear what the boundaries of the area are. I think improved signage would be helpful, specifically: 1. Signs at all entrances that communicate that 'dog must be kept on leash' and 'you must pick your dogs faeces' 2. Maps at carparks that clearly indicate boundaries of where dogs are and are not allowed off the leash 3. If WCC were serious about increasing native bird populations then fenced dog exercise areas would be appropriate

## Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Mike Haworth <mike.haworth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 May 2016 2:27 p.m.  
**To:** Sharon Bennett  
**Subject:** Dog policy submission  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1327.JPG

I made a submission about dog policy and realised I was wrong about one aspect. I said at Te Ahumairangi there were no maps that show where the dog areas are, that's wrong, they are marked, just a bit hard to see. See attached.

# AIRANGI HILL -- WELLINGTON TOWN BE



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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

I agree with changes that increase the opportunities for off leash exercise with a dog. I agree with the proposed changes that achieve this

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes no restriction

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eg outside supermarket for short periods

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

I would like the cummings park exercise area to stay as is

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Comments

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Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Comments

I am primarily concerned with the changes to the dog exercise area at Karori Park. I agree with the increase in space but am strongly opposed to the new mountain bike tracks which are currently being built. These new tracks will criss-cross the dog exercise area in many places as well as sharing the track in many places. The lower dog exercise area (flat grassy patch below Wahine track) will be cut off from the upper dog exercise area. Dogs and cyclists are a dangerous combination. The dog exercise area was there many years before the bike tracks and dog walkers and their dogs should have priority over cyclists. I would like signage to inform cyclists that they need to give way to dog walkers.

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## Comments/suggestions

I am pleased to see dogs will be allowed (on leash) around the edge of sports fields.

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Trelissick Park is an excellent place to walk dogs off-leash. It would be great if there could be a similar park in Karori which is free of mountain bikers.

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Wellington needs more off-leash tracks in Wellington away from mountain bikers.

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Comments

Cummings Park in Ngaio needs to be delisted as a Dog Exercise Area. This is an additional change to be made. I look after a dog two days each week and am amazed by the number of dog exercise areas available to us. Our preferred local go to DEA is Chelmsford Park as it is more pleasant and has more space. In Cummings Park the dog I mind is less playful.

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Comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

The DEA at Cummings Park is inappropriately positioned. It impacts usage of the park for the community as the only usable space is used by dogs. It is therefore not attractive for groups to use for their own activities (particularly community groups). My father is in his 80's, he grew up in Ngaio. It is not possible to take him to Cummings Park as the ground is very uneven from the dogs, there is a dirty feel with uncollected poos, trying to walk across the flat area in the DEA to look at the stream and to get to the non DEA area is too scary with dogs bounding across - clearly dogs have priority over people. There are other great DEAs available close by that can be used instead.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Comments

We agree that dogs should be allowed year round on the southern half of Island Bay Beach. We further submit, being keenly aware of people and animal activity on the southern half of the beach, that this area should allow dogs off-leash. Dog owners in our area swamp any other users of this side of the Island Bay Beach. We are all responsible dog owners, and we are very conscious about allowing people to enjoy their days at the beach so we selectively choose our time to enjoy time with our dogs down there. We can self-monitor and regulate. Indeed, when my wife and I first moved to island Bay that situation was the previous status quo and the main change since are the periodic moral panics that surround dog attacks elsewhere. Very few families use the southern side of the beach, given its more stony nature, but our experience has always been that responsible dog owners in Island Bay and visitors from within our region, who we love visiting and sharing our unique part of Wellington with, get on well down on the southern half of the beach.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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#### Comments

Yes, it should, and we think a reasonable compromise is to have the more sandy and attractive northern half of the beach kept solely for use by individuals and families and kept dog free. Then, allow dogs to be off-leash and families (with dogs) and dog-lovers will be attracted even more to such a wonderful beach on the southern half of Island Bay's beach. See, also, my comments above. If you proceed with a half-half strategy (the northern half dog free and the southern half dog friendly) you will have taken a practical and sensible decision. It will work as well as what we know already works at Lyall Bay beach.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

I support the unfettered use of the southern part of Island Bay beach by dogs off-leash. Think this is a sensible and practical decision that will suit both dog owners, families, and beach goers who do not wish to mix with dogs.

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#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

Strongly support the unfettered use by dogs off-leash on the designated part of Island Bay Beach from the pier to the southern (western) end of the beach.

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## Comments/suggestions

Yes, Wellington should be like every large US and European City we've ever been to. Obviously certain breeds need to be muzzled but it would reinforce the cosmopolitan and sophisticated city that Wellington is.

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## Comments/suggestions

WE think the council fusses too much. Your problem with dogs is non-existent. Your problem is with irresponsible dog-owners, who are unmoved by your proposed tinkering. Instead, make Wellington far more dog friendly and that socialisation experience over a generation or so will make Wellington the rival of every big city I've ever been to. Liberalise far more dramatically than an extra hour. Trust people.

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## Comments

See comments above.

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## Comments

N/A

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- Yes  
 No
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Please state:

New Zealander

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Yes. A good improvement on the existing policy that balances the desires of dog and non-dog owners.

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I support the proposed section of Island Bay Beach (from the pier west to the rocks) being designated for off-leash access.

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Yes, it sets expectations of track users that dogs may be encountered. Dogs should not be off-leash on non-designed tracks.

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Comments

No. Having 'specified time' allowances is a waste of time. Dog owners will ignore these restrictions and exercise their dogs off-leash whenever they feel like it anyway. They know they will get away with it because WCC puts very little effort into enforcement.

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Comments

No. Keeping the rules black-and-white is simplest. If Island Bay Beach is no dogs at all time, then this will reduce conflict between dog owners and other beach users.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

As mentioned above, it would be better to keep all beaches as prohibited areas at all times so that beach users can use beaches without the threat of being bitten by a dog or stepping in canine faeces.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This is crazy. Having dogs roaming walking tracks off leash is just asking for trouble.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Make the dog owners pay. They would be the ones using the equipment and benefiting from it.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dogs are now allowed in the central city area and I now find that I have to negotiate my way around canine faeces in the central city area.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It doesn't matter what time restrictions you impose, dog owners go and run their dogs in these areas whenever they like anyway.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Relaxing dog restrictions for sports fields is just plain stupid. Already, we have dog owners using sports fields as exercise areas. Relaxing restrictions will make this dangerous practice even more prevalent. Sports people still use sports fields even when there are no organised sports events on, e.g. for practices or for individual training. Allowing dogs onto sports fields will cause conflict between dog owners and sportspeople. The current bylaw says that sports fields are prohibited

places. Let's keep it this way to keep things simple and to avoid children being bitten by dogs. Already, we have dog owners with their dogs on the sidelines, contrary to the current law. I have seen children in sports games avoid areas of their sportsfield to keep away from the dogs on the sidelines. For example, on Alex Moore Park, I once saw a spectator keep his dog right next to one of the football goals and no-one from the opposing side, i.e. the team that his son was not in, would go near that goal. I would like to see this part of the bylaw unchanged, i.e. sports fields are prohibited places for dogs at all times. I would then like to see this rigidly enforced by WCC.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File
Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Correspondence to:

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 Agent  
 Both
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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I object to the proposal to extend the off leash area at Seton Nossiter Park to include the track from the car park off Mark Avenue. This track is used by many people and it would be frightening for children and older or less mobile people to have dogs rush up to them and could even lead to injuries from, for example, falls. There may also be issues with dogs racing in front of owners when exiting the park and running loose in areas where there are other members of the public.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

This could be funded by a combination of dog registration fees and rates.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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- Indian
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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- Submitter  
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 Both

**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes. I particularly support: Keeping Cummings Park as a dog exercise area - my family and friends use this a lot. There are lots of dog owners locally that do. It increases the sense of local community as many dog owners meet regularly there. Benefits: experience sharing and positive socialisation for the dogs (and humans). There's nothing else to do there and its just a small spot, what's the value in removing it? It's not on the way to anywhere. I know it's not marked for change in this policy, but am aware of local discussion about it.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Agree with suggested change

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Re: 5.3.3 Unattended dogs, I do not support this part: Dogs are not to be tied up and left unattended in controlled public places, e.g. not tying dogs up outside of shops while owners pop in. I think it's a shame if people are prevented in suburban centres from taking their well-behaved dogs and tying up outside supermarket etc. This will discourage people from walking to the supermarket and they are more likely to drive (so they may leave their dogs in the car). This has a negative impact on human physical health and well being. There are rules around the behaviour of the dogs - always on lead, must be well socialised. Leaving dogs in hot cars is worse for dog health than leaving them tied up in open air. How about providing areas in suburban places to tie up dogs, i.e. the Dog Parking spot outside Moore Wilsons? With rails to tie to, a bit of shelter/ water bowls?

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I support more rubbish bins for dog poop. I specifically request some for Trelissick Park and suggest bins at road entrances on Trelissick and Waikowhai Roads.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

I object re: 5.3.1 Right of access to a prohibited area place. ...to access the side-line of a sportsfield, if the marked sports surface is not in use. The only reason I access the sideline of a sportsfield with my dog is to watch my son play soccer. Are you saying people will no longer be able to spectate at sports games with their on-leash dogs at the sideline? I don't agree to this.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

In general I support the changes, they seem mostly to be based on common sense.

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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**Submission**

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Comments

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Provided the dog is on a leash and tied for a short period.

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Comments/suggestions

And we disagree with the current rule.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

The Cummins Park DEA is a necessary facility for dog owners in the Ngaio area. In our experience of over three years of using this area, we can state that dog owners are very responsible particularly in relation to removing dog excrement and providing bags for others to use. The DEA's positioning away from the road is ideal for its purpose and owners are diligent in not allowing their dogs to stray out of the proximity of the park.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes

No

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Please state:

British/permanent resident.

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

If the proposed Khandallah Park/Sirsi Terrace new area is an area populated by native birds then I am not in favour of the inclusion of this area.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Unsure. Depends on where these are. I am opposed to dogs being allowed off-leash in any of the reserves in our suburbs where native birds live.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

Not for more than a few minutes (eg outside the dairy while owner pops in).

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Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

I am concerned that currently some dog owners do not comply with the requirement to have their dogs leashed in reserves and other public areas. Some appear to have a mis-impression that dogs can be off-leash in reserves such as our local ones in Ngaio, Mt KauKau and Crofton Downs. I would like to see clear signage at all reserves stating dogs must be on leash. This is particularly important to protect kaka that are now nesting in these areas. (There seem to be signs up warning of poison laying for possum control but not about dogs needing to be leashed).

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

In general, yes I think these are positive changes that help balance the needs of dog owners and other people. The addition of new exercise areas helps to offset the removal or increased restrictions elsewhere.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

It would be good for a part of Island bay beach to be an off-leash area.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think this would be a great addition to some dog exercise areas. Currently the only dog agility facilities I am aware of are indoors and via paid classes or clubs. An outdoor facility that is freely accessible at all times of the day would provide much more flexibility and opportunities for owners to exercise, train and interact with their dogs in a fun way. Some possible candidates for where dog agility equipment could be installed include: - Trellissick Park, on the flat grassy area next to the old gun powder stores. - Cog Park In terms of funding, this could be rate payer funded (in the same way that children's playgrounds are?). Alternatively, community fundraising could be explored for the upfront capital cost, with the operating cost being part of dog registration fees, rates, or have a

donation box with suggested donations for use of the equipment.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think that to change this as proposed (i.e. not allow a dog to be left unattended in a public place) is an unnecessarily rigid rule, and the same intent could be achieved without the rigidity. For example, the proposed change would mean one could no longer take a dog for a walk to the shops in their neighbourhood and leave the dog tied up for a few minutes to buy something from the supermarket (and for someone who is alone and doesn't have someone to look after the dog while they are in the shop, this could be quite limiting). An alternative, that would meet the intent of the change would be to: - place a time limit on how long a dog can be left unattended (say 10 minutes) - require that the dog is left in a place that does not unreasonably restrict movements of passers-by (e.g people should be able to have enough room to walk past without the dog getting in the way). - in popular spots, dog tie-up posts could be installed. These alternative suggestions could be applied outside the central city, or everywhere (depending on the balance of needs in those places).

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Who we are reaching

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- Male
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Which of the following best describes you?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

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- Māori
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- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission.

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**First Name: **peter**Last Name: **baines**

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Wishes to be heard:

 Yes I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

 Submitter Agent Both**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

 Dog owner Own another type of animal Do not own an animal N/A

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
 Both
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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

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Neutral

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

All dangerous breeds of dog should always have to wear muzzles when they are off their owners property.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

Yes

No

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, there should always be some part of the beach that is leash-free. I cannot specify where as I am not familiar with this beach.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes, I agree in general, though am only really familiar with my local DEAs, other than Wellington beaches.

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

Yes, agree in principle, but as I currently do not live close to a beach, the timing of early dog walks does not affect me.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes, otherwise it eliminates the option for any walks along these tracks for sensible dog owners.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Sounds great, but is an additional expense that cannot be justified - unless it is in a new DEA, eg Ian Galloway, which is certainly well used, but is not exactly a pleasant or exciting venue for dogs or their owners.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

I work in the city and it is no place for dogs.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Ok if it is tied up outside a shop for short period and guaranteed not to nip or bark at passers by.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Yes agree

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I visit Cummings Park in Ngaio every day of the year, regardless of the weather. It is the ideal destination, meeting the needs of the locals with a stimulating exercise area for the dogs and a relaxing and social setting for their owners. Others who pass through on their way to the children's area do so from choice, as there is other access via the kindergarten. The choice to take this route provides the opportunity for children to meet dogs in a controlled, supervised and positive environment. Removal of this DEA would be devastating to all local dog owners. As a

superannuitant who has lived in Ngaio for over 50 years, I cannot stress too much that, with Nairnville Park and Ngaio School as alternatives for all residents without dogs, it is vital that this park remains available for the local dogs and their owners.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

No

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Submitter Details**First Name: **Murray and Margaret**Last Name: **Lucas**Organisation: **Private family**On behalf of: **N/A**Street: **17 Oxford Street**Suburb: **Tawa**City: **Wellington**

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Wishes to be heard:

 Yes I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

 Submitter Agent Both**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

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Comments

We wish Grasslees Reserve in the Tawa area to be removed as a dog exercise area. It is close to eating facilities, children's playground and a Main Road. We would like the Taylor Terrace dog exercise area to be fenced and if possible have two separate areas- one for large and one for small.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

NA

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Important to keep doge off areas of regeneration associated with the Te Awa walkway. all dogs should be kept on a leash on this walkway.

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

In the Redwood Bush areas dogs are often off their leash. How is this policed?

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

If they are provided it should be dog owners that can pay.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

See above- particularly related to the removal of Grasslees Reserve as a dog exercise area.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

Thank-you for the opportunity

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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File	
Dog Policy	815

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

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**Submission**

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

No opinion

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[wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I am making very heavy use of Ian Galloway Park. I think the city needs more fenced dog exercise areas with water taps and rubbish bins. It would be good to have a few seats and trees around the edges too. The one at Ian Galloway does not have enough parking, but as it's the best dog park in Wellington it draws people from a wide catchment pool. Once other parks are fenced the demand at Ian Galloway will probably taper off. It would also be good to have some lighting. Not floodlights as such, but a bit of lighting because in the winter months its already dark when you get home from work. It would be nice to be able to take the dog to the fenced dog exercise area in the dark.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

no

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes

No

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Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

### Comments

Animal Control in Wellington are really good at maintaining a positive relationship with the public. I follow the Facebook page that advertises dogs for rehoming. I also saw them at the Big Dog Walk for Lots of Dogs.

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### Attached Documents

File	
Dog Policy	819

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes, However the dog exercise area labelled Khandallah Park does not actually include Khandallah Park it is Broadmedows. This area should include the access way from Khandallah Park to Mt Kaukau from Woodmancote Road, Khandallah. This better reflects the name and also the large number of dog owners that actively walk in this area.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Yes, dog owners should pay via an increased licence fee.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

On leash and under control.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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Comments/suggestions

Most dog owners walk their dogs in the morning.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Overall a good proposal however the dog exercise area labelled Khandallah Park should be extended to includethe access way from Khandallah Park to Mt Kaukau from Woodmancote Road,

Khandallah.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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**Submission**

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

There would appear to be a significant number of people who would like to see Cummings Park in Ngaio removed from the Dog Exercise Area (DEA) list. In the absence of an alternative central, easily-accessed and fenced location, to de-list Cummings Park would be a serious mistake. Could the WCC convene a dedicated public meeting to discuss this matter if those opposed to Cummings Park as a DEA are to have their concerns addressed. And as part of that meeting's agenda could the WCC suggest some possible alternative sites as well as a statement about the number of 'incidents' which have been reported to Council of negative dog/ human interactions at Cummings Park?

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
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- Yes, strongly support

#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

Ngaio is fortunate enough to have a number of tracks through WCC reserves. These tracks connect the suburb and allow dog walkers and other walkers generally to do loops (as opposed to walking to a destination). If a dog is under control and there are no known problems with native birds nesting/ fledging I don't see why dogs shouldn't be off-leash. For example, the loop walk from Odell Reserve via the Piwakawaka Track to Old Porirua Road is suitable for dogs off-leash. What is the number of incidents reported formally, or even informally, to the WCC concerning dogs off-leash in Council reserves? I strongly suspect an over-reaction here by some members of the public. There was no problem restricting dog access to the Makererua Reserve when kaka were nesting/fledging there last summer. Dog owners are perfectly reasonable if explanations for denying dogs access are given clearly - and, for the record, my husband and I (dog owners) are members of the Ngaio Kaka Protection Group and helped ensure the safe fledging of local kaka recently.

7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

Why do we need a rule to say they can't be left unattended? This should be at a dog owner's discretion. Again, how many people do this? How many negative incidents have been reported to WCC when a dog has been left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

Top marks to WCC for the Ian Galloway Park DEA -wonderful location, easy access and already a significant destination for dog owners. Trelissick Park is another wonderful area for dogs and their owners. It is widely used by locals but also by people/ dogs from all over Wellington. Fortunately errant mountain bikers seem to have got the message that they are not wanted (or allowed) there. Currently runners and dogs are learning to co-exist. There needs to be some understanding and education for both parties here however.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

This is a statement from my dog: I understand that you humans have two smell receptors whereas we dogs have 220. That's why I am so interested in everywhere I am taken - my sense of smell helps me assess events and recall memories. I need to put my nose to the ground - and run freely. I have to be able to find the grasses I need for medicinal purposes. I'll walk on a lead but it is not half as much fun as running freely. I'd be grateful if you considered all these ideas and policies from the point of view of we dogs, too.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Comments

yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

yes, dogs like beaches to exercise so the more the better, as long as it doesn't interfere with other activities and wildlife

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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

Dog owners have dogs often to exercise more, and off-leash tracks are completely lacking. As a result dog owners still do this but unregulated. An official off-leash area would mean other users are aware and everyone is able to share the space better, and dog owners are more likely to be compliant. This has been asked for for a number of years.

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Comments/suggestions

WCC should pay out of the dog fees, these are high enough as they are.

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Comments/suggestions

as long as they are under control, the faeces picked up etc.

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Comments/suggestions

these areas are not used by the public much in between, and extending the dog access is a good thing.

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Comments

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Comments

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Dog Policy

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Wishes to be heard:

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Comments

I do not agree with any beach exercise area being an off lead area at any time of the year, but particularly winter. See my written submission attached.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

No, it should not be an off-leash area

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

I oppose the following beaches being allowed to have dogs off lead at any time: 1. Balena Bay Beach 2. Scorching Bay 3. Freyberg and Oriental Bay 4. Seatoun Beach

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Council tracks are used by dog owners and non-dog owners alike. I frequently walk or run through Wilton bush and am 'rushed' or barked at by dogs off lead. Having off lead tracks will generally restrict those tracks to dog owners only.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

Should be paid for by those that are going to use them, not by all rate payers.

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- Neutral
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Comments/suggestions

A dog unattended is not under control. Dog owners who take their dog to a public place should be responsible for them at all times, otherwise the dog should be left at home.

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1-1 Little penguins foraging during chick-rearing in Wellington
1-2 Penguin update Wellington and Malborough news
1-3 A penguins day at sea The Wellington edition

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1-4 News Penguin Protectors Win Community Award
1-5 Wildlife spots in Wellington New Zealand CNN Travel
1-6 Little Penguins Life cycle Forest and Bird
2-1 Sorry to bring you this some sad news
2-2 Call to protect penguins after four killed by dog
2-3 Calls to restrain dogs on beaches after penguin injured
2-4 DOC devastated by death of penguins
2-5 Dogs savage precious blue penguin colony
2-6 Dogs suspected in Wellington penguin deaths
2-7 Penguin Deaths Dog Owners Cautioned Wellington City Council
2-8 Penguin killed in dog attack
2-9 Roving dogs suspects in penguin killings
3-1 DoC Pets New Zealand animal pests and threats
3-2 DoC Website Little Penguin Korara
3-3 Little penguin New Zealand Birds Online
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# Little penguins foraging during chick-rearing in Wellington

Posted 27 November 2014 by [Susan Waugh](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/author/susanwaugh/) & filed under [Biodiversity](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/biodiversity-2/) , [Birds](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/birds/) , [Penguins](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/birds/penguins/) .

The work on little penguins around Wellington continues, now that most of the nesting pairs have one or two chicks to feed.

This week Te Papa scientists and helpers from various disciplines on the Te Papa staff have been putting out loggers on the chick-rearing penguins, both in Evan's Bay and Day's Bay.



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Wellington harbour seen from the Picton ferry, showing the city and port area, an area used by little penguins for foraging from Evan's Bay. Image: Susan Waugh; Copyright, Te Papa.

Our previous work showed that the incubating penguins were exploiting a range of habitats across Wellington coastal areas. Some penguins used the Wellington harbour areas exclusively. Others fed outside the bay with several foraging trips to Fitzroy Bay and Palliser Bay.

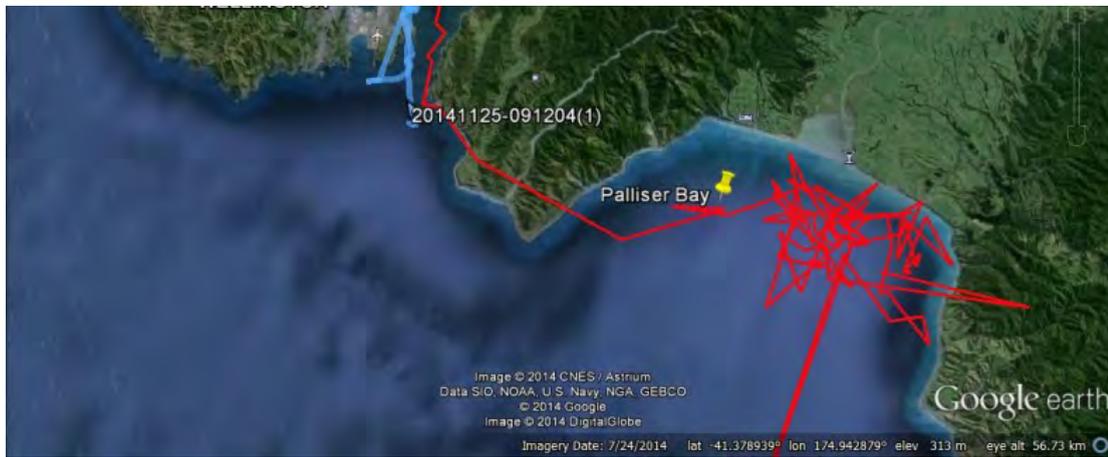


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Palliser Bay and the waters outside of Wellington Harbour heads, and area used by many seabirds in New Zealand, and commonly by little penguins from Wellington Harbour breeding sites. Image Susan Waugh, Copyright Te Papa.

During chick rearing, there are tremendous energetic demands on the adult penguins, as they need to bring food regularly to their growing chicks. In many of the Wellington harbour nests, adults are managing to raise 2 chicks at one time. This suggests that food supply for these birds is good, at least this season. Birds are visiting the chicks regularly, possibly daily or every 2 days.





<http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/11/27/little-penguins-foraging-during-chick-rearing-in-wellington/evans-bay-penguin-tracks/>

Foraging tracks of little penguins from Evan's Bay during October (red) for a bird during incubation phase of the breeding cycle which carried out longer trips and at greater distances than the bird from November (blue) that has chicks and stayed with Wellington Harbour, but visited the harbour mouth area twice in a 3 day period.

Image: Google Earth, Copyright Te Papa.

The first track recovered from a chick-rearing bird (above, blue), tracked from Evans bay showed that it travelled to the waters of the Wellington Harbour mouth twice in the 3 days the logger was deployed. This was a period of strong westerly winds and large swells, so we're not sure whether it would have left the harbour in calmer conditions. But certainly the harbour mouth area, as well as the Evans Bay and wider Wellington Harbour appear to be important foraging zones for the penguin tracked, whose track is shown here.



<http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/11/27/little-penguins-foraging-during-chick-rearing-in-wellington/logger-and->

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Logger attachment in action for a little penguin, showing the tape sticking to the underside of back feathers which we wrap around the logger, the logger (black object on the handler's knee). Image Becky Etherington, Copyright Te Papa.

Transmitters attached are the same GPS (data-logging) variety used in incubation tracking, and are attached to the back feathers of the birds using waterproof tape, along with a dab of glue which adheres to the feathers and provides extra attachment strength for the loggers. At the time we attach the loggers, we weigh the birds and measure the beak to determine whether the bird is male (larger) or female (shorter beaks).



<http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/measuring-penguin-beak-lengthsmall.jpg>

A little penguin is measured to assess the length of its beak with calipers during logger attachment. Image Becky Etherington, Copyright Te Papa.

We'll continue to update the blog over the next few weeks with our findings, and look forward to your comments and questions.

[Little penguin information on NZ Birds Online](http://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/little-penguin) <http://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/little-penguin>

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# Penguin update – Wellington & Marlborough news

Posted 29 October 2014 by [Susan Waugh](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/author/susanwaugh/) & filed under [Birds](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/birds/)  
, [Penguins](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/birds/penguins/) .

Since we blogged 2 weeks ago [the](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/) Te Papa team working on [little penguins](http://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/little-penguin) has started a second front of activity in Marlborough, based at Motuara Island in Queen Charlotte Sound. Almost all of the birds from the Wellington Harbour nests have had their tags retrieved, and are going to either locations within the harbour or out to the areas around Pencarrow Head – Fitzroy Bay, or Baring Head – Palliser Bay. They've almost all put on a healthy 100-200 g while at sea (the largest weighed in at 1200 g on the return, having left its nest at just over 900 g).

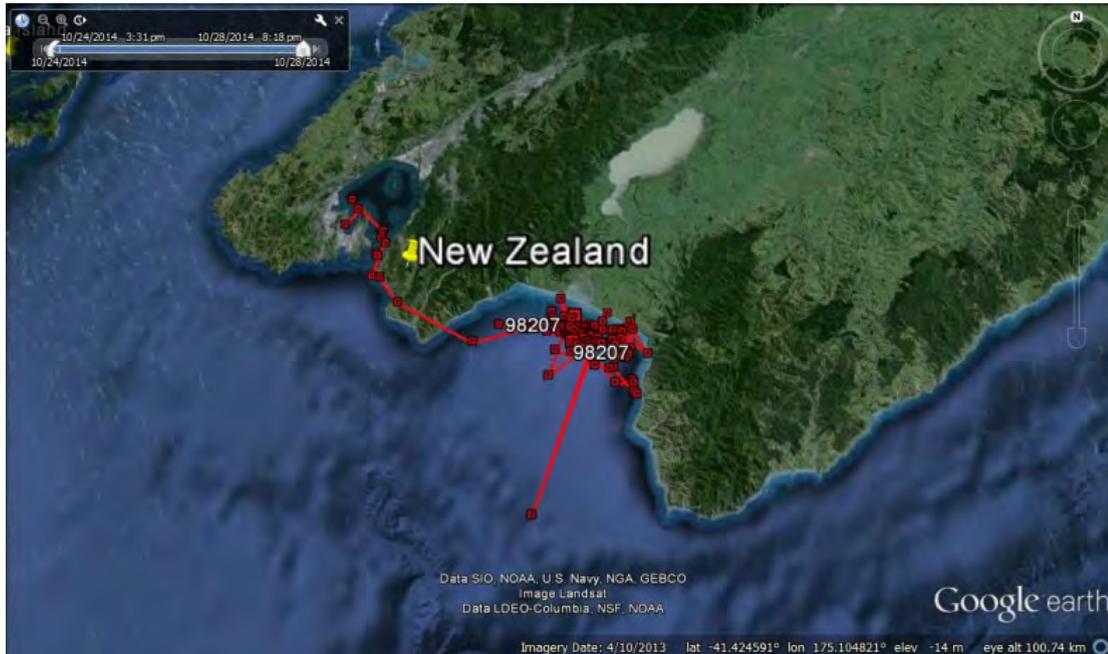


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A little penguin *Frdvntula minor* tracked during incubation from its nest in Evans Bay foraged within the harbour  
<http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/29/penguin-update-wellington-marlborough-news/>

A little penguin *Eudyptes minor*, tracked during incubation from its nest in Evans Bay, foraged within the harbour exclusively. Image Google Earth, Copyright Te Papa.

One little chap is still out, though, and enjoying itself in the waters of Palliser Bay. We've noted that once they make it to Pencarrow Head on the return trip, they get back to their nests within 12 h, so the next couple of days will be interesting to see where this one gets to. Its been dubbed "Storm-water Boy" after its choice of nest site, up a storm-water pipe on the western side of Evans Bay.



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A little penguin "Storm-water boy" is out to sea at present, foraging off the coast of the Wairarapa Lakes, and was at the left-most of the two spots noted "98702" at 11am on 29 Oct 2014. We're waiting in anticipation for its return trip to re-catch the bird at the beach and take its logger off. The bird seems to have gone over the land at Pencarrow Head, but this is just due to error of a few km on the satellite locations. Some locations (e.g. the one far to the south) have larger error that we remove before doing our scientific analysis of the data. Image Google Earth, Copyright Te Papa.

We've also had great support from friends and colleagues around Wellington to spend evenings out around the bays of Wellington to catch birds as they come ashore or leave their nests to go to sea.

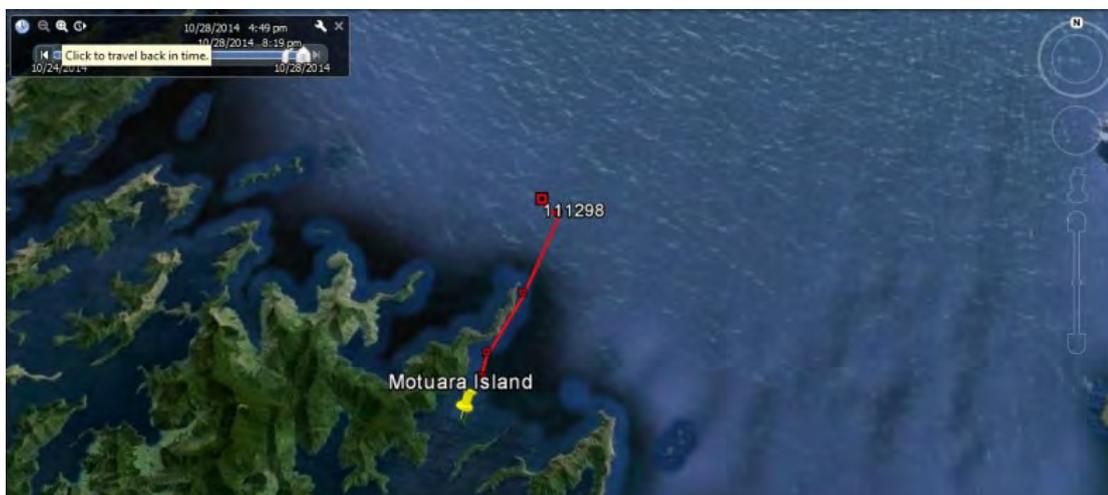




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Penguins from Wellington nest sites are caught at the beach and have loggers retrieved. Photo Susan Waugh. Copyright Te Papa.

Caroline Bost, the French Intern working on little blue penguins, has headed off down to Marlborough, and started deploying loggers on penguins with chicks on Motuara Island last night. Already one has headed off into the Cook Strait. While most of the loggers we are deploying are GPS tags, and require downloading before we can find out where the penguins were foraging, there are two which transmit directly to satellite, and give us information about the birds trips while they're still at sea. This gives vital clues about how long the birds are away from the nest for, and some of the areas they're travelling through and foraging in.





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Little Penguin track from a Marlborough Sounds breeding site, Motuara Island. Satellite telemetry shows the bird has headed out into the deeper waters from its breeding site, and was at this location at 11am on 29 Oct 2014. Image Google Earth, Copyright Te Papa.

Before leaving for Motuara, we were helped out by [Department of Conservation's](http://www.doc.govt.nz/) island management experts in Picton, to carry out a thorough check of the field equipment to ensure no unwanted plants, insects or animals make it onto the sites they manage in the Sounds. This is a world-leading process, and our gear left Picton marina in cleaner-than-clean condition and packaged in rat-proof containers. We've had amazing help and support in Picton, with great community support from [Te Atiawa iwi](http://www.teatiawatrust.co.nz/), and [Dolphin Watch Ecotours](http://www.naturetours.co.nz/) who are providing transport for the team out to the island over the next two weeks.



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DOC Officers (right and centre left) inspect the equipment of the field team (Caroline, centre right, Blandine, left) as they prepare to depart to Motuara Island. The aim is to find any stray seeds, soil, insects or rodents that may be stowing away in field gear and pose a risk to the biodiversity of the reserves managed by DOC. Photo: Susan Waugh. Copyright: Te Papa

Check out for an update in the next few days to see what happens next to Storm-water Boy and where the penguin from Motuara Island gets to.

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# A penguin's day at sea – The Wellington edition

Posted 9 October 2014 by [Susan Waugh](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/author/susanwaugh/) & filed under [Biodiversity](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/biodiversity-2/) , [Birds](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/birds/) , [Penguins](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/birds/penguins/) , [Uncategorized](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/category/uncategorized/) .

Every year, Te Papa hosts a number of research interns, and this year we've very lucky to have Caroline Bost working with us in the Natural History research group. She's a young researcher from France who's working on penguin biology. Over the next few months she'll be unpicking some of the mysteries of the elusive, yet remarkably ubiquitous [little penguin](http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/little-penguin) *Eudyptula minor* (aka little blue penguin, blue penguin, fairy penguin) that nests around most of New Zealand's mainland shores in small numbers. They're listed as "At Risk – Declining" by Department of Conservation in their latest threat ranking.

In the early spring, the penguins begin preparing nests, accompanied by much of their characteristic growling and other noisy activity. One of their endearing attributes is the ability to make their home in any chink of protected woody or stony structure around the coast, including under wharves and houses – perhaps out of desperation to find suitable habitat in the wild, with many coastal areas that would have traditionally been used by the penguins for breeding now transformed into car-parking, sea walls and recreation areas. Various community projects are doing a great job of improving their habitat, providing nest boxes, which help keep them safe from dogs, cats and other predators. For example, [Places for Penguins](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/projects/places-penguins) group in Wellington has a number of boxes out around Wellington's coastal bays, and a second project run by volunteers associated with [Ornithological Society](http://osnz.org.nz/contact-us/regional-representatives) has nest boxes spread around the shores at Matiu / Somes I. While some 20 or so pairs of penguins nest around Wellington, many hundreds nest at Matiu / Somes I., which is predator free.

**Caroline Bost** writes about her project in Wellington:

I'm starting a research project to study the behaviour and foraging areas of little penguins in Cook Strait. I'm working here with Dr. Susan Waugh, Senior Curator Sciences, in collaboration with a French research laboratory ([CEBC-CNRS <http://www.cebc.cnrs.fr/>](http://www.cebc.cnrs.fr/)) who work on penguins in other parts of the Southern Ocean. I've got a French-German biology and physiology background and also have fieldwork experience working on different penguin species. Last year I volunteered on a research program on the Crozet Islands – a very remote sub-Antarctic locality – to study the at sea distribution of rock-hopper penguin, the foraging activities of breeding and non-breeding king penguin and also the study of their thermoregulation at-sea (using bio-logging techniques).



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Caroline Bost, King penguin colony at Baie du Marin, Crozet Island. photo: Robin Cristofari, copyright: Caroline Bost

Our little penguin research programme aims to deploy miniature satellite loggers on breeding birds to study their at-sea foraging behaviour and conservation on different sites in the Cook Strait area. We've started our work in Wellington Harbour and have begun the first tracking work in early October. We also want to study the same species on another site in Marlborough/Queen Charlotte Sound to compare the at-sea foraging strategies of the birds between two sites.



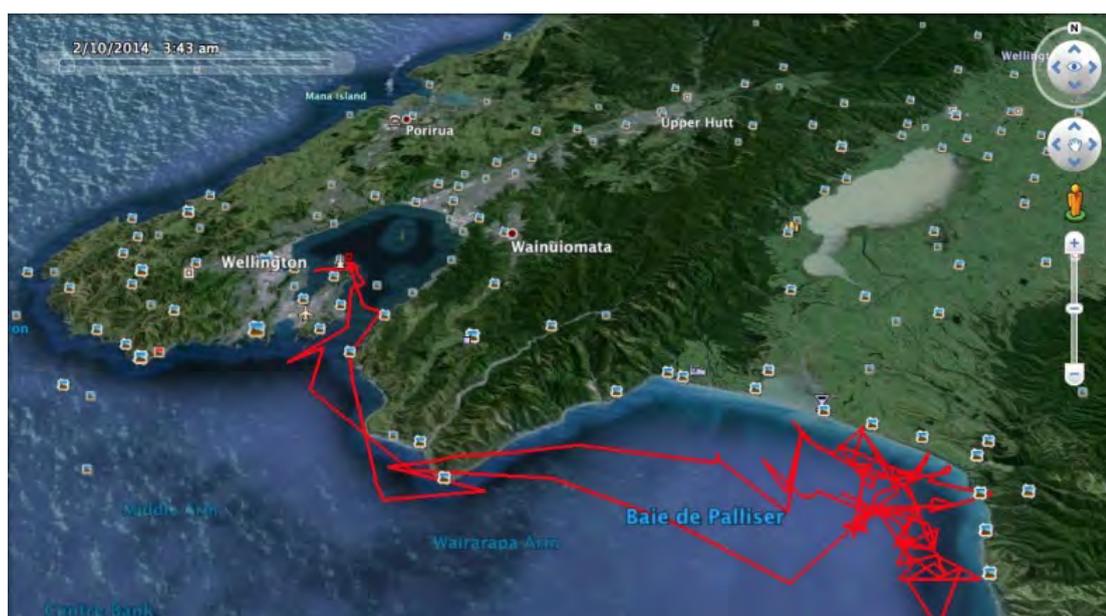


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Location of the study (yellow pin) at Wellington, New Zealand. Image from GoogleEarth. Copyright Te Papa

### ***What you've found out about the penguins so far***

We're actually using different bio-logging technologies. We firstly deploy Argos-loggers, which weigh around 25 g, and send a message to satellites about the location and activity of the bird that is carrying the logger. This technology allows real-time monitoring of the equipped bird, in fact we are able to follow their at sea foraging movements (tracking information are sent to satellites every time the bird comes to the surface during its swim at sea). Another type of logger used on penguins are GPS loggers. Equally small, this type of logger allows more detailed data to be collected, but data are only accessible when the bird comes ashore on the breeding colony to feed its chick or to take over incubating eggs from its partner. The logger records the GPS coordinates every time when the bird comes to the surface and gets a satellite contact, but the data need to be downloaded once the bird is back from sea.

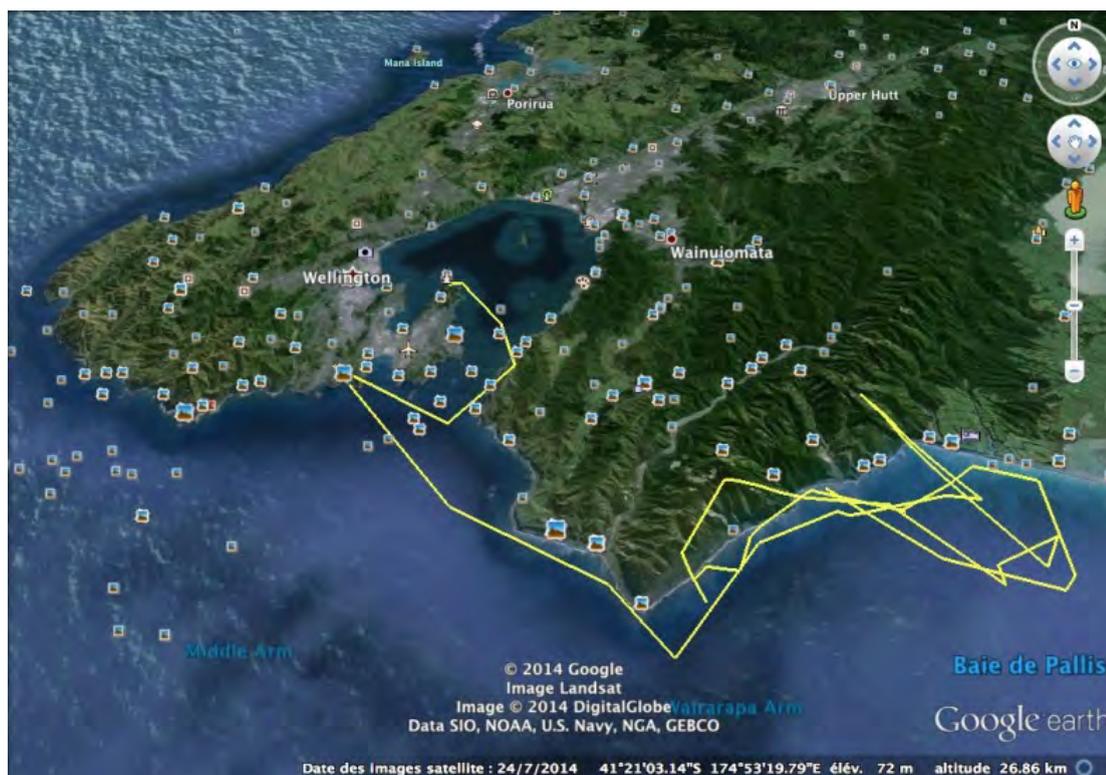




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Little penguin from wellington population forages in Palliser Bay (red track). Little penguin #1 trip 1 – 6 October 2014. Data are unfiltered and contain some locations with error, as the penguin is not likely to have crossed land during its trip. Image Caroline Bost. Copyright, Te Papa

So far, we have equipped 2 birds with Argos-logger: one of them (likely a male) got back to its nest so we retrieved the logger from the bird as it came ashore. We were amazed to see how far it travelled, for such a small bird (about 1 kg in weight). The day it was coming back through the mouth of Wellington Harbour, the ferries were cancelled due to rough seas! The little penguin seemed unperturbed and made it back to shore just after dusk, and weighed in 150 g heavier than when it left. We also put a logger on its partner (probably the female), and we have the first part of its trip (see map below). It seems that both of them went out of Wellington Harbour to forage, direction Palliser Bay.



<http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/trajet-partiel-penguin-2-.jpg>

Little penguin #2 foraging in Palliser Bay. New Zealand during its foraging trip from Wellington Harbour. Data are unfiltered and contain some locations with error, as the penguin is unlikely to have crossed land areas during its trip. Image: Caroline Bost. Copyright, Te Papa

We have also equipped one bird so far with a GPS logger during its incubation trip, but have to wait until it comes ashore to collect the information about its foraging area. During logger retrieval we also

take some measurements to get information about the body mass gained during the foraging trip (we weigh the penguin before deploying the logger and also after retrieval), we also measure their bill and flipper to tell what the sex of the bird is. It's really surprising to work on penguins nesting in a city, mostly close to roads or gardens and very different to the sites I worked at before. I really appreciate the contact with other people and the possibility to share fieldwork experiences.

It's also very interesting to look at the differences between penguins nesting in natural and predator free areas in comparison to those nesting in nest-boxes or also in very surprising places here in the city, and to look at how they adapt their behavior to breed in the city.

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## 5 Responses



Phillip <http://pestcontrol.gen.nz/> October 13th, 2014 <http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111898>

Interesting article. What happens to the transmissions if the penguin is predated by a large shark? Does it keep on transmitting, giving you the impression the penguin is still alive?

cheers

Phil



Susan Waugh <http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-114516>

Hi, I've checked with the experts and it seems that these particular loggers (Argos PTT) need to have the antenna exposed above the water surface in order to send out a location. So being eaten by a large shark (depredated) would result in a

loss of signal. And penguin. Thankfully, by both good luck and good management all of the one's we're tracking have come back to their nests in one piece.



Olwen Mason [October 13th, 2014 <http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111865>](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111865)

My Canterbury origins also coming to the fore! Thanks for the reply, Susan. I look forward to hearing more.



Olwen Mason [October 11th, 2014 <http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111547>](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111547)

Isn't this interesting? What a long way they swim for short periods. Even though you think their trips overland are an error it looks as if they are coming ashore in Palliser Bay (surely not Pegasus Bay as in the 2nd graph) – do you think this is just for a short rest? Can you tell how long they spend there?



Susan Waugh [October 13th, 2014 <http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111827>](http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/#comment-111827)

Hi, thanks for picking up the error there. My Canterbury origins are sneaking out subliminally. The first bird was away for about 5 days, but we're still doing detailed data grooming, so will know after that whether it really did go ashore, but I'd be surprised...more likely foraging close to the coast.

# Penguin Protectors Win Community Award

25 August 2010

A project to protect Wellington's little blue penguins is the Supreme Winner of the 2010 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards.

The awards, presented last night at a ceremony hosted by Mayor Kerry Prendergast in the Council Chamber, acknowledge the contribution of voluntary and non-profit organisations and their volunteers.

Each category winner won \$500 and the chance to go through to the regional finals next month, when they will compete against category winners selected by other Councils in the region.

The category winners were:

- Place for Penguins, Wellington Forest and Bird - Heritage and Environment category
- Wellington Hospitals and Health Foundation - Health and Well-being category
- Street Football Aotearoa - Sport and Leisure category
- Challenge for Change - Education and Child Youth category
- Downtown Community Ministry Bookfair - Arts and Culture category.

The Supreme Award winner, Places For Penguins, seeks to halt the decline of Wellington's little blue penguin population by restoring habitat, providing nest boxes, controlling pests and informing dog walkers and the general public about the presence of the birds.

The awards attracted a total of 42 applications from a wide range of groups.

Mayor Prendergast said she was delighted such a wide mix of community groups had been nominated, with both well-established and new groups and organisations in the running.

"This is a very welcome opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers who work for the benefit of our communities in areas of fundamental importance. Life would be very different for many of us if it wasn't for our army of volunteers."

"The awards show our appreciation for the many ways in which these groups enhance the character and identity of the Wellington region while also emphasising the wonderful contribution all volunteers give to our community," said Steven Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer of Wellington Airport.

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## Wild Wellington: World's best city for animal lovers?

Where you can swim with a hundred dolphins, have a close encounter with a "living dinosaur" and abide by little blue penguin traffic rules

By [Adam Bray \(.author/adam-bray\)](#) 25 April, 2013



COURTESY SHAUN MATTHEWS

Visitors to Zealandia, the Karori Sanctuary, can encounter rare birds such as the takahē.

In New Zealand's capital, wildlife sightings are a part of daily life, thanks to the city's green policies and development of countless parks, nature reserves and walking tracks.

Here's a case -- or a few cases -- for why Wellington may be the best city in the world for spotting wildlife.

### Orcas and other dolphins



COURTESY MARK TANTRUM

Another day, another orca in Wellington Harbour.

In February, at Wellington Harbour, 100 dolphins spent a week hanging out with residents before moving back out to sea.

Then in March, several pods of orcas [came to visit the harbor \(http://marktantrum.com/2011/12/killer-whales-in-wellington-harbour/\)](http://marktantrum.com/2011/12/killer-whales-in-wellington-harbour/) as they hunted stingrays, drawing out high profile visitors, like "The Hobbit" director Sir Peter Jackson.

For rentals and tours, try *Fergs Kayaks*, 6 Queens Wharf, +64 (0)4 499 8898,  
[www.fergskayaks.co.nz](http://www.fergskayaks.co.nz) (<http://www.fergskayaks.co.nz/>)

## Fur seals



Fur seals -- recognizable by their external ears and large, rotating flippers -- are endemic to New Zealand and southern Australia.

New Zealand fur seal colonies can be spotted just minutes from downtown at the southern Red Rocks or on a longer day trip to eastern Cape Palliser.

While local colonies are mostly comprised of large males, the cuter sights of mothers with pups are common from August through October.

Wild horses and goats, a legacy of New Zealand's earliest settlers, also frequent the Red Rocks.

Visit the fur seals with *Seal Coast Safari*, 232A Leftbank, Cuba Mall; +64 (0)4 801 6040;  
[www.sealcoast.co.nz](http://www.sealcoast.co.nz) (<http://www.sealcoast.co.nz/>)

## Little blue penguins



The little blue penguin is the smallest penguin species in the world.

Little blue penguins, the smallest penguin species in the world, can be found nesting all around the coastline of Wellington's suburbs.

The slate-blue, flightless birds with white bellies weigh a little more than a kilogram.

The best time to see them is at dusk when the parents come home to tend to their chicks and sleep in their burrows.

Not all Wellington residents love them. While the birds may be cute, they do have the annoying habit of crawling underneath homes and making lots of noise during mating.

Visiting drivers should take note of the penguin crossing signs dotted along the coastline -- the birds often waddle across the street to reach their nests.

In an effort to allow penguins to raise their young in relative safety by the sea and eliminate the need for them to keep crossing roads, [Places for Penguins](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/projects/places-penguins) (<http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/projects/places-penguins>), a program by the conservation group Forest and Bird and the Wellington Zoo, has placed more than 200 nesting boxes along the southern coast.

For optimal penguin viewing, walk or drive along the coastline at dusk. Be sure to observe any signage and instructions so as not to disturb nests or protected colonies

## Kapiti Island Nature Reserve



COURTESY VOLKER GATTERDAM

*Kaka (forest parrots) are plentiful on Kapiti Island.*

Five kilometers off the western coast, Kapiti Island is New Zealand's most important island nature reserve.

Human impact on the island is kept to a minimum to prevent introduction of pests to the closed ecosystem -- just 160 people are allowed in per day.

Visitors can access only two areas of the island and require a permit from the [Department of Conservation](http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/wellington-kapiti/kapiti/kapiti-island-nature-reserve/) (<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/wellington-kapiti/kapiti/kapiti-island-nature-reserve/>).

Flightless kiwi, weka and takahē as well as kaka (forest parrots) and the rotund but beautiful kereru (New Zealand pigeon) are among the many bird species plentiful in the area.

Overnight stays are possible at a private lodge on the [island](http://www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/) (<http://www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/>).

Boats to the island depart from the Kapiti Boating Club at Paraparaumu Beach, an hour north by car from Wellington.

### **Zealandia: The Karori Sanctuary**



COURTESY BRENDON DORAN

*Tuatara, also known as the "living dinosaur," has a third eye under its skin and can be spotted at Zealandia.*

[Zealandia](http://www.visitzealandia.com/) (<http://www.visitzealandia.com/>) is a beautiful sanctuary valley located minutes from downtown.

Rare and highly endangered animals such as tuatara (a "living dinosaur" with a third eye under its reptilian skin), flightless takahē and little spotted kiwi live in the 225-hectare park. A secure fence keeps out invasive non-native species like stoats, rabbits and rats.

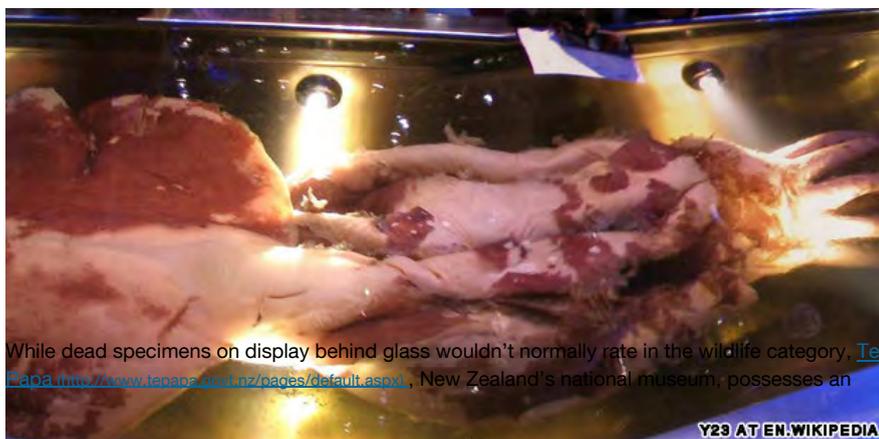
Birds such as the kaka and morepork (New Zealand's only surviving native owl) fly in and out of the area freely.

Visitors can encounter friendly wildlife up close via trails open to hikers of all levels and also accessible by wheelchair.

Recommended: guided night tours to see nocturnal species, such as the kiwi.

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### **Te Papa's colossal squid**



While dead specimens on display behind glass wouldn't normally rate in the wildlife category, [Te Papa](http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/pages/default.aspx) (<http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/pages/default.aspx>), New Zealand's national museum, possesses an

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*Te Papa's colossal squid display will do wonders for your diet.*

exception.

The museum's 495-kilogram colossal squid is the only intact specimen in the world, which are shorter but much bulkier and heavier than giant squid.

Originally caught off Antarctica in 2007, the specimen is 4.2 meters long, but is believed to have been a bit larger before it was frozen during the preservation process.

Also at the museum are exhibits of moa, a group of flightless birds that grew up to 3.7 meters tall and weighed more than 227 kilograms.

Moa were then the largest flightless birds in the world before they were hunted to extinction about 600 years ago.

Te Papa, like all of New Zealand's public museums, offers free admission.

[Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa](http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/pages/default.aspx) (<http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/pages/default.aspx>), 55 Cable St., Wellington, New Zealand; +64 4 381 7000; 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. daily (until 9 p.m. on Thursdays)

### Coming up: Ocean Exploration Centre

Wellington recently announced plans for a new NZ\$36 million (\$30.2 million) New Zealand Ocean Exploration Centre to be built at Lyall Bay.

The aquarium will feature the largest undersea viewing window in the southern hemisphere, and lead visitors through reefs, a sunken ship, a whale skeleton and a jellyfish tunnel before bringing them back to the surface.

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# Little Penguins: Life cycle

Little Penguins (kororā) live around all of New Zealand’s coastal areas (except the Sub-Antarctic islands and the Kermadec Islands), and in South Australia and Tasmania.



Little blue penguin. Photo: Craig McKenzie

They are the world’s smallest penguin, standing only 35-43 cm (just slightly taller than a rugby ball) and weighing slightly over 1kg.

Little Penguins have a slate blue back with a white belly—perfect camouflage for blending in against the lighter water as seen from below and the darker as seen from above.

The birds hunt at sea, feeding on small sardine-sized fish, and may swim up to 25km offshore and up to 70km from their colonies, reaching speeds of 6kph. In fact, their Latin name *Eudyptula minor* means “good little diver”.

During the breeding season, they generally come to shore at dusk and leave at dawn. On shore they are often quite noisy, and you may hear their loud screams, wails, trumpeting and deep growls when they come ashore at night.

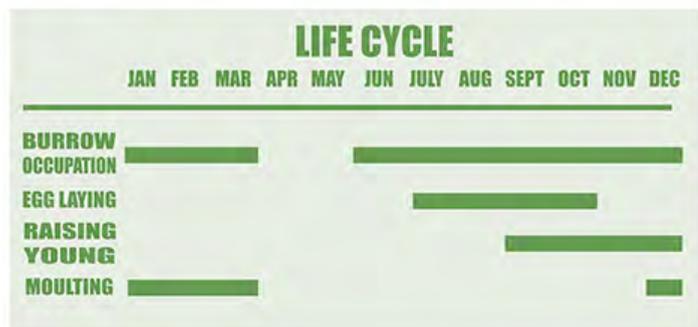
Their average lifespan is 7 years, but they can live to be over 20 years old. Their world population now stands at about 500,000 breeding pairs, but is decline, largely due to human impacts, like urbanisation of coastal areas

Little Penguin colonies are spread all around our coastline. The colonies are small, often less than five nesting pairs, although the largest can be between 20-40 pairs. The penguins may wander up to 1.5km and climb 300m before choosing a nest site.

They commonly nest in dunes, coastal forest, farmland, and rocky areas up to 200m inland. Colonies can be found up to 500m upstream from river mouths – well within common white-baiting zones. Nests are made in burrows, caves and rocky crevices, under tree roots, and in nest boxes. It is not uncommon to see them nesting under baches and houses near the sea. Little Blue Penguins often mate for life (although they have divorce rates similar to humans) and are often faithful to the same nest sites year after year.

## The Little Penguin’s Life-cycle

Little penguins can be found on land from June through March. During this time they lay their eggs, attend to their young, and moult. During April and May they spend large amounts of time at sea feeding in preparation for the next nesting season.



The penguins lay their eggs between July and October. They usually lay a single clutch of two eggs, but occasionally lay two clutches. Eggs are incubated for about 40 days.

Chicks hatch between September and December. When they are first born, the chicks weigh about 35g, and treble their size to one kilogram by the time they’re 8 weeks old!

After the chicks hatch, both parents care for them, remaining at their side until they are about 3 weeks old. The parents continue to attend to their chicks until they are fully grown at 8 weeks, making many trips back and forth to the ocean to bring back food. Once their chicks are independent, the penguins return to sea to stock up on food before moulting.

If you see a scruffy-looking penguin between December and March, don’t assume that it’s ill; it’s likely that it’s just moulting. Little Penguins moult for 2-3 weeks. During this time they cannot swim, making them particularly vulnerable to dogs, cats, and stoats.

The penguins must also fast while moulting because they are unable to go to sea and hunt. In preparation, from December to February, adult penguins double their body weight.

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## Take Action!

### What You Can Do In 5 minutes

- To volunteer for the Places for Penguins project contact our [co-ordinator](#)

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**Te Motu Kairangi-Miramar Ecological Restoration** added 2 new photos.

25 February · Wellington · 🌐

Sorry to bring you this. Some sad pictures and reminders here people. On a walk along the peninsula coastline we found two dead little blue penguins. One on the side of the road with injuries related most likely to been hit by a car and the other with two large punctures wounds over its back with a large dog as the attacker.

When doing a scenic drive along the coast at dusk and dawn, do please drive slowly as this is the time the penguins are very active and out and about. They can be very hard to spot.

If you are a dog owner, please have your dog on a leash on the beach or in a designated woof roof dog area, no matter how good control you might have over a dog, a smelly penguin is very attractive!

We spotted one dog owner last weekend with one off their two dogs off leash over 60 - 80 metre from its owner with the dog sniffing around the high tide shrub area. Can be very dangerous for a little penguin. Many are moulting too now, making them extra weak. For more info what you can do to help, have a look here: <http://www.temotukairangi.co.nz/.../birds/little-blue-penguins>



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# Call to protect penguins after four killed by dog

Last updated 14:16 20/07/2013

Four little blue penguins have been killed by a dog near Motueka and the Department of Conservation is asking people to look out for the protected species.

DOC biodiversity programme manager Bruce Vander Lee said DOC found the bodies of the penguins in the vegetation near the beach at Little Kaiteriteri this week.

Vander Lee said it was unusual to find so many dead penguins together, so they took the dead birds to a veterinarian to perform autopsies.

The vet said the birds had horrific crush injuries and puncture marks to their bodies, which meant it was highly likely they were killed by a dog.

Vander Lee said little blues came ashore to nest at this time of the year, and nested until the middle of summer.

He said the birds came ashore after sunset and made their way back to the sea at dawn. They were vulnerable when they came out of the water.

Vander Lee said the public needed to control their dogs when around the birds.

He said little blue penguins nested in burrows or vegetation. The space under houses was also perfect for them, as it was protected, dry and dark.

However, they typically made a lot of noise when they nested, and their nests could be smelly.

DOC is advising people to penguin-proof their houses by blocking places where the birds can get underneath to nest.

Vander Lee said DOC could help people with this, and provide nesting boxes to put on their properties so the birds had an alternative, safe place to nest.

Little blue penguins can be seen on beaches around Tasman Bay. They are a protected species.

## - The Nelson Mail

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Massey wildlife vets are calling for dog-owners to keep their dogs on leads or to use muzzles at beaches after a little blue penguin was injured

## Calls to restrain dogs on beaches after penguin injured

A little blue penguin mauled by a dog on a Taranaki beach faces up to five operations at Massey University's Wildbase Hospital as it recovers.

Now, wildlife veterinarians are asking dog owners to keep their dogs on leads or muzzled when on the beach this summer, to prevent more attacks.

A boy and his mother found the penguin on a beach near Spotswood on January 7, contacted the conversation department and it was later transferred to Wildbase.



Watch wildlife specialists explain the penguin's injuries and surgery

The injured penguin could not walk on its right leg, had abrasions on its right foot, deep wounds to the bone on its right thigh, punctuated air sacs and water trapped in its lungs.

Wildlife veterinary resident Dr Serena Finlayson says tooth marks and size of the wound indicated a canine predator caused the injuries.

The dirty wound had sand down to the bone and while the penguin had had two operations already, more would be required to clean it. It could now stand on his leg, but was not out of the woods yet.

“We are more suspicious the reason he couldn’t stand on his legs is because he has neurological problems. When dogs catch them and shake them, they get a lot of trauma down the spine and nerves,” Dr Finlayson says.

“So this guy was really lucky as he didn’t have any bones broken or blood vessels severed, that’s why he lived, but he does have a paralysis. It looks like it’s not permanent because it’s starting to improve.

“But now our biggest worry is that because the wound went into air sacs there is a risk of contamination. I think we will have to do another two or three surgeries – so maybe five in total.”

A number of little blue penguins had come through Massey’s pathology unit during November and December for post-mortems, and several had died from dog attacks – so the case was not a one-off.

Little blue penguins are found all along the New Zealand coastline, and during summer spend time on the shore or in burrows. Dogs can sniff the penguins out, put their heads in burrows, pull them out and cause horrific injuries, but owners could take measures to prevent attacks, Dr Finlayson says.

“New Zealanders need to be aware that on every beach, there could be little blue penguins. So we’re asking dog owners to keep all dogs on leads, or to use a muzzle when at the beach, as it’s the best way to prevent this from happening.”

[Wildbase \(http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/centres-research/wildbase/wildbase\\_home.cfm\)](http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/centres-research/wildbase/wildbase_home.cfm) is New Zealand’s only dedicated wildlife centre and is attached to Massey’s veterinary school. It is raising money to build new premises at the Massey’s Manawatū campus.

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# DOC devastated by death of penguins

[JONATHAN CARSON](#) Last updated 12:58 03/09/2014

At least eight little blue penguins were killed by dogs near Little Kaiteriteri Beach over the weekend, prompting a call for public help to keep the birds safe.

Department of Conservation staff were devastated to find the dead birds, and are urging dog owners to be more vigilant.

"We're gutted," DOC conservation services manager for Motueka, Mark Townsend, said.

"The deaths were horrendous. There were puncture wounds and skull crushing, broken ribs and broken spines and major internal injuries."

Veterinarian Mana Stratton confirmed that the penguins' injuries were consistent with a dog attack.

"People don't like to think that their dog would attack wildlife but it is natural behaviour for dogs," Townsend said. "It serves as yet another reminder that people need to keep their dogs under close control at all times."

Ten little blue penguins were killed in similar circumstances in the same area a year ago.

Standing about 25 centimetres tall, and weighing just one kilogram, the little blue penguin is the world's smallest penguin and a protected species in New Zealand.

Townsend said it was likely the penguins killed were breeding birds, as adults began egg laying in August.

"They're right around our coastline, and they do interact with the public, but they're incredibly vulnerable and anything we can do to enhance their wellbeing has got to be a positive."

According to the Dog Control Act 1996, the owner of any dog that attacks protected wildlife is liable on conviction to a hefty fine or even imprisonment

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# Dogs savage precious blue penguin colony

[DEIDRE MUSSEN](#) Last updated 05:00 28/06/2012

**PREDATOR STRIKE:** West Coast Blue Penguin Trust ranger Reuben Lane, left, and Scott Freeman of the Conservation Department with 15 penguins killed by dogs at Cape Foulwind on the West Coast.

Roaming dogs have annihilated a blue penguin colony at Cape Foulwind on the West Coast.

West Coast Blue Penguin Trust ranger Reuben Lane said 15 dead penguins had been found since last Thursday near the lighthouse end of the coastal track.

A veterinarian confirmed dogs killed the first five, which had bite wounds to the head, neck and upper body.

Autopsies would be done to confirm the cause of death.

After hearing about six deaths last week, Lane visited the colony on Tuesday and was shocked to find another eight victims. One more was found yesterday.

"There's something pathetic and tragic about these little birds lying there just dead. These penguins have a charismatic innocence about them. It's really sad," he said.

"I've been predator trapping out there for five years. It's going to take years and years to replace these birds."

He found dog prints but no sign of humans around the dead birds and believed one or two dogs were responsible, probably on a killing spree one night last week.

"People forget dogs are large predators. Just because it sits next to your fire and eats dog biscuits doesn't mean it isn't like that."

He said it was likely the entire colony had been wiped out.

The site was only a kilometre from a proposed free public viewing area, which the trust had spent a year working on. The area would allow people to watch penguins returning to their burrows at dusk.

Trust chairwoman Kerry-Jayne Wilson said she was "absolutely devastated" by the deaths. "We have put a lot of our time, resources and money in to build up the population at Cape Foulwind and this has set us back years."

The Conservation Department's Buller acting biodiversity programme manager, Scott Freeman, said efforts to find the dogs had been unsuccessful.

Under the Dog Control Act, the owner of a dog that attacks or kills wildlife can be fined up to \$3000 and the dog can be destroyed.

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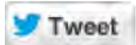
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## Dogs suspected in Wellington penguin deaths

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Wellington City Council's biodiversity coordinator, Myfanwy Emeny, said it wasn't the first time little blue penguins had been attacked along the south coast.

"Late last month another penguin was found dead nearby at Hue Te Taka/Moa Point. From the bite marks on all three carcasses it appears the penguins were attacked and killed by dogs."

Ms Emeny said penguins had a strong smell and were very attractive to dogs.

"Small dogs can even get inside their nest boxes and destroy the eggs and kill the chicks.

"It is the nesting season now and adults are feeding their chicks in the nest. If an adult penguin gets killed or injured by a dog, it is likely their chicks would starve."

Councillor Ray Ahipene Mercer, who lives on the south coast said it was always frustrating to hear of penguin deaths, but he said people needed to be cautious before attributing blame.

"Unfortunately there are a lot of suspects in the area in this regard including feral cats and mustelids like stoats and weasels."

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# Penguin Deaths: Dog Owners Cautioned

20 August 2012

The deaths of two little blue penguins - from what appears to have been dog attacks - on the south coast has prompted Wellington City Council to remind dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash or, if they're in a dog exercise area, keep a watchful eye on them. Even in an off-leash area they have to be under control at all times.

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The Council's Biodiversity Coordinator, Myfanwy Emeny, says this isn't the first time little blue penguins have been attacked along the south coast.

"Late last month another penguin was found dead nearby at Hue Te Taka/Moa Point. From the bite marks on all three carcasses it appears the penguins were attacked and killed by dogs."

Dogs are not allowed on the seaward side of the road between Wahine Memorial Park at Palmer Head and Moa Point, including Tarakena Bay, except for the main track where they must keep to the track and stay on a lead. This is to give the little blue penguins a safe place to live and breed.

"A lot of people might not realise penguins have a very strong smell and are very attractive to dogs. Small dogs can even get inside their nest boxes and destroy the eggs and kill the chicks," says Ms Emeny.

"It is the nesting season now and adults are feeding their chicks in the nest. If an adult penguin gets killed or injured by a dog, it is likely their chicks would starve."

The Council's Natural Environment Portfolio Leader, Councillor Helene Ritchie, says she's upset and annoyed to hear more penguins have been killed.

"Having penguins on the coast is what makes Wellington what it is - in terms of access to biodiversity."

Wellington City Councillor Ray Ahipene Mercer, who lives in the area and is part of a community group that enhances penguin habitats, says he is always frustrated to hear of penguin deaths.

"A lot of the community has been actively doing stoat control work and replanting to enhance the penguin population on the south coast."

He urges caution before blaming dogs for all the deaths of little blue penguins in the area. "Unfortunately there are a lot of suspects in the area in this regard including feral cats and mustelids like stoats and weasels."

Under the Dog Control Act, the owner of a dog that attacks or kills wildlife can be fined up to \$3000 and the dog can be destroyed.

For information about areas where you can walk your dog and where they're prohibited, go to:

[Dogs - Exercise Areas](#)

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# Penguin killed in dog attack

BY NICHOLAS BOYACK    Last updated 10:46 10/05/2011

A little blue penguin has died in Wellington Zoo after being attacked by a dog in Seaview.

The attack on Saturday morning involved a couple walking a large alsatian and a husky on Port Rd.

Witness Ann Rodgers confronted the pair and said the woman was attempting to hide the badly-injured bird under a bush. She said the man was severely reprimanding the dogs.

Mrs Rodgers contacted the SPCA, which took the penguin to the Native Bird Rescue Trust (NBRT), which in turn took it to Wellington Zoo.

Ms Rodgers, who describes herself as a dog lover, says she was disgusted by the woman's actions.

"She was clearly ashamed that her dog had done that."

She is not sure which dog grabbed the bird but says the husky was on an extendable lead.

"It was on a massively long, long lead which meant it was not under any control."

Karin Wiley from NBRT says the bird was very badly injured and had no chance of surviving the attack.

Penguins have a very strong odour that is attractive to dogs but she says if an owner has a dog under control, it should not attack a bird.

Hutt City Animal Control manager Les Dalton says he regards a dog attack on a protected species as "very serious" and people can be jailed or fined heavily.

If the couple can be identified, he says the council will interview them and take the appropriate action.

The area where the attack occurred is not known for having penguins.

However, he said he will now put up signs reminding dog owners to be careful. Long leads are becoming common in the city and he does not favour their use.

Legally an owner must have a dog under control and a long stretchy lead offers only limited control, he says.

If a dog does attack another animal, he says the owner should do the "right thing" and assist the injured animal.

He accepts that in this case, the owner was probably deeply embarrassed, but that was no excuse for leaving a bird to suffer.

**- Hutt News**

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# Roving dogs suspects in penguin killings

BY JARED SMITH Last updated 05:00 16/08/2010

Dog owners are being urged to keep their animals on a leash while on the beach after two little blue penguins were killed at the start of nesting season last week.

Department of Conservation ranger Callum Lilley said a roaming dog was carrying one dead penguin in its mouth on Wai-iti Beach, while the other was found on Ngamotu Beach with puncture marks.

"The birds will be autopsied at the New Zealand Wildlife Centre at Massey University but their injuries suggest a dog attack. It's certainly not our mate the leopard seal. They tend to chomp and don't leave any evidence." The leopard seal swam into Port Taranaki on August 6.

Mark Meyburg, who is researching the penguins on a one-year teacher fellowship from the Royal Society of New Zealand, said Wai-iti had a bigger penguin colony than many Taranaki beaches.

In June, the students of Mimi Primary School launched Project Pingu to build and place protective wooden boxes for the penguins to nest.

"We are placing stoat traps there, too," said Mr Meyburg.

"But roaming dogs will soon bite into a dwindling population. Local residents Gwen and Ian Besley used to have penguins walking past their door but they don't see as many now."

At 35 centimetres to 40cm tall and weighing 1 kilogram, the little blues are the world's smallest penguins. Between August and November a breeding pair will usually lay one or two eggs and after about eight weeks the chicks will fend for themselves.

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## Pets

Find out about the impact family pets have on New Zealand's wildlife and learn ways you can reduce the chance of your pet being part of this significant problem.

Keeping pets is a human tradition dating back thousands of years. However cats and dogs have a natural instinct to hunt and can cause damage to New Zealand's native species. You can help control your pets to protect wildlife.

## Facts

### New Zealand's unique species

New Zealand's isolation from the rest of the world has allowed special adaptations of its plants and wildlife. Extensive forests, clear rivers and lakes, food-rich wetlands and unpolluted seas once provided habitats for about 250 bird species, many of them unique to New Zealand. Without predators many became flightless or ground-dwelling - no match for the mammals which were soon introduced.

### Predators

The first such predators were the kiore (Polynesian rat) and kuri (dog). Kiore rapidly became widespread and as agile climbers, readily plundered eggs and small birds. European explorers brought stowaway Norway and ship rats which caused a significant reduction in ground-nesting land and sea birds, along with land snails and large insects. The remaining array of animal predators arrived with human colonisation, either for company or as game. Rabbits fell into the latter category while mustelids in turn were brought to New Zealand as a poorly planned "biological control" for rabbits.

### Effect on biodiversity

The combined effect dealt a stunning blow not only to individual species but to New Zealand's overall diversity. Some species became limited to islands, others became extinct. This is particularly tragic when such species contributed to the distinctive character of New Zealand - and cannot be replaced. Destruction of our bird life is now so comprehensive that world-renowned ornithologist Professor Jared Diamond once declared New Zealand no longer has a bird fauna - just the wreckage of one.

While other human activity contributed to the demise of these species, there is no doubt that hundreds of animals we now regard as pets played - and continue to play - a significant role.

## The threat

### Devastation caused by cats and dogs

North Island saddleback, pied tit, tui and red-crowned parakeet were eliminated on Cuvier Island, off the Coromandel coast, mostly through predation by cats. Cats were introduced to Mangere Island, in the Chathams, to control rabbits but in addition had also eliminated at least two species of seabirds and most forest birds by 1950.

Kiwi deaths have been caused by pet dogs on daytime walks and by dogs not tied up at night, at home or camping. Cats and mustelids (ferrets, stoats and weasels) are also predators of kiwi.

The Whangarei Kiwi Sanctuary Study from 2000-2005 showed dogs were responsible for 42 % of kiwi deaths including 69 % of adult kiwi deaths. The effective control of dogs is identified as the most critical part in ensuring the survival of kiwi.

Cats are attracted to the same kinds of wildlife while dogs mainly affect kiwi, weka, rail and penguins.



Wild Cat.



Dog named "Craka"



North Island brown kiwi killed by dog

In addition to these problems, dogs on the loose are well-known for upsetting beach and bush walkers to the extent of serious bites and harassment and for fouling public places.

### **Destruction from other 'tame animals'**

Many apparently 'tame' animals can cause surprising damage in the wild. Even hedgehogs, which eat mainly insects, also adversely affect ground-dwelling birds by eating their eggs. Mustelids are particularly vicious killers affecting birds as large as New Zealand pigeon/kereru, along with lizards, insects, moths and butterflies.

### **Natural instincts to hunt**

Although these stories may sound extreme, destruction on a more limited scale is quite possibly occurring very close to you on a regular basis. For example, advocating kiwi protection from dogs in the Coromandel area forms a major part of the BNZ Kiwi Recovery Programme.

However much you love, care for and train your pet most retain natural instincts to hunt. You may never know the damage they cause.

## **DOC's work**

### **The Five Jems Subdivision**

The Western Bay of Plenty District Council made a landmark decision in November 1996 to ban cats and dogs from the Five Jems subdivision at Waihi Beach. DOC and Forest & Bird sought the ban to protect sensitive bird populations in a neighbouring salt marsh reserve.



**Cat proof exclusion fence**

### **Hunting dogs**

Hunting dogs are allowed in areas damaged by pests such as goats and pigs, because they help control the problem.

### **Threatened species dogs**

DOCn uses trained dogs to help find rare bird species. Use is rigidly controlled and dogs are muzzled.

### **Other restrictions**

It's illegal under the Wildlife Act to own more than two ferrets, or keep possums or wallabies without a permit from DOC.

## **You can help**

You as a pet owner can assist in balancing the forces of nature and improving the chance of survival for native species. Here's how:

### **Cats**

- Have your cat neutered or spayed so they can't produce unwanted kittens.
- Keep your cat well fed and have moving toys for it to play with, so it is less inclined to chase birds, etc.
- Keep your cat indoors overnight so nocturnal insects and lizards have free reign of your garden.
- Don't dump unwanted kittens and cats - either give them to the SPCA or ask a vet to put them down humanely.



**A domestic cat**

### **Dogs**

- Provide your dog with a roomy pen/kennel where it can be happy and is not free to roam outside your property.
- Exercise dogs only in areas designated for the purpose -
  - not on beaches
  - not in estuaries
  - not in reserves.
- Keep your dog on a lead.
- Be particularly aware of ground-nesting birds - such as kiwi, dotterel and oystercatchers - and keep dogs away from nesting areas.

## Related links

- [Make your cat conservation friendly](#)
- [Dogs on conservation land](#)

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## Little penguin/kororā

The world's smallest penguin, little penguin (also known as little blue penguin) stand just over 25 cm and weigh around one kg. They spend much of their time at sea hunting small fish, crustaceans and squid.

The plumage is slate-blue with a bright white belly. They are found on most of New Zealand's coastline and in southern Australia.

Like all penguins they cannot fly, but their paddle-like flippers are excellent for 'flying' through the water.

Little penguins forage for food up to 25 km offshore and 70 km from the colony. They can reach speeds of up to 6 kph underwater. Little penguins only come ashore under the cover of darkness and live underground in burrows, natural holes, or under human structures or buildings.

The population and range of little penguin has been declining in areas not protected from predators. Where predator control is in place, populations have been stable or increasing.

In Canterbury, the little penguin has a characteristically broad white band at the front of the flipper but is regarded as being the same species.



Little penguin/kororā

## Penguin neighbours

People and penguins like to live in the same places - prime coastal habitat, and penguins still try to live with people. They were common in New Zealand, but most are now on offshore islands where there is less disturbance.

## Why and when they come ashore

Adult birds come ashore between May and June to prepare nests. This small bird may waddle up to 1.5 km from the sea, and climb 300 m to find the perfect nest site. Traditional nests are in underground burrows, under vegetation, in crevices, between rocks or in caves. Since people came onto the coastal scene, little penguins have also taken to nesting under houses and boat sheds, in stormwater pipes, and stacks of timber.



Little penguin/kororā swimming

Usually two eggs are laid from August to November. Young chicks are generally not left alone until three weeks old, and then both parents are kept busy bringing in food. After about eight weeks the chicks are ready to fledge and fend for themselves.

Independent once again, parents stock up on food before coming ashore to shed their feathers and grow a new waterproof coat. The moult lasts about two weeks and can happen any time between November and March. The penguins are especially vulnerable at this time as they cannot swim.

## Where to spot penguins

By day little penguins are out at sea, fishing and feeding, or in their burrows roosting, moulting or tending eggs or chicks. They are more likely to be seen in sheltered harbours and inlets where their low profile may be detected from a boat.

Because of their small size and nocturnal habits, little penguin are rarely seen on land. Generally they only come ashore under the cover of darkness.

There is a commercial opportunity to see little penguin on dusk at Oamaru, and recognised observation spots at other coastal sites.

From May to June, when birds are pairing up and sorting out nests, they are very noisy. You can sometimes hear them if you visit the coast just after dusk.

Many penguin in Wellington harbour have been banded, providing valuable information about their movements

and lifespan. We now know that birds do not often move far from home. When ready to breed, many young animals settle just metres from where they themselves were raised. And once settled in an area, they seldom move away.

## Threats

It is likely that dogs are the greatest threat to little penguin. Cats, ferrets and stoats will also kill them.

These threats have increased with more coastal development bringing more dogs and the clearance of traditional nesting sites.

Little penguin are also killed crossing coastal roads, being hit by boats or caught in set nets.

For all these reasons, little penguin are more abundant on predator-free offshore islands.

Where predator control is in place, populations are stable or increasing.

## Our work

Little penguins are protected by the Wildlife Act, which is administered by DOC.

DOC has helped community groups caring for penguins by fencing off areas and providing nest boxes.

View a factsheet summarising some recent research on little penguins: [Little penguin behaviour and ecosystem health \(PDF, 8.530K\)](#)

## You can help

How to make little penguins safer:

- Tie your dog up at night and keep it on a leash at the beach.
- Drive carefully along any coast road, especially at dusk and dawn.
- Consider creating a neighbourhood penguin sanctuary, providing pest control and safe nesting areas.

A scruffy penguin is probably moulting, not sick:

- Leave it alone.
- The safest place for a moulting bird is its hiding place away from dogs, cats, ferrets and stoats.

What if you don't want noisy penguins nesting under your house?

- Little penguins often return to where they hatched. Before the breeding season begins (late March-April), block up access points under your house.
- Check you haven't blocked a bird in, or separated a parent from its chicks. It is risky to block penguins' access while they are nesting or moulting (from May to early March), as you may trap birds under the house. Also, by sealing them out, you may expose a moulting bird to predators.
- Consider providing a nest box elsewhere on your section.

## Build a nest box

The nest box design (below) has been successfully used where suitable nest sites have not been available, or to relocate birds evicted from their chosen nest site (eg removed from under houses).

[Nest box design \(PDF, 152K\)](#)

Little penguins readily adopt the boxes, in some cases being occupied just a few hours after being placed!

Penguins show a preference to nest boxes over natural sites and breeding success in the boxes has been equal or higher than that observed at natural sites.

The boxes are designed to be partially or completely buried, however they can be used as free-standing units.



**These two dogs were destroyed after they had killed 72 little penguins**



**Little penguin/kororā chicks**



**Little penguin/kororā on nest**

They should be placed with the tunnel entrances pointing slightly downhill (for drainage) and around 2 m apart. If the lid is left accessible for easy inspection, secure firmly with a large rock as penguins may dislodge it during courtship or territorial defence. If regular inspections are not required, nail or screw the lid down.

**Do not** provide nesting material, the penguins will find their own. Materials like hay or straw can cause respiratory infections.

See also: [Places for Penguins project on the Forest and Bird website](#)



**Little penguin/kororā and nest box**



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## Little penguin

*Eudyptula minor* (J.R. Forster, 1781)

Order: Sphenisciformes

Family: Spheniscidae

**New Zealand status:** Native

**Conservation status:** Declining

**Other names:** little blue penguin, blue penguin, fairy penguin, white-flippered penguin, kororā, korora

**Geographical variation:** No subspecies recognised, as regional morphological differences are minor, clinal, and not supported by analyses of genetic diversity. Two clades were identified using mitochondrial DNA: (1) Australian populations (formerly *E.m. novaehollandiae*) and some Otago birds, and (2) all remaining populations including some Otago birds. The second clade included all birds previously assigned to *E.m. iredalei* (northern New Zealand), *E.m. variabilis* (Cook Strait), *E.m. albosignata* (the white-flippered penguin of North Canterbury), *E. minor chathamensis* (Chatham Islands), and some *E.m. minor* (southern New Zealand).



Little penguin. Adult swimming. Aorangi, Poor Knights Islands, March 1985. Image © Department of Conservation ( image ref: 10031421 ) by Rod Morris Department of Conservation Courtesy of Department of Conservation

As their name suggests, the little penguin is the smallest species of penguin. They are also the most common penguin found around all coasts of New Zealand's mainland and many of the surrounding islands. Primarily nocturnal on land, they are sometimes found close to human settlements and often nest under and around coastal buildings, keeping the owners awake at night with their noisy vocal displays. They live up to their scientific name 'Eudyptula' meaning "good little diver", as they are excellent pursuit hunters in shallow waters.

### Identification

The little penguin is the smallest penguin. They are medium blue to dark indigo-blue dorsally, sometimes with a greenish cast, and have white underparts. Dark slate-blue on the face extends to just below the eye. Birds from Banks Peninsula and North Canterbury are the palest dorsally, have wider white margins on the front and back edges of the dorsal surface of their flippers, and may have more white on their face and rump. Before the annual moult, dorsal surfaces may be pale brown. The robust, hooked bill is dark grey, the iris blue-grey or hazel, and the legs and feet are off-white with dark soles. Males are slightly larger than females, with more robust bills. Recently fledged young are bright blue dorsally, and markedly smaller than adults.

Voice: the main call at nesting sites is a loud bray ending in an inhalant squeal; also deep growls. A contact 'bark' is given at sea.

Similar species: recently-fledged crested penguins (e.g. Fiordland crested penguin) are also dark-blue dorsally, have dark bills, are much smaller than adults, and have reduced crests. All are at least half as large again as little penguin, and have at least a trace of yellow in front of or over the eye.

### Distribution and habitat

Little penguins are widely distributed along the coastlines of the North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands and their offshore islands. They visit (but are not known to breed at) the Three Kings Islands, and are vagrant to the Snares Islands. Little penguins are also common in south-western and south-eastern Australia, where they are also known as fairy penguin. Little penguins are mainly found within 25 km of the shore during the breeding season, but can travel further out to sea when not breeding. Major breeding areas in New Zealand include Hauraki Gulf islands, Wellington Harbour, Cook Strait islands and Marlborough Sounds, West Coast, Fiordland, Motunau Island, Banks Peninsula, Oamaru, Otago Peninsula, islands in Foveaux Strait and around Stewart Island, and the Chatham Islands.

### Population

Common along most New Zealand coastlines, especially where offshore islands provide protection from predators and disturbance, or where protection measures are in place on the mainland. The largest colonies are on Motunau Island (1650 nests) and at the Oamaru Blue Penguin colony (>1,000 individuals).

### Threats and conservation

Many colonies are in decline due to predation by introduced predators including cats, dogs and ferrets. Little penguins at sea are at risk of entanglement in set nets. Some mainland colonies are also affected by human encroachment onto important breeding areas, and individual pairs are often physically removed or blocked out of nest sites under houses, when owners object to their loud calls and fishy odour. Many adult penguins are hit and killed by cars where coastal roads run between breeding areas and the sea, e.g. around Wellington harbour and parts of north Westland. Little penguins respond well to predator control and provision of nest boxes to provide safe nesting sites, with populations around Wellington Harbour, Banks Peninsula and the Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony increasing as a result.

### Breeding

Little penguins can breed as isolated pairs, in colonies, or semi-colonially. Nests are situated close to the sea in burrows excavated by the birds or other species, or in caves, rock crevices, under logs or in or under a variety of man-made structures including nest boxes, pipes, stacks of wood or timber, and buildings. They are monogamous within a breeding season, and share incubation and chick rearing duties. They are the only species of penguin capable of producing more than one clutch of eggs per breeding season, but few populations do so. The 1-2 white or lightly mottled brown eggs are laid from July to mid-November, and with rarer second (or even third) clutches beginning as late as December. Incubation takes up to 36 days. Chicks are brooded for 18-38 days, and fledge after 7-8 weeks. Pairs are often highly faithful to nest sites.

## Behaviour and ecology

Little penguins are nocturnal on land. They return to nesting areas at dusk, congregating in small groups, or “rafts” offshore. Rafts usually come ashore together and are comprised of the same individuals each night. They feed at sea as solitary individuals or small groups, rarely more than 6 individuals. They must stay ashore continuously for about 2 weeks during the annual moult (mainly between January and March), when all feathers are replaced simultaneously.

## Food

During the breeding season little penguins forage within 20 km of the colony, pursuit diving for prey generally in waters less than 50 m deep. Their diet is composed of varying proportions of small shoaling fish, squid and crustacean species. Important prey items include arrow squid (*Nototodarus sloanii*), slender sprat (*Sprattus antipodum*), Graham’s gudgeon (*Grahamichthys radiata*), red cod (*Pseudophycis bachus*), ahuru (*Auchenoceros punctatus*) and stomatopod larvae.

## Weblinks

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Little penguin

## Little penguin

### Social structure

monogamous

### Breeding season

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun <sup>884</sup>

**Nest type**

burrow, hole in building, lined scrape, rock crevice, scrape

**Nest description**

nest type varies considerably from small lined scrapes in caves and crevices or under logs and bushes to deep burrows.

**Nest height (mean)**

0 m

**Nest height (min)**

0 m

**Nest height (max)**

0 m

**Maximum number of successful broods**

3

**Clutch size (mean)**

2

**Clutch size (min)**

1

**Clutch size (max)**

2

**Mean egg dimensions (length)**

55.7 mm

**Mean egg dimensions (width)**

42.5 mm

**Egg colour**

Predominantly off-white, sometimes with brown mottling and spots

**Egg laying dates**

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun

**Interval between eggs in a clutch**

2 days days

**Incubation behaviour**

shared

**Incubation length (mean)**

37

**Incubation length (min)**

30 days

**Incubation length (max)**

39 days

**Nestling type**

altricial

**Nestling period (mean)**

56 days

**Nestling period (min)**

48 days

**Nestling period (max)**

64 days

**Age at fledging (mean)**

55 days

**Age at fledging (min)**

54 days

**Age at fledging (max)**

56 days

**Age at independence (mean)**

55 days

**Age at independence (min)**

54 days

**Age at independence (max)**

56 days

**Age at first breeding (typical)**

2-3 years

**Maximum longevity**

25 years

**Maximum dispersal**

Unknown

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**Identification**

**Length: 33 cm**

**Weight: 1 kg**

Similar species: Fiordland crested penguin

A small, stocky, dark blue and white penguin with a long, robust, dark hooked bill, blue-grey eyes, relatively short flipper-like wings, and pinkish-white legs and feet.

**Sounds**

Calls from birds on shore after dark

Calls from adults soon after coming ashore

Calls from two birds in a field drain  
White-flipped penguin nest defence

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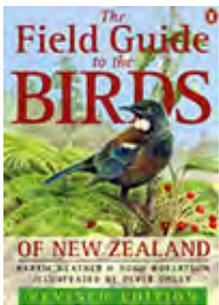
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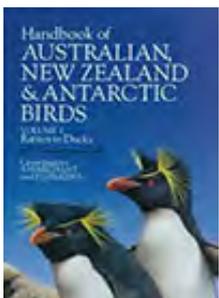
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## **SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL DOG POLICY**

### **1. Introduction**

The proposed changes to off lead areas are placing a higher importance on increasing the options to dog owners at the expense of people without dogs and our native wildlife including penguins.

I strongly object to the proposed change to any beach exercise area being off lead at any time. Particularly the proposal for the following beaches to be off lead in winter:

1. Balena Bay Beach
2. Scorching Bay
3. Freyberg and Oriental Bay
4. Seatoun Beach

I oppose allowing dogs to walk on-leash between the car park and Atatürk at Tarakena Bay Beach

I support Tapu te Ranga Island being a prohibited area

I propose that the Council should look prohibiting dogs at other beaches that provided nesting, breeding, resting and foraging habitats for seabirds and shorebirds, or requiring dogs to be on leashes at all times on beaches.

The words *harmful and offensive to the community* should be retained in the definition of nuisance.

The purpose of this submission is to highlight to the Wellington City Council (Council) that:

1. Dog ownership is both a privilege and a choice, it is not a right. Dog owners have choices, but penguins and seabirds do not.
2. Wellington harbour and the Wellington City beaches are a home and habitat to native little blue penguins. The presence of native animals living and breeding in Wellington City is something we should protect and celebrate.
3. Dogs are a direct threat to our native little penguins and the best practise advice from leading wildlife and conservation organisations is to keep dogs off beaches, or at an absolute minimum require dogs on beaches to be on leads.

### **2. Questions for the Council**

1. What research had the Council conducted into the potential detrimental environmental impacts on penguin and other seabird breeding and nesting habitats prior to proposing to open known breeding areas to dogs off leash.
2. Does the Council recognise that dogs are a direct threat to our native little penguins and other seabirds that are ashore on beaches.

3. If the Council allows dogs off lead, what is the Council's expected and accepted mortality rate of penguins.
4. Does the Council recognise Department of Conservation (DOC), Massey University and other wildlife professionals' advice to keep dogs off beaches and on leads.
5. What research has the Council conducted into the number of dog attacks on beaches where dogs are off lead, in particular:
  - a. What is the expected number of attacks on people
  - b. What is the expected number of attacks on wildlife
  - c. What is the expected cost of dog attacks on humans to tax payers for health care
  - d. What is Wellington City Council's acceptable rate of death of our native little penguins and shorebirds

### **3. Dog Owners have choices, Penguins, Shorebirds and some seabirds do not.**

Pet ownership including dog ownership is a choice, not a right. Dog owners make a conscious choice to own a dog and have a large variety of options as to where to exercise their dogs many provided and maintained by the council at the expense of rate payers. Dog owners that choose to have dogs in Wellington City do so knowing they are in the city and that there will be restrictions and limitations placed on them so that their choice to own a dog does not impinge on the rights of others, or native wildlife. It should not be a surprise to dog owners that the options for exercising their dogs may require them to have their dog on a lead. Dog owners should also recognise that:

1. Not everyone is interested in their dog, or interacting with their dog.
2. Dogs can be dangerous animals and present a threat to humans.
3. Dogs are a threat to wildlife.
4. The only way to ensure a dog is under control is to have it on a lead.
5. Many residents of Wellington contribute both their time and money to protect our native species including our native little penguins.
6. It is unfair that the wants, not needs, of dog owners are being placed ahead of any other consideration.

Penguins have limited choice where they can come ashore to rest, breed and moult. It may seem obvious, but our native penguins, like all penguins, must leave the sea to breed and to moult. A fact of life for all birds is that they must nest and raise their young on land, and it is during this period that they are at their most vulnerable to predation, and for a penguin during the moult they are even more vulnerable.

The little penguin life cycle means that penguins come ashore at various times of the year to breed, moult and sometimes, simply rest. I have included in Appendix 1 a description of this lifecycle.

Dog owners have a choice to not to use a beach to exercise their dog, but to take up the many other available options already provided. Penguins and shorebirds do not have a choice and must use a beach. This clash between choices is particularly important in relation to the animal control policy as Wellington city beaches are a known habitat for our native little penguins, and are known to be killed by dogs on our beaches.

#### 4. Wellington Harbour is a Known Little Penguin Habitat

Wellington harbour is a known penguin habitat. This is evidenced by:

1. The efforts and records of Places for Penguins, including
  - a. Establishment of native vegetation
  - b. Placement of nest boxes
  - c. Monitoring of nest boxes and breeding success
2. Te Papa scientists study of their foraging habits (Appendix 1-1, 1-2, 1-3)
3. Frequent sightings of Penguins in the harbour and ashore
4. Records of breeding monitoring by Places for Penguins

The work done by Places of Penguins (PfP) would have to be the biggest evidence that penguins live around Wellington Harbour. I have not included any information from that group as I am assuming they will be submitting on these proposed changes, however if the Council should be aware of this group and their work as it resulted in the group being named the Supreme Winner of the 2010 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards (Appendix 1-4).

From my own personal experience I have kept an eye on a pair of Wellingtons little penguins who have nested close to the city and successfully raised three chicks, 1 on 2014 and 2 in 2015.

Therefore I would propose that as part of this submission that Wellington Harbour and its beaches and foreshore, including the beaches and foreshore proposed as off lead areas by the Wellington City Council Dog Policy changes, are known little penguin habitats.

The close intersection of nature and our native wildlife in Wellington city is something that we should celebrate and protect. This intersection makes Wellington an incredibly special city. It is something that I and many others value highly, this is evidenced by the amount of personal time and money that is contributed towards keeping our native animals safe in our urban environments.

#### 5. Dogs are a Threat to Penguins and Kill Penguins

The main concern that I wish to raise is in support of my submission is that dogs are a direct threat to our native penguins and are known killers of our native penguins. In support of this I have attached a number of articles sourced from various websites, including the Wellington City Council.

That dogs are threat to seabirds in New Zealand has been well recorded since at least 1936. In *Seabird Genius*, a biography of Sir Lance Richdale (the first campaigner for the protection of Albatross at Taiaroa Head in Dunedin), the author Neville Peat records that after watching the Taiaroa Head Albatross nest unsuccessfully for many years Lance Richdale had to do something.

*Meantime he [Richdale] rallied support through the winter of 1937, specifically for the erection of a fence to protect the Albatrosses from people. Predators like stoats, ferrets and feral cats were threats enough but the worst offenders were people and their dogs<sup>1</sup>.*

The attachments in Appendix 2 are articles recording native little penguin deaths by dogs in Wellington and other parts of New Zealand, including a facebook post and pictures in Attachment 2-1 from February 2016 recording penguin killed by dogs on a beach Miramar Peninsular.

Appendix 3 is sourced from two New Zealand organisations that are well respected in their research and knowledge of New Zealand wildlife and conservation of New Zealand wildlife. In particular

DOC advice in relation to dogs as pets is (Attachment 3-1)

- Not to exercise dogs on beaches
- Keep dogs on leads
- Be particularly aware of ground nesting birds and keep dogs away from nesting areas

DOC information on the Little Penguin (Attachment 3-2) that:

- It is likely that dogs are the greatest threat to Little Penguin
- These threats have increased with more coastal development bringing more dogs.
- To help make little penguins safer tie your dog up at night and keep it on a leash at the beach
- Consider creating a neighbourhood penguin sanctuary, providing pest control and safe nesting areas

Te Papa information on the Little Penguin (Attachment 3-3):

- During moulting many fall prey to Dogs, cat and stoats. At a Colony near Oamaru recently dogs killed about a third of all little penguins resident there.

I request the Council consider the advice of these organisations and recognise that dogs are a direct threat to penguins and kill penguins and that the best way to protect penguins from dogs is to not allow dogs on beaches, the second best is to keep dogs on beaches on a lead. Should this second option be chosen then appropriate levels of enforcement will need to be maintained to ensure compliance.

## 6. Change of Definitions

The current definition of **nuisance** is: *A person, thing or circumstance causing trouble or annoyance, anything harmful or offensive to the community or a member of the it for which a legal remedy exists or a statutory nuisance as defined in Section 29 of the Health Act*

The proposed definition of **nuisance** is: *A person, animal, thing or circumstance causing unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort or convenience of another person.*

I am not sure why the Council has proposed to remove *harmful and offensive to the community* from the definition of nuisance. I am very concerned that this watering down of this clause does not meet the intent of the Dog Control policy, being to prevent injuring or killing of people and wildlife by dogs.

The words *harmful and offensive to the community* should be retained in the definition of nuisance.

## 7. On a personal note

In 2015 and 2016 I kept watch on a pair of native little penguins breeding in Wellington City. The existence of this breeding site is known only to a few people in order to protect the penguins from disturbance or being killed by people and/or their dogs. With the aid of an infrared camera I

watched as they incubated their egg(s) and raised their chick(s) from August – December. I will admit that as a result of this encounter I am very fond of this penguin family, and in fact all penguins. Although these penguins nested in a 'dogs must be on lead' area I had frequent encounters with dog owners walking their dogs off lead. When I requested they put their dog on lead many refused or became abusive. Many walked past the nest entrance with their dog off lead in the evening when the adults were coming ashore, many refused to put their dogs on leads when requested. Some, who put their dog on lead I encountered on later occasions with their dog off lead again. A key threat to this penguin family, for which they have no defence, is dog attack while ashore and during the short but dangerous 10m stretch from the waterline to their nest. This threat is the same to the many penguins that call the Wellington shoreline home.

I had hoped that the 2016 review of the dog control policy would provide an opportunity to increase the protection for the penguins and other shorebirds. To my dismay this is not the case and rather than increasing protection, we are having to defend maintaining the status quo, which is the bare minimum.

I would be an understatement to say that I was stunned to read on the Stuff website that Cr Simon Marsh had proposed transforming Balaena Bay beach, along with parts of Scorching Bay, Seatoun and Oriental Bay beaches into off-leash areas during the winter. During winter our beaches aren't heavily used, so it's worth asking these questions," he said<sup>ii</sup>.

What Cr Marsh is proposing is to allow a known little penguin predator into little penguin habitats uncontrolled, and during the most important period of a little penguin lifecycle, the breeding season. What Cr Marsh is proposing is against the advice of New Zealand leading wildlife organisations and against what I thought would be common sense.

What surprises me most is that Places for Penguins has been operating in Wellington for many years with the support of the Council, and this proposal is completely counterproductive and I would have thought an insult, to the effort that group of individuals has put in to enhancing the foreshore and providing a safe as possible environment for the Penguins that we share our city with.

In reading *Seabird Genius* Peat notes about Lance Richdale:

*Through public talks, media coverage and his own publications, he remonstrated about people who shot shags and penguins, stole albatross eggs, harassed chicks and stoned adults. He was equally critical of the government officials charged with protecting wildlife, who sat on their hands while feral cats, ferrets and uncontrolled dogs went on the rampage<sup>iii</sup>.*

I struggle to believe that in 2016 I am having the similar discussions with Government Officials in Wellington as Lance Richard was having with Government Officials in Otago in the early to mid 1930's.

If the Council chooses to relax the control on dogs in Wellington as per the current proposal then I expect that Penguin habitat in the region will reduced to Matiu/Somes Island. While I do not have the power to protect these precious creatures myself, you as a Council do. I urge you to think not of the dog owners who have choices, but of the seabirds and penguins who do not and are the most vulnerable users of our beaches over winter, and in fact all year.

What right does a penguin or colony of penguins have to a safe place to breed, rest and moult over the right of a human who wants to walk their dog off lead on a beach? It appears in the eyes of the Council, none, and the penguins will have to pay with their lives to prove it.

Jeremy Miller

## Appendix 1 – Evidence of Penguins in Wellington Harbour

Number	Title	Source
1-1	Little penguins foraging during chick-rearing in Wellington	<a href="http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/11/27/little-penguins-foraging-during-chick-rearing-in-wellington/">http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/11/27/little-penguins-foraging-during-chick-rearing-in-wellington/</a>
1-2	Penguin update Wellington and Malborough news	<a href="http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/29/penguin-update-wellington-malborough-news/">http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/29/penguin-update-wellington-malborough-news/</a>
1-3	A penguins day at sea The Wellington edition	<a href="http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/">http://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2014/10/09/a-penguins-day-at-sea-the-wellington-edition/</a>
1-4	News Penguin Protectors Win Community Award	<a href="http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2010/08/penguin-protectors-win-community-award">http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2010/08/penguin-protectors-win-community-award</a>
1-5	Wildlife spots in Wellington, New Zealand CNN Travel	<a href="http://travel.cnn.com/wild-wellington-best-city-wildlife-337846/">http://travel.cnn.com/wild-wellington-best-city-wildlife-337846/</a>
1-6	Little Penguins Life cycle Forest and Bird	<a href="http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/projects/places-penguins/little-penguins-life-cycle">http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/projects/places-penguins/little-penguins-life-cycle</a>

## Appendix 2 – Articles on Dog Attacks

Number	Title	Source
2-1	Sorry to bring you this some sad news	Te Motu Kairangi Miramar Ecological Restoration Facebook
2-2	Call to protect penguins after four killed by dog	<a href="http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/8944301/Call-to-protect-penguins-after-four-killed-by-dog">http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/8944301/Call-to-protect-penguins-after-four-killed-by-dog</a>
2-3	Calls to restrain dogs on beaches after penguin injured	<a href="http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/news/article.cfm?mnarticle_uuid=F8176A52-F5CB-2552-E38E-877E0AAEC258">http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/news/article.cfm?mnarticle_uuid=F8176A52-F5CB-2552-E38E-877E0AAEC258</a>
2-4	DOC devastated by death of penguins	<a href="http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/10455400/DOC-devastated-by-death-of-penguins">http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/10455400/DOC-devastated-by-death-of-penguins</a>
2-5	Dogs savage precious blue penguin colony	<a href="http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/7183183/Dogs-savage-precious-blue-penguin-colony">http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/7183183/Dogs-savage-precious-blue-penguin-colony</a>
2-6	Dogs suspected in Wellington penguin deaths	<a href="http://www.odt.co.nz/news/national/222404/dogs-suspected-wellington-penguin-deaths">http://www.odt.co.nz/news/national/222404/dogs-suspected-wellington-penguin-deaths</a>
2-7	Penguin Deaths Dog Owners Cautioned Wellington City Council	<a href="http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2012/08/penguin-deaths-dog-owners-cautioned">http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2012/08/penguin-deaths-dog-owners-cautioned</a>
2-8	Penguin killed in dog attack	<a href="http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2012/08/penguin-deaths-dog-owners-cautioned">http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/news/2012/08/penguin-deaths-dog-owners-cautioned</a>
2-9	Roving dogs suspects in penguin killings	<a href="http://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/news/4026783/Roving-dogs-suspects-in-penguin-killings">http://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/news/4026783/Roving-dogs-suspects-in-penguin-killings</a>

## Appendix 2 – Penguins Species Information

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3-1	DoC Pets_ New Zealand animal pests and threats	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/animal-pests/animal-pests-a-z/pets/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/animal-pests/animal-pests-a-z/pets/</a>
3-2	DoC Website Little Penguin Korara	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/penguins/little-penguin-korora/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/penguins/little-penguin-korora/</a>
3-3	Little penguin _ New Zealand Birds Online	<a href="http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/little-penguin">http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/little-penguin</a>

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<sup>i</sup> *Seabird Genius The story of L.E. Richdale, the Royal Albatross and the Yellow-eyed Penguin.* Neville Peat, Otago University Press 2011, p 22.

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/77975610/meouch-wellington-cats-face-prospect-of-microchips-or-tattoos>

<sup>iii</sup> <sup>iii</sup> *Seabird Genius The story of L.E. Richdale, the Royal Albatross and the Yellow-eyed Penguin.* Neville Peat, Otago University Press 2011, p 250.

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
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**Submission**

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner  
 Own another type of animal  
 Do not own an animal  
 N/A
- 

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

Comments

Fully support the inclusion of Wrights Hill road track as a dog exercise area, opening up Island Bay beach.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

It is nice to see Island bay beach being opened to dogs off lead, and propped area seems a good compromise. Lack of parking could be an issue for non-locals/visitors.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Not sure what you mean. I believe all walking tracks around Wellington should be off leash. The issue around dogs and people, in my opinion, is that some dog owners do not have control over their dogs.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

As long as those within the area have full control of their dogs, otherwise, it could be caotic. Dogs get highly aroused when doing agility, and easily go out of control. Would like to see those areas as limited to those that could demonstrate control over their dogs. How about the council

running/promoting courses of good 'responsible owner', and certifying those who pass? Those then would have privileges like being allowed in agility parks. Would that not encourage all dog owner to attend the course, and that way, improve relationship between dogs and communities?

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

As long as not left alone. The community only has to benefit of dogs being included in them. They become socialized, and therefore, reactive/agressive dog behaviour decreases. People become used to have dogs around, and learn appropriate behaviour around them, like asking if ok to pet the dog, before doing so.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It is dangerous for the dog and for the public.

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I sense there is an increase in demand for fully fenced areas. While those can be a blessing is the exercise area is close to a road, for instance, I also believe they encourage dog owners not to gain control of their pets. It also discourage owner/dog interaction, and creation of a bond, since most dog owners leave their dogs to play with other dogs. Bearing that in mind, enclosed areas are potentially a place where a whole bunch of out of control dogs meet. That is not a good thing. Putting the above aside, I believe dog exercise areas should not be sterile grassed areas. Dogs need to exercise not only their legs, but also their senses. So, trees and bushes, that provide interesting smells, and places to hide toys, and play search enrich a dogs outing. Another suggestion would be shallow pools with random water jets for dogs to cool off in summer and play. Tunnels, climbing logs and benches, all that would provide something for dogs to do, instead of concentrating in other dogs, which could cause trouble.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

I would like to see dog policy offering benefits for good dog owners. I also would like to see dog owners to be 'certified'. You should not be allowed to own a dog, unless you complete a basic course that would cover not only 'Good Canine Citizen' but also animal welfare.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

- Male  
 Female
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My age is

- under 18 years  
 18-29 years  
 30-39 years  
 40-49 years  
 50-59 years  
 60 years and older
- 

Which of the following best describes you?

- Residential ratepayer  
 Commercial ratepayer  
 Residential and commercial ratepayer  
 I rent  
 Other
- 

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
- Māori
- Samoan
- Cook Island
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

#### Comments

1. Closer regulation on so called 'dog trainers'. There is currently a wide array of dog trainers, and the public needs to know how to differentiate them. I would encourage the council to establish close links with New Zealand Kennel Club and SPCA and launch an accreditation course for dog trainers, giving them the chance to gain practical experience while volunteering at SPCA. 2. Dogs need to learn above all how to be good pets, and how to live in our community, not necessarily how to be champions in dog obedience. 3. Dog owners need to learn that it is not ok to allow your dog to approach dogs who are with their owners and under control on a lead. Your own dog may well be friendly but you should never assume that the dog and owner it is approaching would welcome the approach.

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#### Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Info at WCC  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 5:24 p.m.  
**To:** 'Jan.Gould@tekura.school.nz'  
**Cc:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog control policy submission

Dear jan,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding a submission on the proposed Dog Policy changes and a review of dog exercise areas..

We have forwarded your email on to the Policy Team for their attention. We expect they will contact you directly if they require further information.

We value your input and if you require further assistance please contact us.

Kind regards,

**Aaron**

Customer Services Team Wellington City Council  
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 PO Box 2199 Wellington 6140

----- Original Message -----

> From: Jan.Gould ([Jan.Gould@tekura.school.nz](mailto:Jan.Gould@tekura.school.nz))

> Sent: 29/04/2016 5:17 p.m.

> Subject: Dog control policy submission

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> Kia ora,

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> The submissions on this policy are due at 5 pm on Monday.

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> The submission takes the form of a pictorial diary, taken before breakfast this morning.

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> It shows the sheer numbers of dogs that are walked at only one of the off leash dog parks in Wellington.

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> This is something that we do not believe is appreciated by the staff and councillors at the WCC.

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> However, one point was missed off - we would like to be able to see that the Council recognises the responsible dog owner by accepting the "admission forms" at any time at all.

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> When I asked about this, I was told to make contact in September.

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> This seems to be an admission that there are inadequate staff to deal with this policy, or there is no will to recognise good dog owners.

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> If it was the latter, this is very disappointing and we would like to see that this action is available all year round.

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> Nga mahi,  
>  
> Jan Gould

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To the Public Health team

Wellington City Council

## Submission on Dog Control Policy

Aspect of policy that we would like to submit to is Dog Care and walking areas where dogs can be exercised off-lead.:

- ***Dog Care***
- ***Under Section 54 of the Dog Control Act 1996, owners must ensure their dog receives proper care and attention. This means adequate food, water, shelter and exercise.***
- ***Failure to comply is an offence with a jail term of three months or a fine of \$5,000.***

We are delighted to be able to put in a submission and thank the Wellington City Council for opening this process to all submitters.

We are delighted that the Council has worked hard to ensure that there are off lead dog walking areas available and we are also pleased that as a result of the submissions process these might be extended and adapted to suit the needs of the dogs and their owners' requirements.



Morning at *Tawa Tawa Reserve* or the dog park.

- We have observed that the bulk of dog walkers are middle aged and older
- This is an excellent health benefit for both the dogs and the owners
- In asking other dog owners what they would like to see in exercise areas they state:
  1. Ability to give a **dog fresh water** after a run off lead in an exercise area.
  2. It would be great to see a tap and a trough available for dogs to drink out of.
- Others state that the ability to drive and park easily at a dog park is an advantage. The weather is not always sunny and being able to park makes the owners (and thus the dogs) much happier.

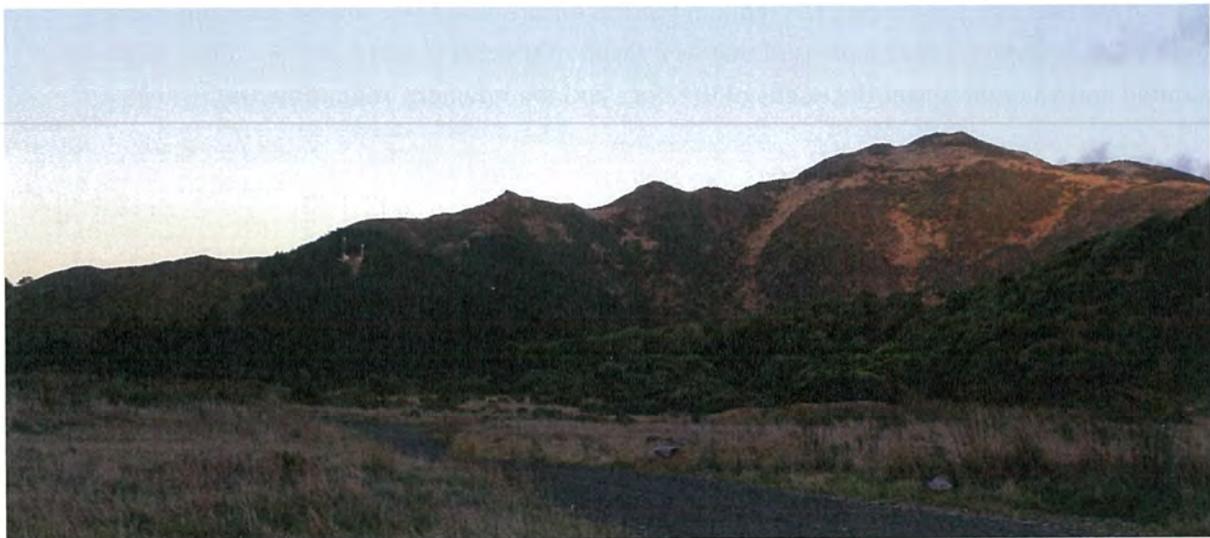
Jan Gould. 42 Mills Road, Brooklyn, Wellington 6021  
Submission on an aspect of dog policy

- Fencing off from the road is also something that other owners would like to see. This is a problem in exercise areas such as Lyall Bay, where excited dogs run on to the road. As a result only the most disciplined dogs tend to go to this area.



Tawa Tawa Reserve – Preston's Gully Murchison Road.(from Council website)

We have included the Council's own picture of Tawa Tawa Reserve, off Happy Valley Road. The following pictures were taken there on the 29<sup>th</sup> April between 7.45 and 8.15.



Morning at *Tawa Tawa Reserve* or the dog park.





Before and after a walk - very full carpark -(6.45 – 7.30 am)



As we arrive this group is leaving



Early morning dog walkers



Len puts fresh water down twice a day but by 7.15 it looks like this.



Len saying hi to Bailey, his dog Midge waits patiently.



Plant nursery at the reserve

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Rhodie gets a lead on him, so he will be OK with Bella, Bailey and Lars



The whippets clean up any rabbit problem

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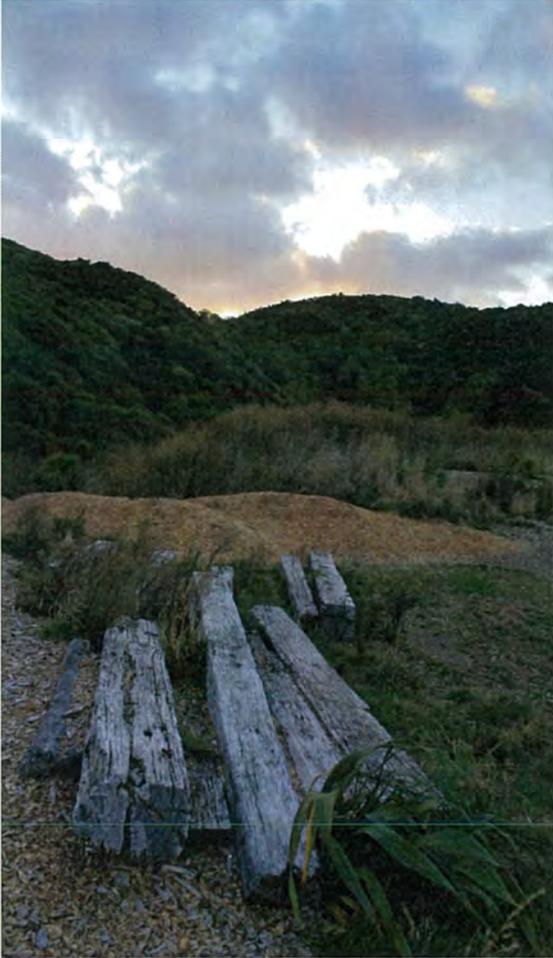
Sam and Echo passing pleasantries while the owners chat



Debby and Penny and Bella with Sam's tail to the right.



Happy dogs playing



Great smells and textures



Bella Lars and "I'm just being minded" thank you.

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Lars and Riley (at front) say hello.

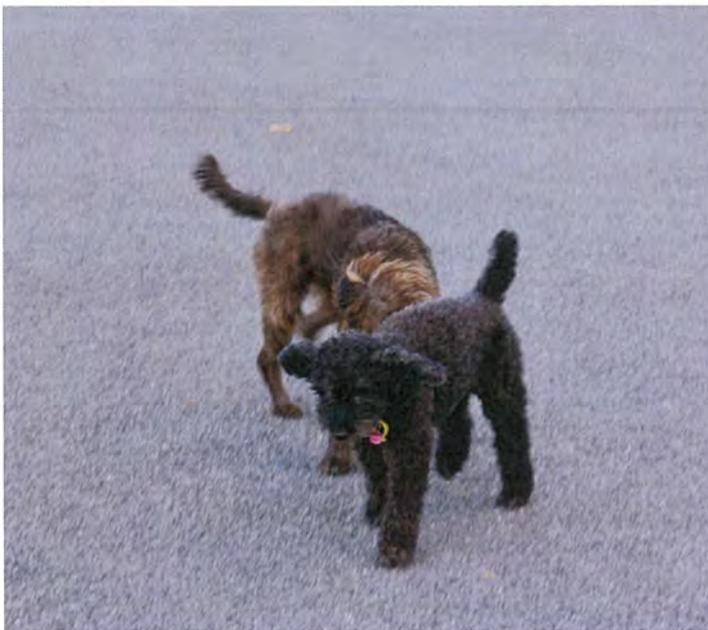


Saying hello to a new dog.



Bailey is on a weight loss programme so he sniffs everything for its possible edible qualities.

Sam and Bailey greet a new comer in the carpark.



Sam and the puppy

## Conclusion

- The off-lead dog parks are really important places for the dogs (and their owners) to socialise.
- We need more of them.
- We need them to be safe.
- We need water available.
- We need adequate fencing.
- We need all of the above so that animals and humans can socialise and grow old and be healthy together.

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Info at WCC  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 3:51 p.m.  
**To:** 'ishrwood@actrix.co.nz'  
**Cc:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Exercise Area Submission

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding a submission on proposed changes to the Councils Dog Policy and review of dog exercise areas.

We have forwarded your email on to our Policy Team as they are best suited to respond. We expect they will contact you directly if they require further information.

We value your input and if you require further assistance please contact us.

Kind regards,

**Aaron**

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----- Original Message -----

> From: [no-reply@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:no-reply@wcc.govt.nz)

> Sent: 29/04/2016 2:28 p.m.

> Subject: Contact the Council / Fix It Form

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> The following has been sent from the Contact the Council / Fix It Form on the Wellington City Council website:

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> **Name:** Peter Isherwood

> **Address:** 27 Kabul Street

> **Suburb:** Wellington

> **City:**

> **Phone:**

> **Mobile:**

> **Email:** [ishrwood@actrix.co.nz](mailto:ishrwood@actrix.co.nz)

> **What can we help you with?** Animals or dogs

> If other, give details:

> **Have you contacted the Council about this previously?** No

> Service request number:

> **Location:**

> **Description:**

> I am making a submission regarding the recent proposals regarding exercise areas for dogs. In particular to the proposal to classify the track in the Khandallah Park area from Sirsi St to Mt. Kaukau as a dog exercise area. I frequently walk my daughters dog in this area which I know well. The walks are very popular with people including a significant number of

> people walking dogs. My experience is that dog owners are conscientious at cleaning up their dog waste and I have yet to see a dog that was in any way threatening. There are some  
> areas such as the childrens play area where dogs should not be permitted and I think dogs should always be on a leash in the area near the swimming pool and in the large grassed  
> picnic area. before the track enters the native bush. The track from Sirsi Crescent will never be popular with dog walkers. At the moment it is infrequently used because it is far less  
> attractive than the other tracks and few dog walkers will want to walk to the grassed are at the summit along that route The track cannot be compared with the other tracks in the area. I  
> firmly believe that people should be permitted to let their dogs off leash on the track. I have walked the tracks at least a hundred times and only once have I met anyone who was scared  
> of dogs and they were certainly not threatened. I realise competing interests are involved but I do think that greater liberalisation of the laws would be accepted by the great majority of  
> people who use these tracks. As an alternative I think you should consider permitting dogs off leash for a two hour period in the morning. If anyone wants to avoid dogs off leash they  
> could avoid this two hour interval.

> **Other comments:**

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> We will get back to you as soon as we can.

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> For urgent request:

> Council Contact Centre

> Phone: (04) 499 4444

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Jessica Clarke

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**From:** Susan McCracken <susan.m@orcon.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 April 2016 7:58 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** dog policy

There is quite a disparity between the expectations in the policy and the opportunities for dog owners to comply. There is a huge lack of rubbish bins to dispose of dog droppings, no wonder a lot of people don't bother, makes me mad because, as I do clean up after my dog, I still get "the look" when I'm out walking my dog! Also expecting people to have off leash control of their dogs when there are very few safe places to train your dog. You can't just train the dog at home you need to work them where there are real life stimuli. Ian Galloway has the best fencing I've seen in Wellington however it is very exposed there is no shelter from wind and sun and the surface will not be able to stand up to a wet spell, how about some alternative surfaces for wet weather such as shingle. Some basic agility courses for dogs could provide a positive influence for people to learn dog control skills. Maybe some smaller corrals for unsociable dogs or those dogs that are still working on sharing.

The significant presence of wandering willy, which is quite toxic to some dogs, limits the areas people can legitimately take there dogs.

A lot of people seem to lack basic dog handling skills there could well be a place for people to complete a basic class in dog handling this could be an e-learning package or a one off class as part of registration.

I think it is unrealistic to not allow dogs to be left unattended at the shops this is buying into the lack of socialization that is already prevalent, have designated areas for dog parking so all concerned can feel safe.

Notification on this process was very poor only one sign at Karori Park which has at least four acknowledged entrances to the dog exercise area (and numerous casual entrances!). I only knew about this because I know someone at council!

Bronwyn Gale  
[bronmgale@gmail.com](mailto:bronmgale@gmail.com)

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** David & Wendy <these4@vodafone.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 May 2016 9:58 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy

We need dog parks that are similar to the Sydney Park. We need open off-leash areas with trees, shrubs, pools of water, streams, agility exercise areas, picnic areas - places where families can spend the day whether they have children or pets or both.

This is a photo of a dog off-leash park in Sydney (there are lots) -



Also look at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=sydney%20park>

Thanks  
Wendy Jacobs

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

People who want to run their dogs off-leash need wide open spaces with good visuals, well away from play areas where children are, such as Willowbank Park, and tightly constrained popular walking areas such as the proposed off-leash area at Stebbings Dam, and away from streams which host native wildlife. Council should plan in advance for proper dog exercise areas in new developments, not try to make them fit retrospectively. The Stebbings Dam area is a very popular walking destination for children and adults however it is a tight and compact area and only going to get more popular as development extends. It's currently being treated as a dog defecating space by many dog owners. Dogs should be kept on leash and not permitted to romp freely at Stebbings Dam, or in the stream. There used to be a pair of herons living at the dam however they have been frightened away by the dogs who move fast and see birds as something to race up to and check out. Other ground birds in the Glenside area are pukeko, spur-winged plover, paradise ducks and other ducks. With the new Regional Council catchment approach toward caring for streams, will the streams be fenced off to protect them from non-native animals standing and walking in them and defecating/urinating in them and on flood plains nearby? Isn't it time Wellington City Council started thinking about protecting all streams and bird-life from dogs, not just seals and penguins on the coast.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

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**Comments**

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Comments

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Dog Policy

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Comments

Yes. As the levels of compliance with expected standards of behaviour by dog owners increase, hopefully too the scope of use of public areas around Wellington can increase also.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes. The use of beach areas in this way, particularly at times when the beach is not otherwise being heavily used, maximises its use by the public. Off-leash areas like this are fantastic for dog owners and their dogs. By and large, the dog exercise area at Lyall Bay works brilliantly.

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Comments/suggestions

I don't have a difficulty with dogs begin left unattended provided: (i) they are restrained; (ii) it is for a short time (a matter of minutes); and (iii) the owners is not too far away (e.g. in a nearby shop).

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Comments/suggestions

I understand the rationale to be that these areas should have periods of time when they can be used without dogs present. Presumably that is to provide time for use by people who wish to use the beach without dogs around and to limit the possibility of conflict between dogs and people resulting from the area being particularly busy, young kids etc. However, I would strike the balance differently and have the 'no dog' times modified to 11am - 6pm on the basis that this areas (beaches) tend not to be particularly busy outside of those times.

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Comments

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Comments

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Comments

Yes, it seems like many areas are being expanded and more added. I'm very happy about that. Except deleting the one in Evans Bay. That's a very necessary area to be able to walk dogs. It's crowded residential and there is no where else on the side.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Island Bay should Definitely be off leash - the south end is perfect. Thank you so much for proposing this. I'm totally in favor.

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, opposed
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Conditions/exclusions/comments  
apart from Evans bay

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions  
Dog owners - out of their annual registration

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Dogs want to be with their owners. People won't take their dogs if they are unruly or can't be trusted around lots of people.

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Comments/suggestions

But this is a tricky one - you want to be able to go in and have a coffee or do some shopping. But if the dog is left too long or is anxious and is barking and becomes a nuisance then the owner will have to be cautioned. 3rd time warrants a get a fine or restriction.

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It's based too strongly on people working 9 to 5. As our population grows, we add more diversity.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

IN general I would like to see the council promoting responsible ownership of all pets. Owners should be able to demonstrate control over their dogs when they are in public spaces. Those who can trust their dogs will leave them off lead - those that know they cannot trust them don't. The less rules and the more responsibility that goes onto the owners the more interest they will take in being responsible owners.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

The good dog owner discount needs to be more clear and accessible. It would happen automatically, the council has a record.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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#### Comments

Thank you for taking the time to ask and to give us a chance to respond. Good luck with it all.

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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

Yes, I support the changes and think they are really positive ways to allow people and families with dogs to enjoy our city with off-leash walks and play. I would particularly like to say that I support the Cummings Park dog exercise portion in remaining an off-leash area. There are a small number of agitators involved with the Ngaio Residents Association that seem to be lobbying to have this portion of the park removed as an exercise area for dogs. This park is used extensively by local dog owners, families and children with their dogs year round, and I fully support it to remain the status quo.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I agree with the change for Island Bay to have at least a portion of the beach for an off-leash area.

Unfortunately I am not familiar enough with the beach to be more detailed (as a dog owner I currently do not use the beach there). I have many friends in the area with dogs + children who would greatly enjoy the opportunity to use the beach with their whole family.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think that the proposed changes are really good. I like the way that this will allow dog owners and families to live and play within their own communities. In some instances it is simply bringing the regulations in line with how areas are currently used e.g. extending the boundaries of some of the off-leash areas to the tracks where the car parks are.

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Whilst it is always disappointing to lose an exercise area I would have to say that Evans Bay Beach always felt too dangerous to exercise off-leash with its proximity to SH1 and a 70km/h speed area (despite having a dog that does what he is told).

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

I am a regular user of Trelessick Park and am always grateful to be able to walk there with my dog off-leash. We are always on the look out for tracks that we can walk off-leash and often the bush tracks are perfect for when the weather is either really bad (sheltered), or really good (shaded).

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

A small addition to registration fees could allow for dog owners to contribute to the costs.

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Comments/suggestions

Many apartment owners own dogs and many city dwellers will need to walk through town to the waterfront etc. In addition, some city, or city fringe cafes etc are becoming more dog-friendly, which would allow owners and families to walk the dog and stop for brunch or a coffee for example.

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Comments/suggestions

I am not opposed to dogs being left in cars (with suitable ventilation etc), but do think they should be supervised if on a footpath for example.

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## Comments/suggestions

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

I really like the proposed change that will allow dogs to be exercised at the side of sports fields when not in use for games etc. There is a catch-22 situation at present that a lot of the off-leash areas are away from the road (which keeps people and animals safe), but during the winter months when it is dark this can feel a bit isolated and uncomfortable as a woman trying to be a responsible dog owner. This proposed change would allow for the early morning, or late evening off-leash sniff around to take place in what would feel like much less isolated surroundings.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

I'd just like to say thanks to the council for good proposed changes.

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No

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Comments

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Comments

I request one change to the off-leash track to the Vice-Regal Exercise area, so that dogs are not allowed off the leash until past the junction with the track to Coromandel St - there is a play ground along this track and families with children, or older unaccompanied children, use the track and should not have to encounter off leash dogs. Also, in the shared part of this track, there is easy access to neighbouring properties. We live at the end of Owen St and often dogs let off the leash too early run across our property and our neighbours'. The owners often call them for some time before they respond.

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Comments

Support the recommendation

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Comments/suggestions

But - don't let dogs off the leash until they are clear of domestic properties and don't have them in places where there are likely to be other users who would not want to encounter free roaming dogs. See my comments about the track at the end of Owen St.

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Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

Yes. I am fully in favour of this proposal. In terms of beach exercise areas within Wellington city which provide a large area for running, swimming and are not too close to a road currently there is only Houghton and Lyall Bay beaches. Lyall bay is extremely popular, to the extent that there are often too many dogs there at the same time. This can cause problems and it is the one place that I routinely see dogs having altercations. It also seems to be a destination beach, where non wellington city residents will visit. In addition the beach is still extremely popular with people without a dog (often visitors with small children are there) and of course the surfers. Houghton bay is much

less popular and therefore much easier in terms of exercising and giving dogs the space they need and being able to keep dogs that are not fans of each other at separate parts of the beach. However Houghton bay can be extremely rough and had an exceptionally strong tide which makes it not always suitable for the dogs to swim. Island bay by contrast is much safer for swimming. We often walk or dog along the western end of the beach wick is currently an on leash area and no matter what day our time we go there is usually no-one else there. The odd time there had been someone else it is another dog owner. That end off the beach just isn't used by non dog owners who prefer the main island bay beach near the club houses. Including island bay beach would give Wellington city dog owners a safe swimming beach with a good area to run around, that is protected from the road and take the pressure off Lyall bay beach. It should not adversely impact residents and other beach users given the houses sit well back and separate from the beach and the lack of use by other users. I fully support this proposal.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

In general they seem fair and strike balance between providing safe areas for dog exercise and the needs of non dog owners. I have some concerns at the potential extension of dog excluded areas near red rocks, however was unable to find a map of proposed new area and having said this, do entirely sure tthat the wildlife in the area and seals need protection. It would be nice if the beach nearest the Carpark and some of the road to red rocks could remain an on leash area of possible, however the potential inclusion of island bay beach as an off leash area would go some way to providing a better alternative. Additionally whilst it's sensible to remove the te aro exercise area at the bottom of polhill fully given its never used hi dog owners (too small, fullnod cyclists and close to busy road) we would still like to be able to walk out dog on the polhill walking track. Happy not to go on the downhill steep cycling track reserved for cyclists.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

See above

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

The key to happy, non troublesome dogs is a well exercised and stimulated dog. Our dog gets between one and two hours exercise at a minimum every day. At present there are no off leash tracks. Our family loves to do long bush walks and this is by far the best way of exercising large dogs. They do twice as much running if off leash and the different surroundings give the dogs lots of stimulation. It also provides something different for owners than going to the same old dog park or beach day in and day out. It is not practical running a large dog on a lead, even the retractable leads are insufficient for a large dog. There are many tracks in Wellington which are generally only used by dog owners in any event and most have them off leash and run the risk of a fine. The vast majority of dogs are well behaved and under control off the leash and indeed I'm yet to see a dog altercation on a track where they can say there quick hello and then carry on as opposed to a park or beach area where they may be unable to escape the annoying dog unless the owner takes them away. I also find the odd time we come across a non dog owner track user they are more than happy with the dog and everyone passes each other without any problems and carries on. I fully support off leash track areas.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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#### Comments/suggestions

We would happily pay slightly more on dog registration for better facilities at parks, including agility equipment and water supplies (be good to have taps/hoses at major parks. Particularly Tawa Tawa reserve which gets very hot in summer and dogs get very muddy in winter. Presently a well meaning dog owner fills a bucket each way but it's used by many many dogs!)

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#### Comments/suggestions

Be nice to be able to go into a shop briefly or sit in a cafe in town etc. In general nzers are dog friendly and I find when we do walk out dog on the city people continually come up wanting turned to pay him. If we exclude dogs from everywhere we will end up a society of people who have no awareness of how to interact with dogs and animals. We think it a shame we aren't more like Europe where dogs are accepted in the cities and in public transport. It's important that children in particular are exposed to animals to learn how to behave around them and have empathy for other living things.

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Comments/suggestions

Yes see above. It would be terrible if I couldn't even tie our dog up for 5 mins outside our local dairy or cafe. They are often part of our walk, pick up bits at the dairy or pharmacy whilst our walking. If you stop this you'll find a lot of dogs will go without a walk and then you'll have problem dogs because they aren't getting enough exercise. Also I've never seen any problems with dogs tied up outside a shop, seems Unnecessary proposal. Majority of dog owners are considerate about where the dog is tied so as not to obstruct people, allow sufficient room to get around without going near if don't like dogs etc. Also remember the people who are walking their dogs and tying them up briefly whilst they go into a shop or have a coffee are the good dog owners who care for their dogs enough to take them for a walk and include them in their lives and consequently will have a well behaved dog!

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Comments/suggestions

Not all dog owners are early riders and it still gives non dog owners vast majority of day.

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

No

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No.

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**Comments**

I support the majority of the proposed changes to the dog exercises area outlined in the Dog Policy Exercise Areas review. I have additional comment to make on some specific changes as they are outlined in the document. Seton Nossiter: While it is logical to extend area to include SOME of the track from the entry area to the valley floor the diagram shows an extension right to the road edge and describes the new zone with reference to the carpark. In my professional opinion and as a dog owner who regularly uses this exercise area myself the new offlead zone should only include the area below an existing pictograph pole on the main track about 15m beyond the existing rubbish bin. This pictograph is securely mounted on a bollard pillar and easily replaced. At that point there is good visibility heading down into the valley of dogs and people coming up and it is far enough below the track junction and road edge to ensure a dog is not a risk to traffic or unintentionally intimidating to those entering the area from the carpark. At present I have observed responsible owners will walk their dogs on-lead to this point and then remove their leads as they continue to walk down the hill - even though the signage for offlead is some 200 metres further on. It has

become the norm to assume the main track is offlead the track (vehicle access for the Dam) is fairly wide and visibility is good from that point. It is safer than the alternate of allowing dogs to run uncontrolled through the carpark and up the narrow access track. The short track from the carpark is narrow, has a tight swish-back and is steep. It is difficult to see ahead around the corners until after the main track is reached. In the carpark at the start of the track and where people first arrive there is also a large marked ONLEAD grassed area (around Papurangi Scout Hall). Placing the offlead start away from this allows for those who prefer to walk onlead or who have dogs not suited to the offlead space to also safely use the park without risk of an offlead dog chraging up unexpectedly. RECOMMENDATION: Extend the offlead designated area up the main track as far as the pictograph pole and 15 metres below the rubbish bin/ track junction to the carpark.

STEBBINGS DAM I also strongly support the addition of Stebbings Dam to the Council managed Dog Exercise Area list. Please note that under the geographical suburb boundaries Stebbings Dam is located in GLENSIDE and not Churton Park as stated in the review document. Stebbings Dam has also been extensively revegetated by the Glenside community and the identity of the area is linked to this suburb very strongly, therefore those of us living in Glenside feel strongly we should not lose our identity in this way. I disagree with the area desinated however. The picture as depicted only allows for a very small part of the Dam reserve to be offlead. as an aerial shot it looks fine but in reality it is a steep slope with significant gorse growth under foot. The angle of the slope is potentially dangerous for young dogs if running downhill (eg chasing balls) as it puts additional stress on growing joints. The Dam reserve is an excellent area to be re-classified as a Dog Exercise area. It is a large undulating space with interesting spaces, an informal walking track up the far slope already in place and well established route over the top that is in frequest use by dog owners and casual wakers. A feature of the Dam and most enticing to dogs and dog owners is the pooled water as it exits the dam and the flat area surrounding this. The water quality of Stebbings Stream while still supporting aquatic life has degraded over time and is considered suitable for human drinking or as a swimming hole. However it is ideal for dogs - particularly at the manmade structure downstream of the earth dam itself. Locally Stebbings Dam has been used unofficially as an offlead area for the past decade or more - coming as it did under Regional Council and not City Council jurisdiction as it did. It the only safe place in Glenside for offlead activity, and better than the currently designated space at Churton Park on Halswater Drive being away from the road, in a natural valley and with formed walking routes already in place. It does not have facilities that would conflict with other uses as the tracks while fairly naturally formed are too rough for strollers, steep in places and have considerable shortcut gorse plants underfoot. It is more in keeping with the designation offered Wahinahina Park DEA on the other side of the Motorway where the majority of the space is offlead. The only part of Stebbings Dam that should be onlead is the sealed path leading down to the valley floor and under the Western Bridge from the vehicle access barrier arm on Westchester Drive. By maintaining this tarmac section as on-lead it would make the entry and exit safer for dogs who might otherwise end up on the road (as per my recommendation for Seton Nossiter) and also avoid a potential conflict of users as young families (with strollers) and occasional recreational cyclists do use that path to access Glenside Road and Stebbings Road under the Western Bridge. RECOMMENDATION: Designate all of Stebbings

Another proposed change at Wahinahina (Dennis Duggan) Park is to include the north side of the car park for small dogs. This is an excellent idea provided there is fencing and double gates along the carpark boundary. I do not think the new section should be fully enclosed however as this would make the the section very small and prone to damage in a very short time. By sectioning off along the carpark boundary up to the valley edge the new space would still be interesting for dogs and easier to maintain. I support removal of the Mitcheltown school site from DEA listings as the pictured section at the top of aro Street is too small to be usable (unless it was fully fenced at great expense) and is now bi-sected by a heavily used mountain bike trail. I strongly support the re-instatement of Waitangi Park as an legally accessible area as I do not feel there is sufficient recognition made of apartment dwellers in the CBD who require some open space for exercising their dogs. As the Park is largely under-utilised in the winter then I request that it be designated under Exercise Areas (Specified Times) and be made offleash from 1 March to 1 October to give CBD owners an accessible place to go..

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

See the Summary of Information for more information.

#### Comments

yes at stated in document

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#### Comments/suggestions

see above for additional comments on individual areas

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#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

Dog exercise is not just about standing in an open space and throwing a ball or congregating for social play. Owning dogs is promoted as healthy and encourages people to regularly exercise - therefore opportunities to walk dogs over an area or track should be accommodated and even encouraged. There should be room for different users without conflicts given the extensive range of tracks in Wellington and on the greenbelt

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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#### Comments/suggestions

There are positives to having established equipment at some parks and examples of this being installed at other parks in New Zealand. However it is also easy for an inexperienced person to accidentally injure their dog using equipment without appropriate training. Therefore the installation of 'public' agility equipment can be difficult to ensure it used safely. If it is considered in the light of environmental experience (eg slightly elevated surfaces to walk on or tunnels and very low hurdles) rather than agility which is a competitive sport then I do support this initiative. Also when seen in this context cost is not such a significant burden and the space can be seen as benefiting other users such as young children rather than just dog owners.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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#### Comments/suggestions

The wording in the current policy does not convey what had seemed to be the intent of the bylaw and is long overdue for correction. This is generally recognised, even among officers of the Council. Cafe culture has changed significantly over the past decade and the practice of enjoying a coffee while a well behaved dog is managed close to their owner at an outdoor venue is common. Many people in inner city dwellings own dogs who also need to walk through the city on a regular basis.

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- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

This is largely a question of appropriate socialization, training and education from the general public not to approach or disturb a dog left tied and alone. While many people do not seem to realize that the action needs training to avoid signs of stress in the dog, doing so should not be a precluded option where this has been undertaken. One of the requirements of a dog attaining its Canine Good Citizen certification is the ability to wait quietly while tied and the owner is out of sight.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

It does seem unfair that the opportunity to have 'summer' access is withheld until 1 December when many summer sports commence in October and therefore I suggest the 1 December date is too restricting. I recommend a designation of 1 October to 1 March be adopted. However setting a standard date is much simpler than the current moving one

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Comments on the Policy Overview The development of a list of specific responsibilities is a good move. This list should also include criteria around the number of dogs one individual can exercise and therefore be considered in direct control of at one time. A large number with only one person - eg. more than 6, can be intimidating to a single dog or person as they approach by sheer numbers and the difficulty of verbally managing all at once. It is difficult to pass such a group and the amount of park or track they appear to control is out of balance with the rights of other users. While no incident has occurred to date over this it is in my opinion only a matter of time and this dog policy review is an opportune time to address this issue. There is inconsistency in the new wording which at times designates an offlead dog should have 'direct verbal control' and at other points is only referred to as 'under control' In the face of an increasing abuse of the privilege the term 'direct verbal control' is much clearer, more likely to have the owner keep the dog within a manageable distance and has a definite rule by which to measure behaviour if a complaint is received.. This should be applied consistently throughout the new policy. . In the rewording of the document the term owner/handler has been replaced by owner - there is an increasing move to have professionals, including myself, taking dogs out on walks that they do not own. I feel a legal anomaly exists which may prove difficult to hold someone accountable if an accident or incident occurs and they are not the dog's owner. This would hold true if the dog was with say a neighbour doing a good deed as much as a paid walker if the term 'owner/handler' is replaced by 'owner' I strongly support the relaxation of restrictions on dogs using sportsfields when not in use for organised sport. The culture around pickup of dog poo is much stronger than in the past especially when rubbish bins are available. People walking dogs onlead are also much more likely to pickup after their dog as those offlead can overlook or not realise their dog has eliminated - especially at night. I would go further and suggest some sports fields could become offlead in specified times but appreciate this may be a complex policy to word and accommodate individual parks so hope the Council at the very least adopts the proposed change. In the criteria around responsible owner status, completing a recognised obedience should be a requirement for ALL applicants, not just those coming into the city from elsewhere. It is an incentive when dogs are young but can be bypassed merely by waiting until the registration period rolls around before applying. Further at present the status remains after that dog has deceased and is automatically passed onto a new dog or puppy. To maintain the status all subsequent dogs in the household should have completed an acceptable Responsible Owner Course. In addition to the local based courses specific recognition should be given to Canine Good Citizen - this nationally administered test is available to all dogs (except those classed as menacing by breed or deed) and enables owners to demonstrate a level of basic training, present a dog of sound temperament unlikely to cause problems in public and they can do so without completing training classes if they so desire. Most people attempting CGC have undertaken structured training, but this would provide the option for those who feel they have done so unilaterally. Reinstatement of the RDO status when a 'lesson has been learned' and the dog and owner show they are not in any way a concern is also a good step. However the

period for this to activate should be 2 years rather than just one. The RDO status is highly regarded and if recovering it after an infractions is too short belittles the value and takes away the incentive to keep the dog from doing anything that would causes a complaint.

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Comments

I hope to have an opportunity to say more at the Oral submissions

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There needs to be more poo bag dispensers and rubbish bins, for example there are no poo bag dispensers at Wrights Hill and no rubbish bins on the track proposed to be off lead, nor any at the off lead paddock area.

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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I suggest more bins at dog exercise areas. We take our dog up to Mt Victoria a lot and there are no bins up there, so you have to carry smelly No.2s out with you which is not very pleasant

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

As above

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Its great for dogs to have off leash time as long as they are controllable.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

A few minutes to run into a shop to grab something small, but only a very short time like a couple of minutes.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

More bins and No.2bags at exercise areas. Poo bags not essential but bins are.

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Comments

no

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

More bins at exercise areas

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Comments

I have a particular concern with the Khandallah Park/Sersi Cres proposal. As a regular and extensive user of the walkways on Kaukau, unleashed dogs are the biggest negative in the park. Once unleashed and out of sight of their owners, the prospect of crap being picked up falls away considerable, as I have learned to my frequent annoyance. The tracks on Kaukau are heavily used by walkers and runners, including the very young and elderly. Keep the tracks safe and clean.

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Comments

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## Comments/suggestions

Comment: Dogs Off Leash and under control, ideally behind the walker and if in front Within Sight ! Leash / Lead Carried by owner for use if required. Suggested: New Northern end of Seton Nossiter Park (not yet 'vested') Cashmere Reserve proposed new track/s to the west. Te Ahumirangi Hill: some of the lower eastern tracks ? Mt Victoria: additional tracks between exercise areas. MTB shouldn't claim it All ! Eastern Walkway Silversky track Johnston Hill Reserve Massey Memorial Reserve Piwakawaka Track Odell Reserve Wakely Gulley Road, Newlands Gated at last bottom corner ! Brandons Rock Walkway Gilbert Bush Walkway Isard Park could have tracks built take pressure off Otari Wiltons Bush ? Waihinahina Park - provide more walkways around the hillsides away from the Tip Face !!! Dual use with mountain bikers, if wide enough ! Kaiwharawhara Parks hillsides may suit walkways, dual use. Salvation Track, Karori

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Ian Galloway Parks New fully fenced area lends itself to greyhounds and running dogs due to the fenced open space, Agility Equipment and park furniture are hazards to greyhounds esp. who are used to running on safe tracks. Ian Galloway needs separate fenced areas away from this area. Why not fence the old dog exercise area with a low area for puppies and small dogs ? dual use add picnic tables. The waste space area by the maintenance access road and the proposed new car park could be fenced off for agility equipment, especially fenced/gated from the road ! . Who should pay ? Donations / Sponsorship / Fundraising Waihinahina - destination Dog Park has the space for Agility Equipment. Any permanent Agility Equipment will require drainage and a surface such as crushed Omaru stone

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## Comments/suggestions

Max 3 dogs per person in central city !!!

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## Comments/suggestions

Difficult one: How does an owner use public toilets, pop into the dairy, order at a Cafe ... ask a bystander to mind their dog ? Take the dog in with them ? More public education is required. the public believe it's their right to approach, pat, hug/cuddle and even kiss a dog unknown to them.

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Far Far easier to understand ! Plain and simple.

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## Comments

Advertise the access through Otari Wilton to Isard Park Dog Exercise Area to encourage it's use and keep dogs on lead in Otari Wilton ! Dog Park / Exercise Areas some could be easily Gated/ fenced against Roadsides. Dog Exercise Maps need updating, boundaries incorrect ie. dripline of trees ! Water play: Streams, ponds and beach need to be included for dogs use. Addresses need to be added so owners can locate these exercise areas ! Add local care group and planting group details and contacts, so dog owners can become involved or at least respect the work of others ! Needs to be a Dog Advisory Group of people for the council to contact about work, maintenance, and any changes at dog exercise areas ie placement of park benches... fence removal, plantings, etc... Count me in for the Northern Suburbs ! Trelissick Park NEEDS more off road parking ! Many dogs are leaving Trelissick Park at #6 Bottom Entrance and getting on the road, this needs to be fenced and gated ! Not Safe ! Cummings Park: Retain - one of a few that has Disabled Access ! Add a disabled parking space, please! Chelmsford Reserve: Needs gaps in low fence filled in along the top of the steep banks, if dogs go through they can't stop themselves sliding down steep bank to the road below. Roadside fences need 'Wings' to turn running dogs back into the Exercise Area. Dog exercise areas at old tips NEED dog wash down areas like MTB tracks have. Dog Owners often transport their dogs in the back seats of their family cars ! :( You have seen how very popular Ian Galloway Park is, why wait to fence the next two areas Sinclair and Taylor or even Arthur Carman ?? Ian Galloway will very shortly turn into a mud pit ! :( Are you aware how far people are driving to reach this fully fenced area at Ian Galloway ? Same deal as Cog Park ! Wellington wide ! Green Miles ?? Also Please don't remove exercise areas, Add ! Don't delete !. Huge numbers of dogs are seen off leash in all the wrong areas which indicates Owners Need / Want more off leash areas ! PLEASE Advertise the fine for failing to pickup AND REMOVE the dogs poop !!!

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## Comments

The Feeding Comment page 26. Dog Friendly Cafes etc... will need written permissions from Council ?? Can owners treat dogs in Public ?

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Dog Policy

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**Submission**

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- Dog owner  
 Own another type of animal  
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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

We support the addition of the clause specifying that dog exercise areas may be changed over time to allow for continued improvement in the quality of the areas available for dogs, and to match where people live and the protection of wildlife. And we support the Council working to implement more fencing and clear boundaries to guarantee the safety of the dogs in off-leash areas.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Should Island Bay include an off-leash area, we propose that the best area of Island Bay to become an off-leash area would be the area where dogs are currently prohibited. East of this area are

active nesting Penguins. West of this area is directly across from Tapu te Ranga Island and there is suitable vegetation for breeding penguins; and it is possible dogs would come into increased conflict with wildlife. The area designated red in the current map would be best suited for off leash, though the boundary to the east would need clear delineation, in the form of a vegetation barrier, signage or physical barriers to protect the local Penguin population.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

We support the removal of the current dog area that are too small and close to roads, and support increasing the number of off-leash exercise areas around the city.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Balaena Bay- This beach is a hotspot for Little Blue Penguins Korora with the highest density of Penguins per square metre along the Wellington coastline - successfully nesting along a six metre strip of bank, in both nest boxes and concrete pipes. Allowing dogs off leash in this area could have a disastrous effect on the local Penguin population. We recommend this be a dog prohibited area. Moa Point and Tarakena Bay are also a rich habitat for Penguin activity and wildlife should be a priority in the management of this site. In the last breeding season 11 chicks were produced in these bays. We support however that dog owners need a safe walking track through this area and support one clearly designated dog on-leash walking route (NB the current map may be confusing combining on-leash and prohibited areas). Seatoun -The rocky outcrop to the North West of the pier is a Penguin nesting area and is being restored by community conservation efforts. If Seatoun is to have a dog off leash area we propose that it goes up to the pier but not past it. This will also provide a clear boundary of where the area ends. We support making Tapu te Ranga Island dog prohibited; and agree seal colony areas should be prohibited dog walking places year round.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed

- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

If there are dog off-leash walking tracks through the city, these should be in specific areas, that don't cross other tracks so that they are clearly marked and understood by both dog owners and other members of the community. These tracks should also be considered in conjunction with other users of space e.g. mountain bikers, walkers, restoration groups etc.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

Surveys of dog owners show that exercise is one of the key motivations to have a dog off-leash. Given this information considering agility training equipment at key sites could help improve options for dog owners within the network of sites available. This might be particularly important in small sites.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

We support allowing dog owners to use the central city more freely by removing the no stop rule. Asking dog owners to be responsible by not leaving dogs unattended in public places is offering dog owners in the city increased flexibility whilst highlighting positive welfare for dogs.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
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#### Comments/suggestions

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

We believe that it would be easier for dog owners if the same restrictions applied to all areas at all times of the year. I.e. prohibited areas, off-leash areas and on-leash areas. This would make it easier for dog owners, and other community members to self regulate. Changing times and dates, and areas of when dogs can be on or off leash, or allowed or not allowed on beaches or other places can be confusing. Also, the Time of Day and Seasonal Restriction Changes proposed are potentially setting a situation of conflict between dogs and penguins. From our many years of partnering on Places for Penguins, our years of caring for them in the Zoo and the knowledge of our avian experts on Zoo staff, we know that Little Blue Penguins Korora are most active on land between dusk and dawn, so making beaches available to dogs off leash between 7pm and 10 am is placing Little Blue Penguins Korora directly at risk. And, the proposal that daylight saving restrictions are removed and replaced with summer time restrictions (from 1 December until 1 March) may put dogs and penguins in conflict. The Little Blue Penguins Korora mating season runs from as early as April until December. Some general recommendations with regards to space shared by Little Blue Penguins Korora and dogs might be for people to walk their dogs on a leash at beaches where Penguins nest, and to walk them close to the water and away from the rocks, vegetation or dune where Penguins may nest .

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

We recommend that criteria to determine exercise areas going forward should include environmental and wildlife risks, including proximity to known Little Blue Penguin Korora and other native wildlife habitats.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

As animals experts, advocates and animal lovers we strongly support the following areas of the proposal - making Wellington safer for both dogs and wildlife. Increasing responsible dog ownership. Placing the responsibility on dog owners to take all reasonable steps to ensure that their dog does not injure, endanger, or cause distress to people and animals including protected wildlife. In addition we would support the following: Definition of nuisance: We would like to see the new definition of nuisance extended beyond 'anything harmful or offensive to the community' to include harm to protected wildlife. If a dog harms protected wildlife, we recommend this affects the dog owner's Responsible Dog Owner status . Dog faeces: the Council has proposed that rubbish bins should be installed in popular areas, we hold they should be installed in all dog off leash areas and popular walking areas. Alternatively we could investigate novel solutions to the problem of dog faeces - for example Matthew Mazzotta invented a waste digester for a Cambridge, USA dog park that produces and burns methane from dog poo to light the park. [www.parksparkproject.com](http://www.parksparkproject.com) Wellington Zoo works to save animals in the wild. We know that emotional connections with animals are a key element of what helps build a great community with love and respect for the environment and care for all living things. As a good Zoo, animal welfare is paramount for us and 979

we work hard to advocate for animals to be respected and well cared for both in and out of zoos. Over the past nine years we have advocated for responsible pet ownership as one of our key conservation actions, through our visitor programming and experiences. A key tenet of this is to encourage dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash when walking them at the beach, especially along Wellington's South Coast which is a natural Little Blue Penguin Korora habitat. We agree that this policy should be supported by accessible, simple, clear and engaging information for dog owners, and all Wellingtonians, in order to achieve successful adoption of the behaviours proposed to help build a positive culture around dog ownership and shared use of public spaces. We want to live in a city where dogs, people and wildlife all co-exist happily.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Who we are reaching

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My age is

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
- Māori
- Samoan
- Cook Island
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Comments

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes, I think that from the pier to the western end of the beach is reasonable.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

In general, I'm neutral about most of the changes, but I feel strongly that dogs should be allowed into the central city.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

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Comments/suggestions

I think its reasonable to expect a user-pays system to apply if agility equipment were publicly available.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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Comments/suggestions

Well-behaved dogs should be allowed into the central city to accompany their owners. I see no problem with a dog being allowed to sit under the outside table of a café, or walk with its owner through the city.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

I think if the dog is well behaved, it is reasonable to leave a dog tied up while the owner pops into the dairy or supermarket for five minutes. This is preferable to leaving a dog trapped in a hot car!

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I think this is an improvement.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

I am strongly in favour of retaining Cummings Park as an off-lead dog exercise area. This park is very well used by local dog owners, and the natural topography make it perfect for dogs to safely run and play together under supervision. Because the road is up a hill, there is little risk of the dogs straying onto the road and causing a traffic hazard. No fencing would be required to maintain it as a dog park due to this topography.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

### Comments

I think there is another area close-by which could also be a reasonable dog-exercise area, but a significant fencing expenditure would be required. That is the corner of Tarikaka and Ngata Streets.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
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### Comments

I think it's important for Kiwi children to have access to dogs. So many of the children I meet while out walking are afraid of dogs! I make an effort to teach kids about dogs, and get them to interact with my dog so they become comfortable. Retaining dog exercise areas like Cummings Park is important for this.

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Comments

Wellington Dog Owners Group are against the removal of dog exercise areas without any attempt to consult with users of the area. We would like to see more beach areas opened up for dogs to use off leash - there are plenty of small cove / rocky areas of beach that are rarely used by the public. These areas (so long as they are not penguin or seal areas) should also be opened up for use by dog owners. Lyall Bay is often crowded and not all dogs are social. We strongly agree with the changes to the western end of Island Bay beach becoming an off leash area. The Evans Bay area should be replaced with an alternative more dog friendly area of beach.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

## Comments

The existing area which is clearly identifiable as being to the western side of the pier should be off leash all year round.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

We agree with the modifications where areas for dogs are improved. Mitchelltown School Site is actually the Central Allbreeds grounds. The area proposed to be removed, on the side of Aro Street, has been ruined for dogs by the addition of a mountain bike track. The council needs to consider the needs of dogs, some of which may be likely to chase bikes, when combining uses. If this area is disestablished, a new area should be created, rather than putting more pressure on Tanera Park or the dogs going to Central Park as proposed which is not an off leash area.

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- No, completely opposed
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## Conditions/exclusions/comments

Strongly support the opening up of Island Bay beach. See comments above

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

Many dog owners would like to be able to walk their dogs off leash in the bush, rather than circle small parks. Designated places for people to run with their dogs would also be welcomed

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should

pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Actual dog agility equipment is probably not needed, but more stimulating play areas would be welcomed. This should be paid by out of general rates, just like children's playgrounds are. Dog owners are already paying for the privilege of dog ownership through registration fees. No other groups are expected to pay for the facilities (eg Mountain Bikers don't pay to use or develop tracks, parents don't pay for children's play areas etc) so dog owners should not be expected to pay either. The council needs to consider dog recreation areas as a facility for dog owners (most who are also rate payers given how hard it is to find rental properties that take dogs) rather than dogs, the dogs don't decide to go to the park. Just like a soccer field is not a facility for soccer balls!

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

It is impractical to ban stopping in the central city area. In cities all over the world dogs are allowed in the city.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Issues with dogs left unattended in public places are usually caused by the general public who try to pat the dog. More education of the public is needed that if a dog's on its own, leave it alone! Responsible dog owners don't leave their dogs unattended for long periods of time, but should have the option to leave the dog while they use public toilets or pop into a shop.

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#### Comments/suggestions

Would like to see the hours dogs are allowed in these areas extended.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

#### Comments

1. The policy states the council may 'restrict or prohibit dog access to public places where the likelihood of conflict exists between dogs and the public' however this means the dog owners are always restricted, rather than looking at the area and it's historic use. EG where mountain bikers decide to include a dog park as part of their circuit, should conflict arise the WCC policy is that regardless of who is right or wrong, the dogs will be restricted. If this is a dog off leash area, the bikes should be restricted, not the dogs. 2. A number of parks are recommended as becoming 'destination' parks, however no explanation of what this means is included. 3. Fenced and 'destination' dog areas should have restrictions on the general public's use of the area. EG no bikes, unattended kids etc 4. Where there are to be changes to a dog park, more should be done to consult with the users of the area

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

1. The newly worded policy talks about dogs being under the control of owners. However there are more and more professional dog walking services who should be held as responsible for the dogs as the owner. The wording should reflect that the dog may not be with its owner. 2. There is emphasis on owners picking up poo, however the council needs to provide rubbish bins at dog areas (like they provide bins at baby change facilities) 3. Section 4.2 states dogs need to have adequate exercise, how will this work in practice? 4. Section 5.2 states dog exercise areas may be considered for other uses, however WCC has a history of adding conflicting activities to dog parks (eg Mountain Bike skills track at Mt Vic). 5. Transparency of funding. This chart is woefully inadequate and claims to use 2016/17 spending which has not yet occurred. In 2012 an OIA request revealed WCC making \$230k+ profit from registration and enforcement fees. Lower Hutt and Wellington Animal Services have been combined and it would appear is now costing considerably more? A proper break down of income and expenditure should be available on an annual basis. A request for this information has yet to be responded to. 6. 5.3.1 states dogs are allowed on the perimeter of sports fields when the field isn't in use. This prevents people taking their dog with them when watching kids play sport etc. 7. 12.5 bans feeding of animals in public places. This prevents dog owners giving their dogs food rewards as part of training or behaviour management which is common place.

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Comments

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Comments

All dog exercise areas should be fenced and all dogs leashed getting to them. The dog exercise area in Mt Vic is beside the mountainbike skills area. Can you imagine doing a jump on the new ramps with dogs running around you. Obviously no thought was given to these clashes.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

The beaches are left disgusting with dogs running all over them, whether they are dog exercise areas or not. People will continue to have their dogs unleashed unless the rules are tightened and penalties are enforced. I have been attacked on multiple occasions when running, mountainbiking

and walking on the tracks around Wellington.

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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

All dog exercise areas should be fenced.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Beaches should be for the enjoyment of everyone not have it spoilt with filthy attacking dogs.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I have been attacked by dogs on numerous occasions. Recently around Red Rocks, south coast, I was attacked and landed on my newly operated knees on the rocks. I had to make my way back around the coast hobbling and unable to properly weight-bare, thanks to someone's dog not being on a lead, and not being under any sort of control. The damage done to my knees is extremely distressing.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed

- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I really don't give a damn about their equipment. All dangerous dogs should be put down.

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

What does 'stop' mean??? Crazy question.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

You wouldn't leave your children unattended so why allow animals to be left unattended?

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10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

No comment

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

It is obvious that the current rules are not being adhered to. Every track I run or mountainbike on I have had issues with unleashed dogs (not including the filthy mess they leave). They are a menace and so are the people who own them.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

As usual, too late, too little. Doubt if anything will change.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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**Submission**

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I am concerned that the Liardet St/Farnham St area is proposed to be disestablished. I use this area as it provides my old arthritic dog a place to have a gentle wander and a sniff around off leash while I play ball with my younger dog. While I agree with the newly proposed area above McAlister Park, my old dog isn't capable to walking to that area. We aren't the only people to use this park on Liardet St and Farnham St corner. I doubt the area is of any use for anything else, so suggest it remains as a dog off leash area

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

The existing area which is clearly identifiable as being to the western side of the pier should be off

leash all year round.

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I agree with the creation of destination parks however what this is should be clarified. In these parks, dogs should be given priority over other users. See above for comments on disestablishment of Liardet St / Farnham St dog area

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

In general I support this. However where the beach area at Evans Bay has been identified as inappropriate for dogs, and alternative area should be created. There are many more areas, not used by the general public, that could be open up for dogs (so long as no wildlife are affected)

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral

- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I'd like to be able to stop for a coffee or should I bump into someone I know while with my dogs

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

I rarely tie my dogs up but don't think it should be banned. The public need to be educated to leave dogs tied up alone and not molest them.

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- No, completely opposed
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- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I support anything that increases the time dogs can have access to exercise areas.

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

More guidance for the general public about what is appropriate in dog areas eg: people picnicing on dog beaches, bringing kids to play or ride bikes in dog parks.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

Dog walking services should be licensed and limited as to how many dogs they can walk off leash at once. Too often one walker has multiple dogs off leash and out of control. Should a fight break out they would have no way of breaking it up and they allow dogs they are in charge of to mob other dogs. More transparency over the income and expenditure of animal services. This should not be a for profit service and dog owners should not be paying for facilities that are provided free to other groups - kids playgrounds, sports fields etc Animal Control should be only suggesting best practice in the management of animals - ie not suggesting shock collars to control barking, not recommending trainers for behavioural modification who have no qualifications.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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### Submission

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2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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Comments

I mostly agree with proposed changes but think more emphasis should be put on protecting native wildlife, and that the park in the heart of Ngaio, Cummings Park, should not have a dog exercise area.

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

I have no comment on this

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

I support some, but not all of the proposed changes.. For instance, I strongly disagree that there should be no change to Cummings Park in Ngaio. Cummings Park, should be delisted as an off-leash dog-exercise area as it occupies the flattest and best part of the park. Currently it is able to be enjoyed by the 5 percent of the population with a registered dog. It should be able to be enjoyed by all. I strongly agree that Odell Reserve should include the top of the reservoir and that the proposed new area in Khandallah Park should go ahead.

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#### 5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Conditions/exclusions/comments

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#### 6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

#### Comments/suggestions

As a person with the medical condition lymphoedema I am at risk of getting cellulitis (a serious bacterial skin infection) if scratched. This means that I can no longer use the tracks in Trelissick Park because of the numbers of big uncontrolled dogs that come bounding up ahead of their owners and occasionally jump on me, risking me being scratched. Dog owners allow their dogs to run off-leash along all the tracks I use in Ngaio - even though dogs are supposed to be on lead. So I am at risk of being scratched in all of our Ngaio reserves and tracks. Dogs do not stay on tracks. As a person who has helped monitor a kaka nest I am aware that some dogs, already off-leash, readily go off track and run through the bush. Off-leash dogs have killed endangered birds recently in two of our reserves (Huntleigh Park and Trelissick Park.)

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#### 7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions  
Ratepayers to pay

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

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- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

Council should delist Cummings Park as an off-leash dog exercise area. I used to take a dog down to Cummings Park, and enjoyed the experience. However, I would have gone to any off-leash dog exercise area to meet up with other dogs and dog owners. There wasn't an alternative dog exercise area in Ngaio then. There is now - the Chelmsford Reserve. Ngaio needs a flat, easily accessible flat park that is not also a dog exercise area. The current off-leash dog exercise area in Cummings Park would be ideal as it is large, flat and sunny and is in the heart of Ngaio Village with its shops and café. Less mobile people can park in the adjacent carpark, meet friends, socialise on a park bench and enjoy the beauty of the stream and trees. Currently it is not suitable for less mobile users as we have the worry of being jumped up on and even knocked over by off-leash dogs if we do walk on the turf. And the only park benches are in the playground area or the off-leash dog exercise area. Some people use the carpark when taking their children to the Cummings Park playground. They have to walk through the dog exercise area - something that some with small children are reluctant to do. Other people, grandparents for example, want to show young children the best natural features of the park, especially the stream. However, the easiest access to the stream is through the dog exercise area. Besides the worry of being jumped on by an excited dog, there is also the problem of dog excrement. Before a recent Neighbours Day event in Cummings Park in the dog exercise area, the organisers picked up a substantial amount of dog excrement. Many dog owners sit on the benches while their dogs explore the park and stream unsupervised. It is easy for dog owners to not see their dogs are defecating. The exercise area is not enclosed so dogs can also - and do - cross the bridge from where they can easily access the playground.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

#### Comments

My submission is from someone who has long enjoyed using our local reserves and has worked to help others do as well. Over the years I have: adopted a spot in Trelissick Park; helped monitor water quality in the Koromiko Stream in Cummings Park; and jointly administered the restoration group in Makererua Orleans reserve. I appreciate that dogs need to be exercised, but that should be in fenced exercise areas and not in our local reserves of which I am so fond.

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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**Submission**

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Comments

Proposed dog exercise area Stebbings Dam Churton Park I live close to Stebbings Dam. Since the dam was built, some dog owners have used this Regional Council land as an informal dog exercise area. Because I don't like dogs, from an unfortunate experience in the past, I keep away from this area when I see dogs are running about uncontrolled. Defining part of the area for dog exercise is a reasonable compromise as long as the dogs keep within the area marked on the plan. There are some nice walks in this area which should be available for all, without dogs running everywhere.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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Comments

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

See answer to question 2 above.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments

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Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Comments

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Comments

Yes

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3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments

Yes I would like to see an off-leash area at Island Bay beach, at the western end.

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Comments/suggestions

I support additional areas and extensions as outlined.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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Comments/suggestions

My only concern would be maintenance of the equipment and protection from theft/vandalism. Costs should be covered by existing dog registration fees.

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Comments/suggestions

I oppose leaving dogs unattended. It's not fair on the dog to be subjected to the risk of theft, or the risk of any kind of unfavourable altercation that may arise in the absence of the owner.

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Comments

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Comments

1. I would like to see more rubbish bins placed at entrances to dog exercise areas and walkways. 2. I would like to see drinking water provisions for dogs in at least some exercise areas. Tawatawa reserve has a water supply for the nursery, so this could be easily extended to a tap and water container for dogs. This should be able to be funded from dog registration fees. 3. I have some concern to the changes to the policy on obtaining permission to have more than 3 dogs held at a property - including on a temporary basis. This would mean I would need to obtain permission to

look after my friends dogs when they go away on holiday. It was stated that the changes would make it easier for dog owners, but this appears to make it harder.

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

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Comments

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Comments

I fully support the submission made by Trevor Lloyd as set out below: SUBMISSION FOR THE DOG POLICY REVIEW. This submission requests the termination of the Dog Exercise Area (DEA) status of Cummings Park, Ngaio. Cummings Park is the most centrally located park in Ngaio. It has a number of outstanding attributes: It is one of the most attractive suburban parks in the city, with a stream, bush, seats and a flat area suitable for children's playing and a nearby playground. It has flat access from the adjacent carpark. The DEA is a thoroughfare linking the Ngaio Village, the playground, the Library and Awarua Street and is used often by parents with young children. The area has heritage value as the site of a 19th century mill dam. A historic totara is located in the DEA. A sculpture donated by the Wellington Sculpture Trust is centrally located in the Park. It is ideally suited for quiet recreation by elderly and disabled folk. In summary, the Park has very high amenity value and should be the hub of community recreation in the suburb, a role it cannot perform at present. The prime area of the Park was designated a DEA around 1995. It is the most attractive DEA in the city and has become very popular. It attracts dog owners from outside the suburb, but it is estimated that less than 5 percent of Ngaio households (less than 100 regular users) exercise their dogs in the Park. I submit that the DEA status of Cummings Park should be terminated because: The Park is demonstrably unsuited for use as a DEA given it's present and potential recreational value to all sections of the community. The DEA is too small (about 300 sq

metres) and too poorly drained to support its current use. The DEA has caused severe damage to the main recreational section of the Park. Uncontrolled large dogs often intimidate people walking through the DEA including parents with young children. The DEA contravenes the Council's requirements for DEAs and the provisions of S 10 (4) of the Dog Control Act 1996. The suburb is fortunate in being extremely well provided for in terms of other places for off-leash exercising, in particular the currently under-utilised nearby Chelmsford Park that could be made one of the best DEAs in the city. The most compelling reason is that the use of Cummings Park as a DEA is inconsistent with a fundamental principle of the management of public parks: the preservation of prime areas that have high amenity value for the whole community. This principle has been flouted in the case of Cummings Park. The effect of the proposed change on dog owners would be quite small in that socialising of dogs could continue as long as they were on a leash. The main effect would be to end the practice of tossing balls for dogs to chase across the often muddy turf. This practice has caused the most damage to the grass. The benefit would be regrowth of the turf and the elimination of uncontrolled dogs intimidating people walking through the Park. I need to explain why I am not supporting this submission of the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association of which I am a long-standing member. In its submission the Association does not seek the removal of DEA status as part of the Policy Review although it recognises the clear anomaly that exists. It proposes to complete its' Vision for Cummings Park which involves community consultation on all aspects of the Park's use before making a decision on the DEA. The consultation may enable it to gauge the proportions of Ngaio households that support and oppose using the Park as a DEA. Association members met recently with Park Officers and obtained a commitment that they would consider the matter in the light of the results of the consultation. However that stated that a even a 50:50 split in community views would probably not be sufficient to result in a change to the status quo. Given the situation I have outlined, I submit that this is an extraordinary position that reflects disregard of the wider community interest in the Park. For the reasons I have given I urge the Council to make a decision as part of the Review instead of putting the Association in the unfair position of having to make a case that Council Officers may disregard. A prior decision on the DEA would enable the Vision to focus on its' central task, identifying ways in which the Park can be restored to a facility that attracts diverse forms of community use. Trevor Lloyd, Ngaio Resident and member of Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association

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The answers above do not allow me to tick more than one box even though it indicates this is possible.

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Comments

I wish to comment on the Ngaio situation with regard to the dog exercise areas. Every single park in Ngaio - including Ngaio's equivalent of a village green, Cummings Park - is an off-leash dog exercise area with no time or season limits. There is no park (of the 5) in Ngaio that you can go to without encountering unleashed dogs. There is nowhere a person like me - compromised from cancer treatment - can go for a safe, quiet walk. 1) I want to see the dog exercise designation on Cummings Park be lifted, and that the meadow, where it is at present, be available for picnicking families, walkers, community events, etc. If the exercise area is to be retained, I want to see a fence around the area to stop the dogs getting over to the bank and into the children's play area, or on to the road - which is what happens now. After all, every dog owner must fence off their properties; the Council should be required to do the same. 2) I recommend that Chelmsford Park (only 5 minutes away from Cummings Park) instead be promoted as a major dog exercise area - and again, be fenced off so0 that dogs don't stray. 3) I wish to see the dog exercise designation taken off Trelissick Park. This is a City gem in ecological terms. Maintaining an ecological pocket alongside a dog exercising area are not compatible goals.

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

While I haven't commented on any specific proposals of change in dog exercise areas other than Ngaio, I think it's really important for WCC 1) To remember that not every household in Wellington owns a dog. Not every resident wants to encounter unleashed dogs in outdoor spaces popular with the public generally. Some areas should be dog-free all year round, all day. There have to be some parks and beaches that you can go to without wondering when the dog exercising areas come into effect. 2. To take into consideration the native bird species which are repopulating Wellington, and particularly in areas adjacent to, or which contain regenerating native bush, e.g. Cummings Park and Trelissick Park. Cats are not the only menace to native birds; off-leash dogs are also.

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Comments

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Comments

Most of them, but I strongly disagree that the old Mitchelltown School site should go. The cars at the entrance to Polhill are not a problem. Mountain bikers are more of a problem there. The alternative you suggest at Central Park is not that near.

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Comments

Yes, the whole beach, with time restrictions in summer.

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Comments/suggestions

1. I strongly disagree that the old Mitchelltown School site should go. The cars at the entrance to Polhill are NOT a problem. Mountain bikers are more of a problem. The alternative you suggest at Central Park is not that near. 2. The addition of the site from Finnimore Tce is good, but the lane way down to the area should also be off leash. Traffic is almost non-existent down there. 3. I would like Cobham Drive to keep its present status, and also Tarakena Bay. Why close corner Liardet and Balfour Streets to off-leash dogs? It is to near the road, but also is the Ruahine Street site.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

Pleased with the additions, but would like to see most beaches allowed for off-leash dogs, with time restrictions.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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Comments/suggestions

All walking tracks should allow off-leash dogs, except, of course, designated dangerous dogs.

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
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Comments/suggestions

Let the dog owners who want that stuff, pay for it. Dog owners already pay more than enough for their dogs. Last time I looked Wellington dog registration fees were among the highest in the country.

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Comments/suggestions

Dogs are a fact of life. New Zealanders have high ownership rates of dogs. So long as they do not cause problems in the city, and have their poo disposed of by their owners, it should be allowed. With increasing numbers of inner-city rate-paying residents, quite a few being retired and elderly, the current restrictions would put them off having a pet. And this is a form of discrimination.

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Comments/suggestions

Yes, if they are tied up and the owner does not leave them for more than 20 minutes. This would be long enough for anyone to pop into a shop.

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There has to be some give and take between the different people using our amenities.

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#### Comments

Dogs should be allowed off-leash on walking tracks. Mountain-bikers whooshing past me are annoying and sometimes scary, but I do not believe they should be banned. It seems the mountain bike lobby is very effective, and good on them. Let's all have our fair share of amenities we pay for. Some dog exercise areas are tiny and/or on considerable slopes, so older people don't feel steady on them. Some are next to busy roads. Not sure why those same reasons are cited for doing away with Mitchelltown and Liardet/Balfour when Ruahine St slopes down to a 70kmh road. Ruahine St exercise area is positively dangerous, which is why you'll never see it much in use. Worsler Bay is very sloping and near the road, rendering it useless. It's not safe for dogs, who could easily chase an astray ball on to road, followed by freaked-out owner. At least Liardet/Balfour slopes down away from the road. The council needs to stop commuters parking on bottom entrance to the Tanera dog park. Park goers need to be able to park on that side of the road, near the gate, if they are taking elderly or disabled companions.

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#### Comments

1. Dog owners are rate-payers, too. Wgtn registration fees are among the highest in the country. There is no transparency around how the dog fees are spent, and whether they go into the council's coffers. It is hard to believe all the money goes towards dog areas, which are mostly wild and woolly anyway, and probably get the same lawn-mowing that the surrounding city parks/town belt get. 2. Most of us never have to make use the pound because we keep our pets under control and secured. Council could make that service fully user-pays, and not include that in the benefits it claims reg fees have to cover. If that service is contracted out, I suggest it is brought back in house so there can be more transparency of costs. 2. There must be a greater acknowledgement of the different dangers posed by different breeds. Not to detract from the victims of atrocious dog attacks, but I believe there has been a hysteria around dogs in NZ. Safe dogs are in the huge majority, and their owners are mostly responsible. There has been no discernment in promotional material between the attack breeds (and their mixed breed offspring) and the more gentle breeds, which are usually family dogs. All dogs have been demonised, as a result of these high-profile attacks. 3. It should be an educational imperative that children are taught about dogs and how to be around them. I have noticed that immigrants seem to be very frightened of all types of dogs, so education would be a good thing.

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Comments

Mostly I do. I think the WCC has made sensible decisions, by tidying up many anomalies in the exercise areas to make them more useful. I also like the extended beach hours proposed. I live near and use daily the Te Ahu Mairangi areas, and I can tell you there is a community of dedicated dog walkers using this hill, as well as bikers and walkers. The seats on the flat area are also well used, thanks to those who wished to remember loved ones now gone. I would like to know when the trig point, 303 m, will be reinstated? The other area I would like to compliment you on, is the now fully fenced park adjoining the refurbished skate board park. It is only sensible to fully fence dog areas which adjoin roads.

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## Comments

The more off leash areas you can provide the better. Perhaps towards the western side of Island Bay beach.

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4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

As above.. Good to see part of Oriental Beach included. Wellington is becoming more dog friendly at last!

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5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Conditions/exclusions/comments

as above. They need to be big enough for some off leash walking; or close completely.

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

We like to get into the bush, too, with our canine companions. Most of the local birds can look after themselves. I was amazed to rerad that a kaka was killed by a dog. It must already have been injured - they are rarely on the ground, and have strong claws and beaks!

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7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed

- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Provided they are not left unattended.

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9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Not safe for the dogs. I believe that most of the recent dog attacks were provoked by ignorance on the part of the humans. Children need to learn how to approach strange dogs, not to take liberties.

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10) Currently some dog exercise areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

A good idea!

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

## Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

## Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes  
 No
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## Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching.  
(Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

- Male  
 Female
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My age is

- under 18 years  
 18-29 years  
 30-39 years  
 40-49 years  
 50-59 years  
 60 years and older
- 

Which of the following best describes you?

- Residential ratepayer  
 Commercial ratepayer  
 Residential and commercial ratepayer  
 I rent  
 Other
- 

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European  
 Māori  
 Samoan  
 Cook Island  
 Tongan  
 Niuean  
 Chinese  
 Indian  
 Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:  
Dog lover!

Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Dog Policy

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** The Martin family - Steven, Truis, William and Julian <trubador@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 1:10 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** RE: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

Please find below my submission as an individual on the proposed changes to the policy.

Question 1: I am one of the owners of a registered adult dog.

Question 2: Please find my comments on the proposed changes below.

**1. Section 3.2.3 Exercise Areas - Additions and deletions of exercise areas**

The proposed hours of 'midnight to 9am' for 'specified time' beach areas only caters to those dog owners who exercise their dogs in the mornings. Many dog owners (such as myself) mainly exercise their dogs in the evenings, and the times as proposed would significantly reduce our access, and increase our need to travel to access exercise areas. Currently we often exercise our dog on Worsler Bay beach in the evenings, along with many other dog owners, in line with the current rules. For instance, we took our dog to Worsler Bay two weeks at around 7.15pm. By the time we left at around 7.45pm, there were seven sets of dog owners on the beach exercising a total of eight dogs - **no** other beach users were present. I agree that, during daylight savings, the non-dog-owning public uses beaches later into the evenings, so it a later restriction seems acceptable for that period. However, most east-facing beaches are used far less in the colder months, and I can see no reasonable logic to prohibiting dog exercise in the evenings there during winter.

**2. 3.5 Proposed changes to the requirements for achieving Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status - Table 2: Proposed Changes to RDO Criteria**

- 'Owners seeking RDO status would be required to correctly answer questions about dog care and welfare as part of their application': I completely agree with this, and hope that the questions fully and properly test the suitability of the owner's knowledge. I would be very eager to also see the Council asking questions about *dog behaviour management* skills, in addition to 'care and welfare'.
- 'An owner applying for RDO status is required to pay for a site inspection of their property': While I agree this is reasonable and appropriate, the owner should also be able to provide proof of a past inspection (within a reasonably recent timeframe) by a Council inspector, e.g. for the purposes of a proposed or actual adoption from the 'dog pound'. As organisations such as SPCA and HUHA also require inspections, and often with more stringent requirements than Council, evidence of a recent inspection by those organisations should also be acceptable. Perhaps the Council could establish a process for issuing 'inspection certificates', and authorise specific shelters to also issue them, using agreed inspection criteria.

**3. 3.7 Provision of criteria for determining the requirement to neuter menacing dogs**

I note that the policy does not make any statement about prohibiting the owner from purposely breeding the dog, within the month between its classification as a menacing dog and the deadline for having it neutered. Given that one obvious intent of neutering is to reduce or eventually eliminate the breed, this would seem to be a gap - either in policy or in operational application. I would encourage the Council to consider that as a future enhancement.

**4. 3.8 Proposed new provisions to require owners to carry a receptacle for the removal of dog faeces**

I am wholeheartedly in agreement with this policy. (I note that 'Fouling of public places' is 11.3, not 4.6.3.) I would hope, however, that the Council will be reasonable in enforcing it - for instance, if an owner had brought a normally-suitable number of bags on a walk, but had to use them all because the dog unexpectedly exhibited a digestive complaint.

Questions 3/6: I have no particular opinion about Island Bay beach, but I am generally in favour of more off-leash areas.

Questions 4/5: See Question 2 Comment #1 above.

Question 7: I support dog-focused facilities such as agility equipment in specified exercise areas. I would be prepared to pay a small amount more (\$10 per year) within my dog registration fee, to help fund such facilities. However, these would need to be carefully designed to resist damage. A dog, after all, is said to have a similar mentality as a four-year-old child, so Council should expect young children to want to also play on the equipment. Four-year-old humans, as any parent knows, have a profound and innate talent for destruction of property. In addition, the equipment would need to be made deliberately unattractive to children, to reduce the commonly acknowledged risks when dogs interact with boisterous, eager kids.

Question 8: I strongly support (well behaved) dogs continuing to be allowed on lead within the central city.

Question 9: I support dogs being able to be left unattended, but not without some restrictions. These should include requirements such as the following, both to protect the dog, property, and nearby members of the public:

- The handler must firmly secure the dog, and limit its mobility (e.g. using a short lead), to ensure that members of the public can **easily** pass by, enter shops, access bus stops, etc., without having to come into contact with the dog if they do not wish to.
- A dog who has ever been known to snap at a stranger must be muzzled or have a mouth-strap, while unattended.
- The handler must ensure that they remain nearby enough that, if the dog becomes distressed or begins to bark or howl, they can hear and return immediately.
- There must be a time limit, e.g. 30 minutes, to protect the dog's wellbeing - e.g. thirst, need to toilet, etc.
- The handler must ensure that the dog is **securely** tied to something that will not be damaged if the dog pulls at it. (The council could provide or encourage more businesses to provide "dog parking" wall-mounted metal loops in appropriate areas, to facilitate this.) It should be explicit that the owner remains responsible for the cost of any repairs due to the activities of their dog while unattended, such as chewing, digging, or scratching. (I do not have any suggestions, however, for how this could be policed.)
- The handler must secure the dog somewhere it can sit or lie safely and reasonably comfortably while waiting.
- There should be some means of protecting the welfare of a dog who habitually becomes distressed or fearful while unattended. For example, if animal control staff receive complaints from the public about the same dog on three or more separate occasions within a specified timeframe, the owner could be served with a notice that they are no longer permitted to leave that dog unattended. An owner who received such a notice, however, should have the option to seek professional assistance (therapy or training) for the dog, and then provide evidence that the tendency to distress has been resolved, so the restriction could be lifted.
- The same types of notice and restriction as immediately above could be applied if there were complaints about other aspects of the dog's behaviour that instead affect the public around the dog, e.g. loud or incessant barking, or menacing behaviour (including while muzzled).
- There should be some means of signalling to other handlers when a dog is known as suitable to be left unattended near other dogs. This could be achieved, e.g. by an additional coloured tag that must accompany its registration tag.

Question 10: I am opposed to this change. See also Question 2 Comment #1 above.

Questions 11 and 12: See my comments under Question 2 above, generally. In addition:

- I disagree on principle with the requirement to desex a dog based on breed alone. As I told a fearful-looking person I crossed paths with while walking my dog last month, we should all "judge a dog by its owner, not by its looks". I understand the American Pitbull Terrier is classed as a "menacing breed", even though the NZ Kennel Club does not acknowledge this as a breed. This opens the door for disagreement even between 'experts' about what is or is not a dog of that breed. (I am often asked if my dog is a pitbull, because she has "that look" - she is not.) Nonetheless, I acknowledge this is a requirement of the Act, and reviewing that approach is outside the scope of this policy change.
- I have firm views about the rule that a bitch in heat is restricted to private property for the duration of her season:
  - I believe this rule is harmful to a bitch's welfare. Three weeks is an unreasonable time to expect an active dog to go without substantial exercise, without it affecting her physical and mental health -

not to mention that of her owner(s). Some facility needs to be made for this, e.g. the bitch can be exercised in public as long as she is kept on a short leash; is never left unattended; is handled only by a confident, capable adult; and stays away from the designated dog exercise areas.

- I point out that SPCA Newtown seems to be unaware of this rule, and recommend the Council asks them to take note of it. (Our bitch was on heat when we took her home on trial adoption, and we specifically asked about this. We were given good general advice, but were specifically told we **were** allowed to take her outside our property.)
- In the fifteen months that we have had a dog registered in Wellington, we have encountered only once a Council representative checking and enforcing the use of dog exercise areas. While our family generally observes the dog-related bylaws, I acknowledge there are geographic areas where we are less strict, and we are aware that some dog owners make little effort. Greater resources to improve visibility of staff would probably go a considerable way toward improving compliance, merely by their presence. On the other side of the same coin, I agree with the shift on focus for these staff toward encouraging good dog ownership behaviours, rather than being only an "agent of punishment". If, for instance, my dog and I were the only people at Miramar Park, I would protest mightily if I were fined for letting her off leash so I could throw a ball or stick for her. On the other side of the coin, if I did the same during a weekend sports practice, with lots of people including young children about, I would fully accept that as a significant lapse in judgement that deserved redress.
- Overall, I support most of the proposed changes. They go a little way toward improving what I feel is Wellington City Council's active discouragement of dogs - it can be difficult and disagreeable to be a dog owner in this city, even for those of us who take our responsibilities very seriously. Looking to the future, I hope the Council will view these changes as just one step toward a more dog-accepting culture. I believe those who consistently prove themselves to be responsible and knowledgeable in their dog ownership should be rewarded with greater freedoms, and those who display a disregard for the welfare of their dog or their community, or for the law, should be increasingly restricted - ideally until those unsuitable people find it unfeasible to own a dog at all.

I learned recently of the approach used in Basel, Switzerland: dog owners must complete a thorough training course with their dog, and must pass a rigorous assessment. Once they achieve this, their dog is allowed to accompany them anywhere in the city, even into food establishments. And there are no problems, because both the dogs and their owners have the right knowledge and skills to support the dog behaving appropriately/acceptably in public. That example reinforces what I have always believed about dog ownership: there are very few bad dogs in the world - only bad owners. I would encourage the Council to consider Basel as a model 'goal state' for dogs living in a future Wellington, and focus progressively more on fostering the desired behaviours (in addition to its necessary role in discouraging the unwanted behaviours). With more positive dog-related behaviour around, the currently anti-dog demographic might find it can relax its views. Then all Wellingtonians can enjoy the positive aspects of dogs being an integral element of human society - as we have bred them to be for thousands of years.

Demographic questions: Female, 40-49 years, Residential Ratepayer, NZ European

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on your proposed policy changes.

Regards

Truis Ormsby-Martin (Ms.)  
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Miramar 6022  
Ph 021 251 5650

(I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Wellington City Council [<mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz>]  
Sent: Saturday, 2 April 2016 6:20 p.m.  
To: [trubador@paradise.net.nz](mailto:trubador@paradise.net.nz)  
Subject: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

Dear dog owner

Wellington City Council is consulting on proposal to amend the current Dog Policy.

The proposed changes to the Dog Policy seeks to ensure that dogs are well cared for, Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership and that owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996. Changes are also proposed to dog exercise areas.

#### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DISCOUNT

To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. RDO's receive a 50 percent discount on their annual registration fee.

Further details about the policy review, submission forms, and the RDO discount are available from our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street, from Wellington libraries, on our website [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or by phoning 04 499 4444.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE DOG POLICY CLOSE 5PM ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2016

From the Public Health Team at Wellington City Council

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Cheryl Robilliard <cheryl@paos.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 9:50 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Cc:** Newtown Residents' Association  
**Subject:** Newtown Residents' submission on Dog Policy  
**Attachments:** Newtown Residents' Association submission on Dog Policy 2 May .pdf

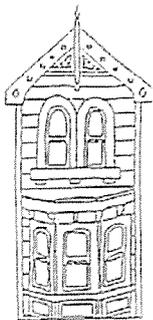
Please see attached the Newtown Residents' Association submission on the proposed Dog Policy.

I am the contact person for this submission on behalf of the Resident's Association. Please contact me with any questions or to arrange a time to speak to this submission. My contacts are below.

Best wishes  
Cheryl

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## Submission on: Dog Policy

### Introduction

The Newtown Residents' Association appreciates the opportunity to have a say on the draft Dog Policy.

Our Newtown Residents' Association represents the suburbs of Newtown, Berhampore, Mt Cook and parts of Melrose (total population 21,324 in the 2013 census). We are an active local group of residents and business people, concerned with maintaining and improving our suburb's liveability and connectedness. Since 1885, Newtown locals have acted collectively to make our community a thriving, diverse, great place to live. Our organisation became an Incorporated Society in July 1963. We care passionately about the design and function of our urban, social, cultural and natural environments. The Association is one of the threads that ties these southern suburbs together as a community.

Views of the Association were gathered at the monthly meeting on 18 April 2016 and by email, and this submission reflects the collective discussions. The submission draft was also circulated to the Association executive committee for comment and confirmation.

The Newtown Residents' Association would like to be heard in support of this submission.

### Submission on proposed Dog Policy

#### 1. Proposed changes to dog exercise areas.

We strongly agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas, apart from one small change to the off-leash track to Vice Regal North. In our area we support:

- The new dog exercise area off Finnimore Terrace
  - The off-leash pathway link between the dog exercise area in Hataitai Park and the bike skills area,
  - The off leash pathway link from the top of Owen Street to Vice Regal dog exercise area.
- However, we ask for the off leash pathway to begin just beyond the junction of the two

paths rather than at the top of Owen Street. The first part is shared with the pathway to a playground and on to Coromandel St, which is used by families with children and others who may not wish to meet off leash dogs. Also, there are currently problems with dogs let off the leash too early running through neighbouring gardens and being slow to respond to the owners calling them. One of these properties at the top of Owen Street currently has chickens that have been bothered by the dogs (for amended configuration refer attached marked-up aerial photograph).

- Designated dog off leash tracks are a welcome initiative for locals to train and exercise their dogs. When many dog owners in our area take their dogs for walks such as in the Town Belt, it is as much for their own exercise, health and well-being as it is for the dogs. In addition, it is important for a dog's health and wellbeing to have opportunities where they can run freely and behave naturally. The result is happier, more contented, better socialised and healthier dogs. We suggest that tracks where dogs are allowed off leash are clearly marked so that people are fully aware that they may meet a dog off leash, with alternative tracks in the same locale sign posted for people who do not want to meet a dog off leash.

**We also strongly support:**

- The proposal for a fenced dog exercise area at Russell Terrace. Some dogs can only be exercised in fenced areas and the nearest one is Cog Park in Evans Bay, which is too far to reach on foot from Newtown
- Allowing dogs to use side-lines of sportsfields when they are not being used for sport
- Proposed changes to beach exercise areas
- The proposal that the southern end of Island Bay beach is an off-leash area. The coast from Lyall Bay to Island Bay are our 'local' beaches. For dogs, especially those who enjoy water, the Lyall Bay and Island Bay off leash areas are invaluable.
- Proposed changes to the times that some dog exercise areas can be used by dogs (so that dogs can use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March).

**2. Proposal to not allow dogs to be tied up and left unattended in a public place (5.3.3)**

We submit that there are times when dogs should be able to be left tied up but unattended in a public place for a short time. Owners who know that their dog's temperament is safe to be tied up and left for a short time benefit from being able to take their dogs on errands, which helps keep the dogs socialised and exercised. Our community has a village atmosphere and we submit that people continue to be able to stop at the Newtown Postshop, banks, supermarkets, shops or other business premises during a walk and leave

a dog tied up for a short time. Dog owners report that conversations often start around interactions between the public and a tied up dog, much more so than when you simply walk your dog in public. Of value is the interaction between a dog owner and children about how to approach and interact with a dog. This community connectivity benefits more than the dog and their owner; it helps break down social isolation.

### **3. Suggestions for additional dog exercise areas.**

We would like to see some additions to dog exercise areas in Newtown. Housing in our area is intensifying which is likely to mean more people with dogs who will need places to exercise their pets. Please see the attached marked-up aerial photographs for our recommended additional dog exercise areas. These are:

1. New designated off leash track from dog exercise 11 Owen Street Park at the corner of Manchester and Owen Streets (opposite the zoo) up the hill to the reservoir/pine covered area north of and below Truby King House and Garden. As well as offering a more extended dog exercise experience for both dogs and their walkers, one of our members sees the gravel driveway with its restricted vehicle access an opportunity for mountain bike based dog exercising. This offers exercise, bonding and obedience training for very energetic dogs who love to run faster than the more usual exercise opportunities the urban area allows.
2. New track linking the dog exercise area at the top of Mein Street with the Vice Regal dog exercise area. This simple initiative increases the usefulness of these two existing dog exercise areas considerably. It makes a meaningful off leash journey possible, which is good for the mental and physical well-being of both owners and dogs.

# Revised start to proposed off-leash track to Vice Regal North



## 35. Vice Regal North

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Property boundaries, 50m contours, road names and the address & lot points sourced from Land Information NZ. Crown Copyright reserved. Property boundaries accurate to +/- 1m in urban areas <math>\pm</math> 30m in rural areas. Contour data sourced from Statistics NZ. Road names sourced from NZ Post. Details, contours, water and drainage information should be appropriate and must not be used for detailed engineering design. Contour data has been compiled from a variety of sources and its accuracy may vary, but is generally +/- 1m.

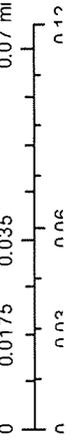
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Suggested new track linking two existing dog exercise areas and extending opportunity for exercise.



April 28, 2016

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Suggested new off leash track  
from dog exercise area 11. Owen Street



Google earth



## **Wellington City Council Dog Policy Review 2016 and Statement of Proposal Submission from Oriental Bay Residents Association Inc**

Submitted by Colin Blair, President of the Association on behalf of the Executive Committee  
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The Association does not seek to make an oral submission to City Councillors

### **Scope of Submission**

Membership of the Association comprises residents from 214 households in Oriental Bay. This represents around 30% of the suburbs population. The executive committee comprises 13 members elected annually by the members. Because of time constraints we have not formally sought the views of all members on the proposals. The submissions result from committee discussions, a discussion between committee representatives and Councillor Iona Pannett, accompanied by Council officer Fiona Lewis, and ad hoc comments from residents to committee members. From previous experience the range of views of the executive committee generally fairly represent the views of a majority of members.

Under our constitution one of our key roles is to liaise with Council about matters, affecting Oriental Bay and immediately surrounding areas, which are to the ultimate benefit of residents and the public at large. Our submissions relate mainly to the proposal that from 1 March to 30 November dogs be allowed to walk off-leash on allowed areas of the Oriental Bay Beach. (The Oriental Bay Proposal). At other times dogs will continue to be prohibited on the beach.

Initially a clear majority of our committee were opposed to allowing dogs any access to Oriental Bay beach, 4 members supported the proposals, perhaps with some limitations. On further consideration the general views have probably not changed much. The submissions set out below represent a compromise point of view and are supported by a majority of the committee.

### **Background**

We are aware that since the existing policy was agreed in 2009 there has been a significant increase in the number of inner city and inner suburb residents and also an increase in the number of such residents keeping dogs as pets. We acknowledge that Under the Dog Control Act 1996, Council needs to balance potential and perceived risks and potential nuisance issues with the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and owners. The review and proposals are Councils effort, with input from residents, to achieve an appropriate balance.

### **Submission on the Oriental Bay Proposal**

Oriental Bay Beach consists of three adjoining beaches.

- The Freyberg Beach, adjoining the children's playground.
- the Main Beach extending from the eastern rock boundary of the Freyberg to the western side of the Band Rotunda.
- A smaller stretch of beach to the immediate east of the Band Rotunda

We consider that each beach needs to be considered separately.

2.

### **Freyberg Beach**

We agree with the proposal that dogs continue to be prohibited on this beach and from the children's playground.

**We submit that it should be made clear that the prohibition extends to cover the grassed area adjoining the beach and the playground. This area is frequented by children throughout the year and should be considered as part of the playground.**

### **The Main Beach**

**We submit that the Main Beach should remain a prohibited area for dogs at all times.**

This beach attracts a significant number of people during the warmer months of the year. With the fine weather this month there have been a good number of people, including family groups and students playing or congregating on the beach right up to the present date. In addition a number of the hundreds who promenade around the Parade on weekends and holidays throughout the year, choose to walk along the beach as part of their walk. This beach is unique is unique in Wellington in that on a fine day at any time of the year it is a playground for very young children and a space where students and others play beach games or simply kick a football around. With our growing student population residing in the mid-city and April school holidays it would definitely be inappropriate to allow dogs on the beach in the months of March, April and November.

### **The Eastern Beach**

**We would support a proposal that dogs be allowed off-leash on the Eastern beach for a period from 1 April to 30 October only.**

A significant majority of the committee accept this as a reasonable compromise. While a majority of Oriental Bay Residents may possibly prefer that dogs continue to be prohibited from all the local beaches the committee accepts that allowing some access to the Eastern beach during cooler months would have limited impact on residents and visitors. However we consider that the proposed three month prohibited period of 1 December to 28 February is far too short. There is also strong support for such a proposal to be introduced on a trial basis with a review after the first year.

**We submit that if Council decides to allow dogs off-leash on the Eastern Beach, it should initially be for a trial period from 1 May to 31 October in one year.**

### **Other Proposals**

#### **Waitangi Park**

The proposal is to remove the park from the prohibited areas and allow dogs to access the grassed area on-leash all year round.

The committee is evenly divided on this proposal. Those against the proposal see Waitangi Park as one of very few green areas in the central city. It is popular with groups playing or training for activities such as football, touch rugby and softball. As such it should be classified "dog prohibited" in the same way as a sports field.

Those in favour see this as one of the few grassed area of the inner city to walk a dog. Most would accept as a comprise a limitation to allow dogs on-leash for a limited time such as before 9am in the morning. It has also been suggested that dogs be prohibited during the hours of the Sunday food market on the adjoining car park.

We have no specific submission on this proposal.

3.

**Exercise Area on Alexandra Road**

There is strong support for the idea of a designated dog exercise area on the Southern Walkway near the SPCA facilities

**Allowing Dogs off-leash on designated parts of Town Belt tracks.**

We understand that Council is considering allowing dogs off-leash on certain defined open parts of the walking tracks in the Town Belt. The Committee is divided as to the merits of this proposal. Those opposed are of the view that although dogs classified as menacing must be muzzled and on-leash in any public space, there are many large dogs which to many people would be intimidating if suddenly confronted.

Those in favour believe that the provisos relating to adequate sight lines and continuous voice control provide sufficient safeguards.

**Prohibiting Feeding of Animals in Public Places**

The proposal is designed to control vermin, pigeons and the like.

**We support this proposal**

**For the Oriental Bay Residents Association**

C G Blair  
President

2 May 2016

## Dog Policy

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and send it to us by
- Dog Policy, Freepost, Wellington City Council, P.O. Box 2199, Wellington.
  - By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

Enter your name and contact details

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Email pollich@xtra.co.nz

I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas  Yes  No

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I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation

I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors.

Yes  No

If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

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Comments/suggestions

map/photo 22. Am puzzled why "small area at bottom be removed." It's only a small easily moved area + if allowed to revert to gorse etc, would be a hinderance,

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

See the Summary of Information for more information.

Comments/suggestions

N/A

less to dog exercise, but as a part of the "commuter" tracks down to Wadestown Road. ie as an extension of the track from Wadestown Road to Moorhouse St.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

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- No, completely opposed
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- Neutral
- Yes, support
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Comments/suggestions

the Wadestown Road/ Moorhouse Street track being off-leash.

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Conditions/exclusions/comments

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6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

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This is a mildly tricky ruling.  
Sometimes dogs are tied up outside a supermarket for example while owner is shopping. This should be OK (ie not ~~forbit~~ forbidden)

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Comments/suggestions

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yes. As suggested on Table 2.

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There are many elderly residents who walk their equally elderly dogs to the shops and tie their leads to the nearest post for 5 minutes. It seems like this rule is over-kill and needs to be modified for reasonable exceptions

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Comments/suggestions

Needs to be approached on a case-by-case basis. Some of the 'human-only' times and dates see the parks in question deserted because dog owners are actually the only people who go there.

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Comments/suggestions

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Comments/suggestions

Provided place safe and sheltered. You can't take a dog into a shop, so dog needs to be left outside for a short time

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Comments/suggestions

Good idea. Gives more time to walk dog in the morning

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No good policy

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*Last name	Brian
Street address	43 Palmer St
Suburb	Aro Valley
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Phone	04) 385 3051
Email	na
I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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generally I agree with the changes. It seems that the Mitchelltown School site and Liadet / Balfour St corner won't now be removed, which I am pleased about.\*

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

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I don't mind where - but part of it 'off leash' would be very good. Dog owner not having to drive to a beach is good for environment!

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Before having dog agility equipment, Water should be available at all dog exercise areas. This is much more important in my view and our rates should pay for this.

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of course you should be able to tie your dog up and leave it for short periods. When out shopping with a dog you need to tie it up and leave it unattended while you go into the shop. I do not think it should be that you can't tie a dog up and then visit a shop.

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Comments/suggestions

Dogs are great for human health - they get you out and about, exercising yourself and exploring your neighbourhood. With more people living isolated lives it is great to encourage people to get out and making it easier for people with dogs to do this is ideal.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments/suggestions

\* Sites like Mitchelton School, Balfour / Howard St are particularly good for taking dogs on night walks as they are not too far off the beaten track and feel 'safe' at night for dog owners.

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Animals in general are great at enhancing physical and mental health for humans. So to encourage this at all times should be a priority.

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**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Tara Ross-Watt <taramax12@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 30 April 2016 1:41 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

Good afternoon,

I wish to make a submission on the proposal to amend the dog exercise areas.

I strongly support the proposed addition of beach area in Island Bay. The local suburbs have no current area of beach as a designated dog area, and are forced to drive all the way to Lyall Bay which is a wasteful source of fuel emissions. We need somewhere we can walk to with our dogs, rather than transporting them in vehicles.

The proposed area of beach is not heavily used by beachgoers, and they can easily be absorbed onto the main area where the current dog prohibition is in place.

Island Bay, Owhiro Bay and Berhampore residents deserve a stretch of sand to use with their family pets.

Thank you for the proposal, we support it wholeheartedly.

Kind regards,

Tara Ross-Watt  
 2A Murchison Street

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 > Subject: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy  
 > To: [taramax12@hotmail.com](mailto:taramax12@hotmail.com)  
 > Date: Sat, 2 Apr 2016 17:54:03 +1300  
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 > Dear dog owner  
 >  
 > Wellington City Council is consulting on proposal to amend the current Dog Policy.  
 >  
 > The proposed changes to the Dog Policy seeks to ensure that dogs are well cared for, Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership and that owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996. Changes are also proposed to dog exercise areas.  
 >  
 > RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DISCOUNT  
 >  
 > To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. RDO's receive a 50 percent discount on their annual registration fee.  
 >  
 > Further details about the policy review, submission forms, and the RDO discount are available from our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street, from Wellington libraries, on our website [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or by

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**From:** Kafy Sos <kafy.sos@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 10:15 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Ref: Odell Reserve-dog exercise area

Hello

Thank you for an opportunity to provide submission on Odell Reserve dog exercise area.

My wish list would be:

- 1) a clear signage telling owner to pick the poo of their dogs.
- 2) a bin for the dog poo. I notice dog poo in bag in the bush as owners carelessly throw them into the bush.

I look forward to have these facilities for cleaner dog exercise area and pleasant reserve area to visit.

Thank you

Kafy

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I appreciate the proposed changes to extend + enhance dog exercise areas

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See the Summary of Information for more information.

Comments/suggestions

YES it should be - excellent place for dogs & people to enjoy the water.  
 as large an area as possible. It should be clearly marked what area is for dogs.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas - review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).

- No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

DOG EXERCISE AREA on Manakaua Ave, Karori should be removed from list. It is far too small & totally impractical. Danger to drivers & dogs.

5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas - review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).

- No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

EXCELLENT RECOMMENDATION.

7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

as this would be in a limited area I would have to see it as a cost from dog registration. Funds can be better used.

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.

No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy

No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

Dogs tied up anywhere without a human seen up the possibility of a dog biting a child etc

10) Currently some dog exercise areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy

No, completely opposed     No, opposed     Neutral     Yes, support     Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments/suggestions

I support any extension/addition.

12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments/suggestions

I know of a number of unregistered dogs - more effort should be put into controlling this than extending number of responsible dog owners.

**Who we are reaching**

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am  male  female

My age is  under 18 years  18-29 years  30-39 years  40-49 years  50-59 years  60 years or older

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**From:** John <john.tiley@clear.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 12:59 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy - Stebbings Dam Reserve  
**Attachments:** Dog Policy Submission 30 April.doc

Hello

I attach for consideration my submission in regard to the proposed off-leash designated area at Stebbings Dam.

Regards

John Tiley

## DOG POLICY SUBMISSION

### STEBBINGS DAM RESERVE – CHURTON PARK

I oppose the designated off-leash dog exercise area as published and request the Council consider my arguments in favour of an alternative approach.

#### **Option 1. Withdraw the designation and preserve the status quo.**

The reserve under consideration is quite possibly unique. It is operated by GWRC as a flood detention facility and most of the reserve has been enjoyed by dog owners exercising dogs off-leash for over 20 years – I can personally vouch for that. I believe dog owners are very much the majority of reserve users. I have never heard of any problems or conflicts with other walkers; there has been a happy co-existence.

I submit there is a strong case for leaving a well-established happy situation unchanged.

#### **Option 2. Revise the designation to provide more reasonably for off-leash dogs.**

Nevertheless, if the Council has cogent reasons for making a designation I request those reasons be supplied to the community, including through the Churton Park Community Association, and the opportunity be provided for discussion with the community on the exact area to be designated.

Much of the terrain in the reserve is extremely steep, being formed by the dam structure rather than for any recreational purpose. The proposed designated area covers only the dam spillway. The slope is such that some people can walk up only by pausing between each step and descend only with great care. I suggest the small size (about 30m x 60m) and extreme steepness make it impracticable to use as a dog exercise area. That being the case, the proposed designation would in effect ban off-leash dogs from the entire reserve.

In my view a designated area should cover the dam structure and adjacent areas, up to the stream on the east side and the existing fence to the west. That would leave the grass track and areas outside the fence, and the path on the eastern slope, excluded.

I look forward to a reasonable compromise that suits community interests.

John Tiley  
30 April 2016

(For the record, this is a personal submission, not one on behalf of CPCA.)

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** tredger <tredger@slingshot.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 2:30 p.m.  
**To:** Jessica Clarke  
**Subject:** Fw: 2016 Dog submission.- Robert Tredger.docx  
**Attachments:** 2016 Dog submission.- Robert Tredger.docx

Attached please find my submission for the Dog policy.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

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## DOG POLICY AND ANIMAL BYLAW SUBMISSION 2016

**Robert Tredger**

My submission relates to the **Dog Policy and the Animal Bylaw**- review. **I wish to speak to the appropriate committee in support of my submission.**

I am concerned at the severity of the regulations relating to dogs. I thought that dogs were **a man's best friend!** This seems no longer to be the case. I agree that it is important that dangerous dogs should be controlled, or even banned. However I, and I would think the majority of dog owners, believe common sense should prevail in relation to the policy and bylaw.

On Friday 8 April, at approximately five o'clock, I received a phone call from a neighbour advising that a dog was in her front garden, and they thought it may have escaped. Their question was who should they contact? As a long-time member of the Tawa Community Board, and neighbour, I picked up the problem.

I walked up the street and indeed there was a fairly large dog, I think an Alaskan Malamute. It was a lovely dog, well trained and obviously well looked after, not aggressive, and very friendly.

It was wearing a collar, to which was attached a WCC 'DOG TAG' number 12046. The TAG advised to ring WCC on 04 499 444 for any information.

I rang WCC on my cell phone, and was advised that 'all our operators are busy' etc. When the phone was answered I relayed the story and asked who I should contact re the owner of the dog so that the dog could be collected. The response was that I should ring the pound. So why does the Dog Tag say 'ring WCC'?

I understand that details of ownership of all dogs that are registered are held on the WCC computer system, so rather than call the pound which is at Moa Point, would it not be easier and friendlier if I could ring the owner. The response was this was not possible because of the Privacy Act, and I might be a miscreant. I explained that I was a member of the Tawa Community Board, and that could be checked from the WCC website, and was happy to ring the owner so the dog could be collected? It would be a neighbourly thing to do. Eventually I was told that this was not possible, but that they would ring the Pound and they would ring me back.

I took the dog home, and into the back garden and within an hour, received a call from the Hutt advising that they would come and pick up the dog as per the process. As he had been 'called out', and was in the Hutt, and would have to drive to Moa Point to pick up the truck before coming to Tawa, it could take a while. Again I asked if he could trace the owner of the dog from the 'system', so that the process could be shortened. I did not receive a positive reply!

About an hour later the truck arrived and the dog was picked up.

I understand that the Dog was taken to the pound, kept there overnight, but am not sure if it was delivered to the owners in Tawa or they collected the Dog. They were also fined. I do not know if they were contacted on Friday.

I have subsequently found out that the Hutt CC have the contract for Dog Control in Wellington, and have access to the WCC system, as does the pound, and hence could have determined the owner's name etc without coming to Tawa. Also that the Dog Control officers can scan the Dogs microchip (if applicable) for the same information, from scanners kept in the truck, and that theoretically could have delivered the dog to its owner on Friday night.

As Tawa is currently the northern most suburb of Wellington, I estimate that the Dog pound officer travelled about 100 km and took about 2 hours (on double time + call out fees) to get to Tawa and back.

To my mind this is bureaucracy gone mad, and could have been resolved quickly and cost effectively with a bit of common sense!

In summary:

- The policy is very restrictive and places an unfair burden on responsible dog owners
- I suggest that Council looks at its management of the bylaw and its application in relation to situations as described above
- If the Council is unable to amend its processes due to the constraints of the Dog Control Act, is it possible for Council to have discussions with the legislators or the Ministry of Primary Industries/Department of Internal Affairs?

If this is how we treat 'our best friends' I hate to think how we treat our enemies!

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**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Viv Chapple <chapplengaio@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 1:05 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy submission from Viv Chapple  
**Attachments:** Dog Policy Submission V L Chapple 2 May 2016.docx; Attachment 3 Pet Chicken Savaging Notice.jpg; Attachment 2 Dogs on Te Awaroa Excerpt.docx

Hi,  
Please accept my attached submission and three supporting documents – whoops only two supporting documents to date. The third one is not available yet. May I forward it to you within the next 24 hours?

Kind regards  
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## Dog Policy Review 2016

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I am making this submission on my own behalf, and do wish to speak publically to it.

I am a NZ European female, aged between 50-59 years, a non-pet owning residential ratepayer and a regular user of parks and walking tracks.

In general I do **not** support many of the proposed changes to the existing policy as I feel the changes favour the needs dogs and dog owners over the existing rights of citizens to access a safe and unpolluted by dog faeces environment.

I also have reservations about the impartiality of this document. There are three pieces of key information missing that would present some factual information to the background notes:

- 1 The actual number of (registered) dogs this proposal relates to. (10,576 at 31/5/2015 [localcouncil.govt.nz](http://localcouncil.govt.nz))
- 2 The proposal to introduce off leash dogs to a portion of the Te Awaroa walkway, thus making WCC the first council in the country to do this.
- 3 The records that WCC keeps about reported dog attacks, successful prosecutions and other associated data that would give the general reader of this proposal a better understanding of the existing status regarding dog management in Wellington. I had intended to include some ACC statistics around dog caused injuries in Wellington, but these haven't arrived in time.

My view is that by maintaining a firm line on dog ownership, the level of ownership will stay low. I find a rate of five registered dogs per 100 people (p4) entirely acceptable against the national rate of 11 per 10 (p4) given that we are talking the capital city, which is an intense urban environment and clearly not ideal for the raising of dogs. A better comparison would have been with the other major urban centres but this wasn't included. My worry is that we will turn into Paris, which is infamous, worldwide, for its dog problem. Given my experience of Cummings Park, once a dog position is reached that favours dogs, there is no retraction or political appetite for change. Has WCC ever retracted a dog park back to ordinary use? There are two minor removals in this proposal, and plenty of dog favourable changes, so I don't view this as balanced. It would appear that small pieces of land unflavoured by park users aren't actually favoured by dog owners for dog use either, so hence their return to the fold.

The following comments relate to the parks I know. These comments may well apply to parks I am not familiar with.

**Cummings Park** in Ngaio, named after the first residents association president

**Ian Galloway Park** Wilton

The sunniest, flattest, most accessible part of Cummings Park is an off leash dog area, beloved by dog owners. Well, who wouldn't love it? Sheltered, seated, visually appealing, very handy to carparks, shops

and coffee – in fact all the things that make a successful park. I have abandoned using it and I know I am not alone. I don't want to be jumped on, stand in poo or be around the frenetic busyness that comes with dogs in a pack. Even the turf is no longer park like, given the volume of dogs that use it (from all around Wellington). When I consider the closest fenced area for dogs at Ian Galloway Park it is of no surprise that dog owners prefer Cummings Park. Ian Galloway is exposed to the wind, treeless, there is no seating and it's adjacent to a busy road, with no coffee. No wonder Cummings Park wins hands down, despite the number of alternative dog parks in Ngaio.

Recommendations: Make Ian Galloway Park for attractive for dog owners

Make Cummings Park an on-leash dog area

### **Khandallah Park**

I walk in Khandallah Park several times a week and I can assure you that many dog owners see this as an off leash dog area even though it isn't.

Today –May 2- all six dogs I encountered were off their leads, so that's a 100% flouting of the existing rules.

Existing enforcement is poor given the underground doggy network where dog owners alert others to the presence of the ranger. (See Attachment 1, Homemade Notice to Dog Owners sited at the Clark Street entrance this morning) Given that one finds dog poo –or those charming little blue bags that are so conveniently left for someone else to collect- on a daily basis, the idea that dog owners will suddenly find the self-control to limit their dogs off leash period to Sirsi and the walk up to the Kaukau gate is naïve.. The walk itself beyond the steps where the Robertson seat is, is clay and steep. I have almost been bowled at this point and by making it an off leash area it will become even more popular, with more bounding dogs. How the dogs will know to stop at the gate below Kaukau and wait to be put on a leash puzzles me. If I was the adjacent farmer I would be very worried.

But the really interesting thing is the oblique way this huge change in the status of Khandallah Park has been described in the proposal. Less than 6 months ago the Park Management Plan was drawn up, and there was no mention of any proposal to make any part of Khandallah Park off leash. It is true that the Sirsi Crescent access isn't well used by general park users – much better parking and access at the main entrance, although I assume Broadmeadows residents use this access regularly. The proposal to let off leash dogs onto the main loop track which is intensively used has not been clearly stated at all. Worse, this track forms part of the Te Awaroa walkway where any dogs are actively discouraged (see Attachment 2). Is it the role of WCC to pursue off-leash dog areas for Te Awaroa?

Kaukau Park itself is also unsuitable for off leash dogs. Once on the tracks and out of their owners' sight all sorts of damage can be and is done. Foliage damage, defecation, jumping at low flying kereru – seriously one passed me at elbow height last week- and I haven't mentioned the dog fights I have witnessed. Turning part of the Kaukau track into an off leash dog area is an invitation to encourage "spill over" onto the rest of the tracks (Remember there are dog owners for whom it is apparently too difficult to read the daylight saving hours off leash signs). For your interest I attach a notice from last week about a dog savaged dead chicken just outside the Clark Street entrance to the Park –see Attachment 3. It seems to me that having encouraged the native wildlife back into the park you will be putting all that good work at risk.

Recommendation: enforce the status quo.

### **Odell Reserve**

The top of the reservoir is a very popular site from which to view the city. My view is that it is an inappropriate place for dogs to be off leash given that there is nowhere to escape to if dogs turn nasty.

### **Balaena Beach**

This beach area is a popular swimming spot and is too small to accommodate an off leash dog area. In Australia, in Tasmania, dogs have their own beaches, or where they are shared, there is a natural feature of the landscape that defines the dog area from the other, such a rocks, lagoons etc.

### **Oriental Bay Beach**

This is a very popular area all year round and at the very least the status quo should be maintained. Both Oriental Bay and Balaena beaches are only a stone's throw from Weka Bay and the fenced off leash dog area at Evans Bay. I can see no justification for change.

### **Island Bay Beach**

Given the cycle lane public relations fiasco I think you need to be very gentle with the people of Island Bay!

In summary I am completely opposed to changes to the above parks (with the exception of Cummings Park which should be fenced for dogs on the uphill side).

### **Off leash dog tracks**

I accept that this would be beneficial for dogs and their owners, but the likely outcome would be to exclude non dog owners from said tracks, which has been my experience in relation to dogs in Cummings Park. If new tracks were introduced – say in Makara – that would be a compromise.

### **Dog Agility Equipment**

This is a great idea – but why should anyone else other than a dog owner pay for it? The funding should come out of the dog fees.

### **Dogs in the City.**

I am vehemently opposed to dogs “stopping” in the city. (Clause 5.1) A city is not a good environment for dogs. Passing through on leash is enough. I suggest this is driven by dog owners wanting to stop for their latte. No matter that other café users might not want to push their way through a wall of dogs tied up at the entrance. My local supermarket has had to put up a sign asking for dogs not to be tied at the entrance – there were so many of them that they were getting in the way of customers and having fights that you could hear from inside the supermarket.

I really think WCC is setting itself up for litigation on this one. If a judge cannot tell the difference between parking bay lines delineated by white paint or shaded bricks, then who is going to determine an “unattended” dog. If you tie up your dog outside Whitcoulls and go in to browse books, is your dog unattended? Probably. If you are inside a café watching your dog through a window, is your dog unattended? Possibly. If 10 dogs are tied up outside the café and one person, not necessarily the owner and perhaps aged 10, is attending them, is your dog unattended? Far too murky. Much better to keep the status quo. Also, as a pedestrian down Lambton Quay, it is hard enough avoiding people let alone dogs and their leads and their faeces.

Wellington is renowned for its café society – and part of this is sitting at an outside table in the sunshine. I have already encountered dark looks from a dog owner who wanted to sit outside with her dog in Petone (the rules are apparently different there). I didn't have a dog, so why was I outside? This "stopping" is a terrible idea.

#### **Hours of use of dog exercise areas**

There has to be a better reason to change the hours than to fit in with Porirua times. We are not amalgamated yet! So you are giving dogs more time on the beach for more months of the year, which is a slackening of the existing standard. Our dog ownership volumes don't merit this, so I oppose this as well. If anything I would be extending beach usage for non-dog use to 8pm. How hard is it to understand the rules apply to daylight saving times (Oct through April, not Dec to end of Feb)?

#### **Clause 5.2.1**

It is terribly desirable to fence dog exercise areas, especially if they are next to a road but I worry here about the law of unintended consequences. Funding for dog fencing will always be tight and is part of a very fluid pool. So the effect of making road side dog fencing compulsory will be to make unfenced and therefore cheaper dog parks away from the road and further into the parks and reserves more attractive. Pushing dogs further into the parks and away from public view with even more temptation to be off leash is completely unhelpful.

#### **Sports fields**

I am completely opposed to dogs being on sports fields at any time. I think it is a bit rich to exclude them from artificial turfs but not grassed ones. Why are you discriminating between the various sports codes and levels of ability/and or volume of players? Fewer people can play on grass because of the wear issue, and you are going to compound this by allowing dogs on the turf when it is not in use by sportspeople. If you want to see what dogs do to turf, visit Cummings Park in Ngaio. I know the faeces issue should resolve itself because dog owners will be required to pick up the faeces – but the reality will be more dog poo on the pitches. Far simpler to exclude dogs at all times. A straightforward rule, easy to enforce.

#### **Clause 12.5**

I completely support this

Thank you for taking the time to read my views

Kind regards

Viv Chapple

**A message to the dog owner** who's dog attacked and killed my neighbours pet chicken hen at around 4.55pm, on Thursday, 21 April and left it lying in the middle of the road outside my driveway.

Please do the decent thing by:

- a) apologising to the pet owner at #86 Clark St.
- b) keeping your dog on a leash
- c) being aware that uncontrolled dogs that kill other people's pets reflects poorly on all dog owners and will ultimately lead to more regulation and limitations on where you can walk your dog. Sadly, that might one day include this wonderful park surrounding my house.

*This message written by the resident of #78 Clark Street.*

<http://www.teararoa.org.nz/faq/>

Excerpt copied 2 May 2016

## Can I take my dog/bicycle/horse/unicorn on Te Araroa?

In general, Te Araroa is for walking.

Access to private land has been negotiated on the basis of walking access only and through farms and conservation areas, dogs are strictly prohibited. Really, the only parts of Te Araroa suitable for dogs are urban walks, road walking and (some) beaches.

Cycling is generally unsuitable on Te Araroa, as most tracks are only constructed to walking standards. There are occasional sections where Te Araroa intersects with cycleways however these are a small minority.

Those interested in cycling should investigate [www.nzcycletrail.com](http://www.nzcycletrail.com)

For similar reasons, horses are unsuitable on most Te Araroa routes and better options for horse-riding can be found at [www.nzbridleways.info](http://www.nzbridleways.info)

Unicorns will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Richard Herbert <herbert.r@xtra.co.nz>  
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**Subject:** WCC Dog Policy 2016 Review and Animal By-Law 2016 Review - Submissions from Tawa Community Board  
**Attachments:** WCC TCB Submission for WCC Dog Policy Review 2016 - final.pdf; WCC TCB Submission for WCC Animal By-Law Review 2016 - final.pdf

Hello WCC Policy

Please find attached the submissions from the Tawa Community Board on the WCC Dog Policy 2016 Review and Animal By-Law 2016 Review consultations.

kind regards  
Richard Herbert  
member, Tawa Community Board

## **Tawa Community Board Submission WCC Dog Policy Review 2016**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Tawa Community Board is a Community Board under the Local Government Act and Wellington City Council with elected members representing the northern suburbs of Wellington City comprising Tawa, Takapu Valley and Grenada North.

We welcome the opportunity to provide a submission on the WCC Dog Policy Review 2016 and Supporting By-Laws.

Our submission focuses on a subset of issues that are of prime interest to the residents of Tawa as well as those with city-wide effects on rates and the environment.

#### **Tawa Background:**

Tawa residents exhibit a strong sense of community, shown by the many community based organisation and recreation activities. This strong sense of community and neighbourhood engagement is also shown through Tawa having the No. 2 ranking spot in NZ for community membership of the neighbourly.co.nz community engagement web site.

Tawa residents highly value the natural landscape including its parks, reserves and pathways, which are also regularly used for recreation exercise with dogs.

The biggest concerns of residents in Tawa related to dog are:

- Dog excrement not being picked up by owners and being left on footpaths, tracks and reserves including playground areas, and
- Dogs being exercised off-leash on public bush tracks and other public spaces outside of the designated dog recreation areas.

We generally support the proposed changes identified in the Policy Review and welcome the change of emphasis of dog handling in public places from being 'under control' to being 'on-leash'. This as always been an area of dispute and this change adds clarity.

We also welcome the other aspects intended to add support for the environment and Protected wildlife through restrictions on the numbers of cats per household and restrictions on the feeding of birds in public places.

### **COMMENT ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED DOG POLICY**

#### **Section 4.2 Responsibilities of Dog Owners.**

We welcome this change to the policy to more explicitly outline the responsibilities of dog owners.

#### **Section 5 Beach areas restricted during summer**

If the proposed changes are agreed then only one Beach Area will remain in this category (as listed in TABLE 4 of the Dog Policy document). We therefore submit that this category be renamed as BEACH EXERCISE AREAS (SPECIFIED TIME). This would then allow for the complete removal of the Term “Controlled Public Area” and confusion with “Public Area”. It is also more in keeping with the current parallel designation of EXERCISE AREAS (SPECIFIED TIME).

### **Section 5.1 Controlled Public Places.**

We welcome this change to the policy wording to more explicitly state, “Dogs must be on-leash and under the control of their owners at all times in public places”.

However, it is noted that the Section 5 preamble implies that under the Act councils need to designate areas as a “Controlled Public Place”, but within the Policy “Controlled Public Place” is not included in the list of Definitions and nor is there a list of “Controlled Public Places” in an Appendix, rather it is under Appendix 4 BEACH AREAS RESTRICTED DURING SUMMER.

But there is a definition of “Controlled Public Place” with the proposed Animals By-Law that seems to be a bit circular in its definition and negates the intent of this change and still begs the question – what exactly are these areas. By-law (Section 5.1) “**Controlled public place** means any area where dogs are allowed as long as they are on-leash and under the control of their owner”.

The by-law itself makes no distinction between a “Public Place” and a “Controlled Public Place” – an offence is committed if a dog owner “allows their dog in a public place, unless it is controlled by a leash .... “ (Animals By-law Section 7.2.)

I therefore submit that the reference throughout to “Controlled Public Place” should be dropped and “Public Place” used instead, and that the Section 5 preamble be updated to align with Section 12.3.

Consequently the definition for Public Place should be updated to read “**Public Place** means a place that, at any material time, is open to or is being used by the public, whether free or on payment of a charge, and provided the area is not designated a “Prohibited place” or an “Exercise area”, a place where dogs are allowed as long as they are on-leash, and under the control of their owner”.

There are a number of other differences in what is included in the Definitions Section between the Policy and the By-Law documents.

Since one of the stated intents of the Dog Policy is to “balance potential and perceived risks to public safety, risks to wildlife and natural habitats, and potential nuisance issues with the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners.” – then we submit that the Dogs on-Lead policy should be better communicated and enforced for bush walking tracks.

### **Section 5.2 and Appendix B. Dog Recreation Areas.**

With respect the existing Dog Recreation Areas within Tawa and their related maps.

**Arthur Carmen Park** – We concur with the proposed opening time change for this area from being open just during the summer months to be open year round. However, we question the necessity to reduce the area to exclude the top level, which is stated as retained for informal sport. The area is not heavily used and the division is likely to just cause confusion and not be observed.

**Duncan Park** – no change proposed under the review.

We submit that the Duncan Park Dog recreation area needs to be fenced, or at least a physical barrier build between the Dog Recreation area and the Playground Area. Presently it is common for dogs to wander over into the adjacent Playground Area. Apart from a hygiene issue it can be frightening for children on the play equipment.

**Grasslees Reserve** – no change proposed under the review.

We strongly recommend that Grasslees reserve be removed as a dog exercise area or be completely fenced. This area is close to the busy main road, is only partially fenced and is close to a public BBQs picnic area and is regarded as the main central playground in Tawa. This is in keeping with the Policy requirement for new recreation areas adjacent to a road must be fenced.

As a Community Board, we have had many complaints with this area being a dog exercise area. This green space is used by many as a picnic area and it is of grave concern that many who use this area are unaware that it is also a dog exercise area and consequently can cause a health hazard. It is also an area of Tawa that has previously been used for outdoor community events and it would be beneficial if it could be returned back to a green space where these could occur.

NOTE also that dog access via the new bridge adjacent to the Playground Area is not indicated on the Dog Recreation Area map as an access point and therefore should be regarded as a Prohibited Area for dogs as there are alternative routes to access the Dog Recreation area. The policy states “Areas of Children’s Play Equipment are a Prohibited area for dogs with the sole Exemption being to move through a play area specifically to move from one side to the other (without stopping in the play area) if there is no alternative route.”

As a general comment it should be noted that while Recreation Area maps do locate Areas of Children’s Play Equipment in the vicinity of a Dog recreation Area there is no actual boundary for the “Areas of Children’s Play Equipment” defined on the map and therefore ambiguity can arise as to exactly what is the Prohibited Area.

**Taylor Park** – no change proposed under the review.

In earlier submissions we had advocated for this recreation area to be fenced and understand that there is provision in the LTP for this. There is currently no completely fenced dog recreation area in the northern suburbs and this provides a large flat area that is currently not heavily used for alternate activities and thus is suitable for dog recreation.

We request that the Taylor Park Dog Recreation area map be updated to remove the southern section besides the Tawa Valley Pathway, which has recently been revegetated, and that the Tawa Valley Pathway be indicated on the map as a WCC Track Route (in keeping with other recreation area maps).

**Willowbank Park** – We agree with the minor changes proposed for this area as per the revised Willowbank Dog Recreation Area map for the area north of the scout hall - to include a section of stream north of the railway bridge and to remove the section of the Tawa Valley Pathway that has now been planted in trees north of the new bridge.

We request that the Willowbank Park Dog Recreation area map be updated to include the Tawa Valley Pathway be indicated on the map as a WCC Track Route (in keeping with other recreation area maps) along with the new stream crossing bridge.

### **Section 5.3.3 Unattended dogs**

We agree that dogs should be prohibited from being left unattended in public spaces. This can be also a particular issue around suburban supermarkets and cafes and not just in the CBD area.

“controlled public places” should be changed to “public places”.

### **Section 6.2.1 Registration Fees.**

We submit that if a dog dies after the fees have been paid there should be possible to obtain a proportional rebate with proof of death of a dog from a vet.

### **Section 6.3 Micro-chipping dogs.**

We agree with the requirements of the policy but there does not appear to be a corresponding offence defined in the Animals Bylaw to allow Council to enforce this requirement.

### **Section 7 Actively Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership.**

We welcome and agree with the Council actively promoting responsibly dog ownership and incentivising owners for maintaining their RDO status.

### **Section 12.2 Fouling of public places.**

“The owner or handler of the dog will immediately remove and dispose of their dog’s faeces if the dog defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner”.

Unfortunately the current wording of this clause does not make any guidance on how the faeces should be disposed of and the current method deployed for throwing doggy-do bags into neighbouring or plantings is not acceptable. There should be emphasise that the dog faeces needs to be disposed of in an appropriate waste disposal bin or taken home for disposal in their landfill destined rubbish bag.

There seems to be relatively low awareness that failure to comply with this requirement is an offence under the bylaw that could result in a \$300 fine.

The suggestion in the policy that more rubbish bins are planned to be installed in popular areas is welcomed but seems to be at odds with our previous requests to Council for more rubbish bins to be located in popular reserve areas, which have been denied.

#### **Section 12.4 Council Permission required for more than three dogs.**

We support the continuance of the policy as proposed that permission and closer monitoring is required for properties where there are more than three dogs.

#### **Section 12.5 General conditions of keeping animals.**

We welcome and support the new provision that “No animals are to be fed in public places, except for in designated areas, or with prior written permission from the Council.” In Tawa we have had nuisance and potential health issues raised through the assembly of large numbers of ducks when members of the public are regularly feeding them on reserves and road reserves.

### **COMMENT ON OTHER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED FROM THE ONLINE SUBMISSIONS FORM**

#### **6) *Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks.***

Within the Tawa area, there are many bush tracks and other walking tracks and some of these might also be shared with cycles or even horses. Bush reserve tracks areas generally do not have good sight-lines (a requirement of Section 5.2.1 for off-leash exercise areas), and are normally confined areas that can have conflicting 2-way traffic where dogs can rapidly get out of sight (and control) of their master if off-leash as is a regular nuisance. The Tawa Bush reserve areas are also under active possum baiting control and are habitat for Protected wildlife, which can be easily disturbed by roaming dogs (particularly during the bird nesting season).

We therefore submit that bush reserve tracks should stay as on-leash areas only for dogs. An example of this is the Redwood bush area. We are very aware that already many dogs walk through this track off-leash.

We would like to know what measures are in place for enforcing this policy and by-law related to the requirement for dogs being on-leash in Public places and how many infringement notices are issued each year for this offence?

Another pathway that we wish to have stay as on-leash is the Awa Tawa Valley pathway through the length of Tawa. This needs to be accessible for all users and hence dogs need to be on a leash.

**8) Do you think that dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?**

No. We are opposed to this.

**9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?**

We submit that dogs should be prohibited from being left unattended in public spaces. This can be also a particular issue around suburban supermarkets and cafes and not just in the CBD area.

And while it is reasonable that Wellington be perceived as a dog friendly city and that some café's (like the Botanic Gardens café) do already support dog owners with the placement of water bowls adjacent to outside café's tables it should still be expected that the dog owners sit at those designated tables and be able to control their dogs.

**Tawa Community Board**

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**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Submission on Dog Policy Review  
**Attachments:** NCDRA submission on Cummings Park DEA.pdf

Please find attached a submission on the Dog Policy Review from the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association.

*John White*  
*Secretary*  
*Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association*



## Submission on the Dog Policy Review, April-May 2016

This submission is made on behalf of the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association.

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We would like to make an oral submission to Councillors. We would prefer this to be as late in the oral hearings process as can be managed, as we hope to be able to consider published submissions from Ngaio residents before making our oral submission.

Please approach the Secretary when arranging a submission time (971 5415 or 027 436 5264).

### ***Introduction***

The Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association (NCDRA) is submitting on only one issue from the Dog Policy Review: the future of the Dog Exercise Area (DEA) in Cummings Park.

NCDRA recognises that the retention of the DEA in Cummings Park is a contentious issue for Ngaio. Evidence for this came from a workshop we organised to develop a community vision for Cummings Park held in October 2016 and attended by around 50 residents. The section from the draft report relating to the DEA is appended below.

The NCDRA Committee has decided against taking a position at this stage about the future of the DEA for two reasons:

1. We are unclear about the level of support from Ngaio residents for either retention or delisting of the DEA.
2. Taking a position at this stage would damage the integrity of the continuing process of developing a community-based vision for Cummings Park in which we are engaged, and for which further community consultation is planned.

Instead we have put our efforts into publicising the Dog Policy Review. We are pleased that the review provides an opportunity for serious consideration of the future of the DEA. We are keen to see this resolved in a timely manner.

### ***Our publicity for the Dog Policy Review***

Our publicity focussed on presenting information about the DEA and encouraging residents to make submissions, whatever their views. We proceeded as follows:

- On 20 April all those who recorded their email address at the October workshop to start the process of developing a community vision for Cummings Park were contacted. They were invited to go to our website, consider the information and make a submission. We also asked that anyone get back to us if they wished to have additional information added, or wished to challenge any information on the website.
- On 21 April we publicised the relevant website page on Facebook (the Ngaio page has 640 members) and Neighbourly (1040 on the Ngaio page).
- On 25 April we amended the website to include additional information suggested by the one workshop attendee who responded to our 20 April invitation. The amended page can be see at <http://ngaio.org.nz/wcc-dog-policy-review/>
- On 26 April we emailed the 58 members of NCDRA for whom we had email addresses drawing attention to the information on the website and encouraging them to make submissions.

### ***Arguments for retaining the DEA in Cummings Park***

We are aware, both from the October workshop and other sources, of the following arguments for retaining the DEA:

- A community of dog owners have a history of using the DEA as a social gathering place for both people and dogs.
- Families with both children and dogs can together enjoy the facilities in the DEA, including access to the stream which also provides a place where dogs can drink.
- It is good for children and dogs to mix so that children can learn how to interact with dogs. Having the DEA in Cummings Park provides a good opportunity for this.

- The DEA is easily accessed, safe and sheltered.
- The DEA is good for disabled dog owners and friends of dog owners.
- The matting over the grass in the DEA has resulted in an improved surface.
- The DEA in the nearby Chelmsford Reserve is unsuitable for exercising dogs, or is substantially less suitable than the DEA in Cummings Park. Problems seen include the difficult access to the Chelmsford Reserve by car, small size, lack of suitable fencing, lack of lighting, and the feeling that it is less safe than Cummings Park.
- Cummings Park cannot meet everyone's needs, and the mix of facilities in the area needs to be taken into account. In particular, Ngaio school provides larger and flatter grass areas for children's activities than could the area occupied by the DEA.

### ***Arguments for delisting the DEA in Cummings Park***

Arguments for delisting the DEA of which we are aware include:

- The DEA occupies the largest, flattest and sunniest part of Cummings Park.
- While the area occupied by the DEA is in theory multi-purpose, the presence of dogs being exercised greatly detracts from alternative uses.
- Those wishing to access the rest of Cummings Park from the carpark, or most directly from much of Ngaio village, have to pass through the DEA. Some people, particularly those with young children, are reluctant to or do not do so because of dogs.
- The best access for less mobile park users is from the carpark and therefore via the DEA.
- Some people are reluctant to, or do not, enter the DEA because they are uncomfortable in the presence of off-leash dogs. This removes as an option what for some can be the most convenient entrance into Cummings Park.
- Outside the playground there are six park benches in Cummings Park, all of which are in the DEA. This reflects the fact that the seating provided in the DEA gives the best views of the Park's features, including the stream, trees and bush.
- Use as a DEA damages the turf in what is supposed to be a multi-use area.
- The DEA is the most accessible part of the Park from the Ngaio village for those wishing, for example, to eat their lunch there.
- Off-leash and sometimes uncontrolled dogs frequently enter the rest of the Park, including on occasion the playground, from the DEA.
- Dog owners often sit on benches where they cannot see their dogs, particularly when the dogs are on the stream bank, and this leads to faeces not always being bagged and removed. Prior to the recent Neighbours Day

Picnic in the DEA a substantial amount of faeces was removed by the picnic organisers. Dog owners also do not always have a clear view when dogs cross the bridge unaccompanied by their owners.

- The DEA in Chelmsford Reserve is only 5 minutes walk from the DEA in Cummings Park. While it may not be as attractive for dog owners as Cummings Park it could be improved. It is similar in size to the DEA in Cummings Park.
- Ngaio school cannot be used for activities requiring a relatively flat grassed area by families with young children during the school day.
- With the continuing trend for denser housing and smaller sections it becomes increasingly important to provide park-like facilities for people of all ages, and particularly grassed spaces for children to play.
- The DEA in Cummings Park in does not fit well with the criteria used to determine DEAs (section 5.2.1 in the Statement of Proposal). In particular, as indicated in points made above, it appears inconsistent with “there are sufficient sight lines”, “the area is well bounded from adjacent areas”, and “no potential risk to other groups”.
- The Statement of Proposal notes that, under Section 10(4) of the Dog Control Act 1996, when adopting a policy on dogs the Council must consider a number of issues. Three which apply to the DEA in Cummings Park are “the need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally”, “the need to avoid the inherent danger of uncontrolled dogs in public places frequented by children”, and “the importance of enabling the public (including families) to use ... public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs”. Having an unfenced DEA in a park classified in the Suburban Reserves Management Plan as a “Neighbourhood (community)” facility provides an arguable case that the Council is giving insufficient consideration to these issues by retaining a DEA in Cummings Park.

### ***Next steps***

NCDRA is hopeful that a strong effort can be made to find a solution that works for both those wanting a convenient, suitable and pleasant DEA in Ngaio and those who believe the DEA in Cummings Park seriously detracts from the usability of the Park for many residents. We recognise that it is very important that Council provides sufficient and suitable spaces where off-leash dogs can be exercised. We also believe that, without the DEA, Cummings Park could better meet a wider range of needs for the Ngaio community.

Our **one recommendation** is that Council lead a community consultation process to find a suitable solution. NCDRA would like the opportunity to discuss with Council, at an early stage, the form this consultation might take. Given the importance of this issue for Ngaio, we are hopeful that funds could be found to implement any changes that emerged from the process.

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Heather Lloyd <tandhjl@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 3:56 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy Review  
**Attachments:** SUBMISSION FOR THE DOG POLICY REVIEW[2][1].docx

Attached is my submission to the Review.

**I would like to make a brief oral submission** to complement what is written here.

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## SUBMISSION FOR THE DOG POLICY REVIEW.

This submission requests the termination of the Dog Exercise Area (DEA) status of Cummings Park, Ngaio.

Cummings Park is the most centrally located park in Ngaio. It has a number of outstanding attributes:

- It is one of the most attractive suburban parks in the city, with a stream, bush, seats and a flat area suitable for children's playing and a nearby playground.
- It has flat access from the adjacent carpark.
- The DEA is a thoroughfare linking the Ngaio Village, the playground, the Library and Awarua Street and is used often by parents with young children.
- The area has heritage value as the site of a 19<sup>th</sup> century mill dam.
- A historic totara is located in the DEA.
- A sculpture donated by the Wellington Sculpture Trust is centrally located in the Park.
- It is ideally suited for quiet recreation by elderly and disabled folk.

In summary, the Park has very high amenity value and should be the hub of community recreation in the suburb, a role it cannot perform at present.

The prime area of the Park was designated a DEA around 1995. It is the most attractive DEA in the city and has become very popular. It attracts dog owners from outside the suburb, but it is estimated that less than **5 percent** of Ngaio households (less than 100 regular users) exercise their dogs in the Park.

I submit that the DEA status of Cummings Park should be terminated because:

- The Park is demonstrably unsuited for use as a DEA given it's present and potential recreational value to all sections of the community.
- The DEA is too small (about 300 sq metres) and too poorly drained to support its current use.
- The DEA has caused severe damage to the main recreational section of the Park.
- Uncontrolled large dogs often intimidate people walking through the DEA including parents with young children.
- The DEA contravenes the Council's requirements for DEA's and the provisions of S 10 (4) of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- The suburb is fortunate in being extremely well provided for in terms of other places for off-leash exercising, in particular the currently under-utilised nearby Chelmsford Park that could be made one of the best DEAs in the city.
- The most compelling reason is that the use of Cummings Park as a DEA is inconsistent with a fundamental principle of the management of public parks: the preservation of prime areas that have high amenity value for the whole community. This principle has been flouted in the case of Cummings Park.

The effect of the proposed change on dog owners would be quite small in that socialising of dogs could continue as long as they were on a leash. The main effect would be to end the practice of tossing balls for dogs to chase across the often muddy turf. This practice has caused the most damage to the grass. The benefit would be regrowth of the turf and the elimination of uncontrolled dogs intimidating people walking through the Park.

I need to explain why I am not supporting this submission of the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association of which I am a long-standing member. In its submission the Association does not seek the removal of DEA status as part of the Policy Review although it recognises the clear anomaly that exists. It proposes to complete its Vision for Cummings Park which involves community consultation on all aspects of the Park's use before making a decision on the DEA. The consultation may enable it to gauge the proportions of Ngaio households that support and oppose using the Park as a DEA. Association members met recently with Park Officers and obtained a commitment that they would consider the matter in the light of the results of the consultation. However that stated that a even a 50:50 split in community views would probably not be sufficient to result in a change to the status quo. Given the situation I have outlined, I submit that this is an extraordinary position that reflects disregard of the wider community interest in the Park.

For the reasons I have given I urge the Council to make a decision as part of the Review instead of putting the Association in the unfair position of having to make a case that Council Officers may disregard. A prior decision on the DEA would enable the Vision to focus on its' central task, identifying ways in which the Park can be restored to a facility that attracts diverse forms of community use.

Trevor Lloyd,  
Ngaio Resident and member of Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association

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**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** produceat-flats@yahoo.com  
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**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog policy submission

Dog Policy submission

Dear City Councillors

I am making a submission on behalf of my family.

I am concerned that the proposed changes seem to be mostly aimed at giving dog owners more freedoms. I feel there is a need to take more steps to ensure public health and safety, especially regarding those most vulnerable, i.e. small children.

I have small children including a baby and unfortunately no day passes that we are not somehow negatively impacted by ignorant dog owners. Every day, there are off-leash dogs on the playground, at the beach when they are not supposed to, and on walking tracks or sidewalks. Dogs jump at kids and bowl them over which is very terrifying for a young child. We regularly are jumped at including with a baby in the front pack or while pregnant and have been chased. Dogs have licked my baby inside the buggy. A dog has licked my child and his sandwich while he was eating. Through various such incidents my eldest is now terrified of dogs. Unfortunately, the owners in question have usually not apologized but just responded with phrases: "he is a good dog", "he just loves kids", "She loves babies" I have been abused when asked to take a worrying dog away from my child and to put the dog on a leash. It worries me that some people think it is ok for a dog to lick a baby or to bowl over a toddler.

Unfortunately, we have to witness irresponsible and dangerous behaviour on a daily basis. Unfortunately, there are too many owners who do not control their dogs properly. And there are too many owners who care mostly for their dogs but hardly for other members of the public or children. This is illustrated by small things such as a Kindergarten having to put up signs to ask dog owners to not enter the property and let their dogs defecate on the grass of the fenced property. Dog faeces in parks, play areas and beaches are a a nuisance, too.

I am also very concerned with the seemingly rising number of dominant and potentially dangerous dogs. There is a trend that some dog owners value their dogs above other humans. They treat their dogs like humans and "baby" them - which might in turn lead to a dominant dog - but on the other hand ignore the safety of other people, most importantly small children. Especially worrying are dominant dogs and potentially dangerous dogs of certain breeds (such as various pitbulls, rottweilers, diverse cross-breeds) let off the leash close to small children.

At the places we visit, for example Seatoun beach and Churchill Park, there a dogs off-leash all the time year round.

These are accidents waiting to happen and I don't want to wait for my children to be next. The national rise in dog related injuries is no coincidence and needs to be taken seriously and adequately addressed by Wellington City Council. There need to be stricter rules - including the introduction of fines for leaving faeces, not controlling the dog properly, having the dog off-leash unless specifically allowed) and strict enforcement of them.

- 1) Former dog owner
- 2) No - I am strongly opposing increasing off-leash time on beaches also commonly used by small children all year round (Seatoun, Scorching, Oriental, Island Bay) as this would negatively impact their health and safety
- 3) No – this would lead to conflict with other users as dog owner will not keep to “their” side of the beach
- 4) No, I would like to see more fenced off areas
- 5) No, completely opposed – I strongly oppose dogs being allowed off-leash on Seatoun Beach/Churchill Park area, Scorching Bay, Oriental Bay, Island Bay. – I am most strongly opposed to have dogs off-leash on Seatoun Beach/Churchill Park outside of early morning and evening times – a) Worser Bay beach is close by for dogs to use, b) the beach alongside Marine Parade is not very wide and this will impede with footpath users including small children on scooters, bikes etc c) dogs should not be allowed on or close to a playground (it took 1 week for the first dog faeces to appear on the new artificial grass)
- 6) No – or at least not in areas usually frequented by the general public and would need to be clearly sign posted
- 7) Yes, good idea – might make designated exercise areas more attractive, owners should pay
- 8) No
- 9) No, completely opposed – neither fair on public nor on the dog, also dogs might free themselves
- 10) No
- 11) See top
- 12) See top

Much stricter enforcement of policies and bylaws! Every day we have dogs off-leash in areas where they are not allowed or only allowed on-leash.

Introduction of fines for –failing to pick up after dog; having dog off-leash; not controlling dog, etc \$200-300! If not already in effect there could also be fines for general littering, smoking in non-smoking areas etc. Maybe parking wardens or similar could be employed for this? A bylaw is of not much use if not enforced and this would make life easier and fairer for the general public and responsible caring dog owners.

I am opposed to changing the status of play areas as prohibited areas. Usually, there are alternative routes available to the dog owner but they would mostly not use them as many do not like to walk a few extra meters.

Clearer communication:

- of what it means to be in control of a dog, especially while off leash. Often, I witness that owners are not paying attention to what their dogs are doing, partly because they might be preoccupied by something else be it listening to music over headphones or fiddling with a smartphone.
- of restrictions where applicable = clearer and bigger signage stating that dogs are restricted in an area or have to be on a leash etc

Try to educate dog owners more so that they have more knowledge about dog behaviour and how to treat dogs properly as dogs etc. It is a shame that I have reason to write this. As I have been shocked already by abusive behaviour from dog owners (e.g. after my toddler got bowled over), I feel that it is not safe to have my name and contact details published and kindly ask you to understand and respect that decision.

Lastly, owning a dog is a privilege, not a right. Being kept free from harm is a right.

Thank you very much for your time. I will hope that you will include my suggestions in the revised Policy/Bylaw.

Kind regards,

I. Weber

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Lihn Blumsohn <lihnb@yahoo.co.nz>  
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**Subject:** comment on the dog policy

I did plan to send my views on several aspects of the policy – but as I have left this so late I would like to comment on my local favourite place to walk. – Mt Kau Kau.

In my 11 years of walking up Mount Kau Kau (7 without a dog and 4 with one) – I have never felt dogs off lead to be a problem. To be honest I've seen more issues involving runners knocking people down (incl a child who landed up in hospital as a result).

When I first got my dog I walked her up there most days via simla crescent. I would guesstimate that only 1 in 10 dogs walking up was on a lead (if not less than that).

One summer I was warned that people were fining dog owners with dogs off leads and there was a flurry of people warning each other. The past summer once again this was enforced with the result that Myself and many other dog owners stopped walking there. How sad that instead of walking dogs up Mount Kau Kau – many people started driving to Trellicic park instead (really great for the environment)

I firmly believe most dogs need off lead time and there are limited places that one can walk to that are designated off lead areas.

I also firmly believe that all these beautiful walks in stunning Wellington can be shared.

I agree that the Woodmancote access route up mount Kau Kau and the park should be dog on lead but I think other areas can be made dog off lead and people would still be happy eg

The triangle between simla and clark street. And possibly other of the less frequented routes too. That way – if you particularly don't want to be in the same place as dogs off leads you can go up mount Kau Kau.

I think the same could be said of many other walks in Wellington.

This email has been written in a bit of a hurry and is not as well worded as I would have liked – but I think (hope) it gets my point across.

Kind regards  
L. Blumsohn

## Submission on Dog Policy and Animal Bylaw

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I do *not* want to be updated on upgrades to dog exercise areas.

### Submission

I am make a submission as an individual

However, I did consult with the Wilton Residents' Association committee and friends on the cat policy and received a couple of responses in support of the microchipping and limitation on number of cats but there wasn't enough to make a submission on behalf of the Association. So this is an individual response.

I do *not* want to make an oral submission.

I do not own either a dog or a cat.

### Dog policy

I note that the new fenced dog exercise area in Curtis Street is proving popular.

I think there is less dog-poo in the streets than there used to be but it is still a problem. Council needs to continue efforts to get dog owners to clean up any mess left by their dogs.

There needs to be bins for used poo bags in parks and reserves where people frequently walk their dogs.

Council needs to try discourage ownership of aggressive breeds of dog and remind owners that even large friendly dogs can be frightening to kids and unsteady elderly people.

### Cat policy

I support the microchipping of cats and the requirement to get permission to have more than three cats in a household. However, I think the policy needs to be introduced carefully and with a view to gaining public acceptance. It could start initially in the more sensitive areas of the city.

There needs to be more data to support the policy. E.g. how often are cats caught in sensitive areas or is no attempt made to catch them because one wouldn't know what to do with them. How wide-spread is this policy elsewhere and has it been found to be useful.

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Robyn Radomski <Robyn@conferenceworks.co.nz>  
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**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy Submission  
**Attachments:** SUBMISSSION FOR DOG POLICY - Robyn Radomski.pdf

Good Afternoon

Attached is a submission for the Dog Policy Review. It is my personal submission.

Please contact me if you require any further information. 027 2018766

Kind regards

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## **SUBMISSION FOR DOG POLICY REVIEW MAY 2016 – WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

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Resident of Ngaio for 38 years, and prior to that Crofton Downs for 19 years.

### **Personal Submission.**

This submission addresses 3 concerns relating to Ngaio:

- The Dog Exercise area in Cummings Park
- Off Leash Dog area in Trelissick Park
- Suggestion of Chelmsford Park as a dedicated DEA

### **Introduction:**

I am a lover of the outdoors, and for many years have taken my children (in the past) and more recently my grandchildren, for walks in Cummings Park and Trelissick Park. In my earlier years I was a keen trumper.

I am, however, scared of dogs, and I find being confronted with off leash dogs in both Cummings Park and Trelissick Park very distressing and stressful. It has got to the point where I will not walk in Trelissick Park at all for fear of a dog meeting me around the next corner. I prefer to visit places free of 'free ranging' dogs, and I know that there are many people in the community who feel the same.

### **Dog Exercise Area – Cummings Park**

I would like to request that Cummings Park be delisted as a Dog Exercise area for the following reasons:

- The DEA is situated in the best part of Cummings Park. 20 – 25 years ago, we used to take our children and their cousins and friends to the park (in what is now the DEA) for picnics, ball games and birthday parties. The area that is now the DEA was the biggest, flattest and best part of the park for these purposes. The kids would paddle in the stream, and shimmy across the pipe from one side to the other, have 'boat races' under the bridge and run down the side of the stream, with no worries of being chased by a dog. It is now not possible to do that, as the area is used by dogs, who often chase running children, plus the area is littered with dog pooh that is sadly not picked up by the owners.
- Cummings Park is right in the middle of the Ngaio Village, and is an ideal spot for people to come into, especially with easy access from the carpark. They could pick up a takeaway coffee and lunch or bring a picnic and sit in the park. The DEA has the best natural shade in the park during the summer months and the best sun in winter. There are many times that the DEA is not used by dogs, but the general public who do not want to eat their lunch or visit a 'dog area' will be prevented from entering this wonderful part of the park.

- For the elderly and people with mobility issues, the easiest access to the park is through the DEA, and it is often not appropriate or safe for them to walk through that area for fear of being chased by an off leash dog.
- People who are scared of dogs will not enter the park from the carpark, where they have to walk across the DEA to get to a 'safe' area. It is also impossible to be sure you will not step in dog poo.
- The recent Neighbours Day picnic was held in the DEA, as it is the best part of the park. Volunteers spent an hour collecting several bags of dog poo before the picnic could begin.
- I have heard from some dog owners that they do not exercise their dogs there, as it is not safe enough – with it not being fenced, their dogs can easily run out into the carpark, putting the dog at risk.
- With household sections getting smaller, less homes have the outdoor facilities for children to run around and play, and the DEA in Cummings Park is the ideal place for them to come. We need to make it easier for children to get out and exercise and have fun in these days of technology and decreased physical inactivity and an obesity epidemic in our country. This will become more of an issue in the future with the trend towards medium density housing.
- Ngaio had a high demographic of young people under the age of 14 (the highest of any suburb in NZ). It is imperative that the council provide safe options for these young children and their families to have fun, within walking distance and in an environment where they all feel safe.
- Off leash dogs often cross the bridge and come through to the play area, and cause havoc amongst children and parents. The dog doesn't know it is not supposed to cross the bridge! A true off leash DEA ought to be fenced to prevent this, and the current location of the DEA is not suitable.
- Families with dogs can still come and enjoy Cummings Park, as the rest of the park is an on-leash dog area. This also provides families with young children the opportunity to engage with dogs, in a safe environment, if they wish.
- There are no other alternatives for families or grandparents of young children to visit a dog free park in Ngaio, other than Ngaio School (which is of course not available during the week day, when many grand parents of small children are wanting to use a family friendly local park. )

### **Trelissick Park**

I would like to recommend that Trelissick Park become an On-Lead Dog area, rather than an Off-lead dog area.

- Trelissick Park is a unique park, so close to town, but once you are there, you feel as if you are in the wilderness. It is a wee gem in Ngaio that has the potential to be used by all demographics of physically mobile people.
- The terrain of Trelissick Park means that you often can't see that there is a dog around the next corner, to enable you to prepare yourself for that sudden meeting. I am always on edge, so much so that the pleasure of the walk in the park has gone.

Sometimes, on having a dog bound towards me, I will involuntarily scream, and that is not a positive experience for anyone – me, my companions, the dog or its owner. And it is very embarrassing!

- I know of many people who will not walk in Trelissick Park or take their children because of the off leash dogs.
- I have heard some runners have a similar experience with the off leash dogs.

### **Recommended Solution**

Chelmsford Street Park is a large underutilized park just near the Ngaio train station. It would be a wonderful place for a DEA. I recommend that the council look at enhancing it, putting in a few bench seats, improving the access and providing some fencing.

### **Conclusion**

I would like to recommend:

- That Cummings Park be de-listed as a DEA
- That Trelissick Park become an On-Lead Dog Area
- That Chelmsford Park be developed into a DEA.

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**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** John White <john.white@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 May 2016 8:47 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog policy submission from John White  
**Attachments:** Dog policy submission from John White.pdf

Hi

Attached is my submission on the dog policy review. I missed your deadline of 5pm yesterday, however I did email you indicating how this had occurred and advising that I would have a submission to you by 9am today.

Kind regards  
John White

## Submission to the Dog Policy Review

Submission from:

- John White
- 13 Makererua Street, Ngaio, Wellington 6035
- Phone: (04) 971 5415 or 027 436 5264
- Individual submission
- Opportunity to make oral submission requested (971 5415 or 027 436 5264)
- Not a dog owner, but own a cat
- Male, 60 or older, residential ratepayer, New Zealand European

This submission addresses two issues that I see as related: changes to Dog Exercise Areas (Question 2), and designated off-leash tracks (Question 4). I am not using the online form as I am addressing only selected issues and have a substantial amount to say, not all of which readily fits with the form.

### **The relation between Dog Exercise Areas and off-leash dogs on tracks**

Dogs can provide substantial benefits for their owners, including better emotional and physical welfare, particularly for the elderly. I am very supportive of people having dogs providing they are responsible dog owners. Dogs need exercise, and providing this for dogs typically has benefits for their owners as well. The provision of opportunities for owners to exercise their dogs in suitable environments is therefore an important Council function. The Statement of Proposal for this review shows that the WCC is taking this responsibility very seriously.

The conditions under which dogs are exercised does, however, have implications both for other people and for native wildlife. To me, the approach that best meets the needs dog owners, other residents and wildlife would be a strong focus on the provision of fenced Dog Exercise Areas (DEAs) with facilities such as seating and shelter that allowed dog owners to socialise. Ideally such DEAs should be within reasonable walking distance for most residents. My comments are not intended to necessarily apply to the use of beaches as DEAs, an issue I do not consider in this submission.

I am not in favour of dogs being off-leash in in Council reserves other than in fenced DEAs because of the implications for both people and wildlife. In particular I am opposed to dogs being be off-leash in wildlife-sensitive reserves, either on tracks or in unfenced DEAs. Further, some people are uncomfortable in the presence of off-leash dogs, and should not have their wish to walk on tracks in reserves diminished or extinguished because of this, irrespective of the presence of wildlife at risk from dogs.

## Why dogs should not be off-leash on reserve tracks

I address my comments here to five reserves with which I am familiar: Trelissick Park, Huntleigh Park, the Orleans-Makererua Reserve, Otari and Khandallah Park. A number of the comments also apply more generally.

### *Trelissick Park*

Not only the tracks, but all of Trelissick Park is an off-leash area. There are many reasons why this is highly undesirable, including:

- A kereru recently found dead in the park had been killed by a dog.
- Kaka are starting to move into Ngaio to breed, including in Huntleigh Park and the Orleans-Makererua Reserve. It would be surprising if they do not try out Trelissick Park if they have not already done so. Kaka fledglings are an easy target for dogs.
- Some people who enjoy walking on tracks do not do so in Trelissick Park because they are uncomfortable with off-leash dogs, which often bound well ahead of their walkers when on tracks. I have been jumped on by a large (friendly) dog in the park, with muddy footprints left at the top of my trousers, an experience I did not enjoy.
- My partner, who is generally comfortable with dogs, will no longer walk in Trelissick Park because she has now has a medical condition that can lead to serious health consequences if her skin is scratched or broken. She is not prepared to take the risk from over-enthusiastic off-leash dogs.
- Tracks in Trelissick Park are commonly used for running. Runners on tracks with lots of corners do not mix well with dogs. Dogs can be spooked by a runner suddenly appearing at speed, or may see runners as fun to chase after.
- The nationally-significant Te Araroa Trail passes through the Park. It might be somewhat deflating for visitors walking it because of its iconic status to find they needed to be on the lookout for off-leash dogs.

I believe the needs for dogs to be exercised and have fun in Trelissick Park can be met by creating a fenced DEA in the vicinity of the historic powder magazine building at the city end of the Park, and possibly also as well in Wightwick's Field at the Ngaio end.

At the city end there is sometimes a problem with parking off the busy and narrow road, and this might be exacerbated if the DEA became popular. I can see no reason why cars should not be permitted to drive to a parking area created near the powder magazine building. The DEA fencing could be placed so as to make the area unattractive for 'boy racer' activities.

Wightwick's Field is about 200 metres in from the Crofton Downs parking area by the station. It is roughly circular, with a diameter of around 36 metres (an area of a little over 1000 square metres). While it includes a bench, the condition of the field suggests it is little used for picnics or play. To maximise the area for a fenced DEA the

track (which is part of the Te Araroa Trail) would need to be relocated to go along the stream, which is where it is on both side of the field.

DEAs at one or both ends of the Park could meet the needs of those wanting only to access a fenced DEA, but also those walking their dog on-leash through the Park who wanted to give their dog an opportunity to race around.

#### *Huntleigh Park and the Orleans-Makererua Reserve*

Over the last summer kaka have successfully bred in both Huntleigh Park and the Orleans-Makererua Reserve. Dogs are supposed to be kept on leads in both areas, but this is commonly ignored. Both areas have entrances which do not inform dog walkers that dogs must be kept on leash, and are I sometimes meet people walking dogs who are unaware of this requirement.

All is not well for kaka. A fledging has been killed by an off-leash dog in Huntleigh Park. In the case of the Orleans-Makererua Reserve, dog walkers generally responded well to requests to put their dogs on leash from members of a group monitoring a kaka nest, but not in every case. During the monitoring the WCC placed, for the first time, a sign at one end of the track stating that dogs must be on leash, but at the other end the only dog-related message continues to just mention the need to pick up dog excrement.

If we want kaka to breed in reserves such as these, a stronger effort is needed to ensure that dog walkers know the rules and keep to them. Better signage would be a good start. And it's not only kaka. Many Ngaio residents share my hope that other bird species will spread from Zealandia into our local reserves. Off-leash dogs would be a big risk for species such as robins that are frequently on the ground.

#### *Otari*

A favourite walk for our family is south along the stream from Troup Park. It is very common to meet off-leash dogs on this track. Kaka are starting to nest in Otari, and it is a very important stepping stone for other native species to begin spreading north from Zealandia. Must stronger signage, an information campaign focussed on dog walkers, and eventually the fining of those who chose to ignore the requirement for dogs to be on leash is required.

#### *Khandallah Park and the proposed DEA off Sirsi Terrace in Broadmeadows*

I strongly support the establishment of a fenced DEA in Khandallah Park off Sirsi Crescent. Relative to other parts of Khandallah Park this area is of low ecological value, with gorse and barbary the dominant species. However, I am strongly opposed to the track from Sirsi Crescent up Mt Kaukau being off-leash, as is proposed in the dog policy review documents. This track eventually meets with the Te Araroa Trail. The needs of walkers uncomfortable with meeting off-leash dogs need to be given priority, particularly as this is an important track for giving Broadmeadows residents access to Khandallah Park. The track would need to by-pass the fenced DEA.

## The Dog Exercise Areas in Cummings Park and the Chelmsford Reserve

It makes little sense that, given the paucity of flat, grassed areas in Ngaio, there are two Dog Exercise Areas (DEAs) within close proximity that occupy such spaces. The Cummings Park and the Chelmsford Reserve DEAs are within 5 minutes walk of each other. Dog owners generally have a strong preference to use the DEA in Cummings Park rather than that in the Chelmsford Reserve.

I am aware of the arguments for and against retention of the Dog Exercise Area (DEA) in Cummings Park outlined in the submission to this review from the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association. The arguments for delisting are, in my view, compelling. Most of the reasons why Cummings Park is not suitable as a DEA do not apply to the Chelmsford Reserve. The solution, I believe, is to make the Chelmsford DEA more suitable and attractive and to delist the DEA in Cummings Park.

The Chelmsford DEA already has some good features. It is centrally located in Ngaio (about 100 metres from the Town Hall), has good parking, and has two adjoining flat grassed areas that together are similar in size to the Cummings Park DEA.

The major drawback is, I believe, the difficulty of exiting the reserve by car for less confident drivers. There is a blind bend very close to where existing cars either have to turn very sharply to the left or cross Chelmsford Street if turning to the right. I'm not a traffic expert so won't propose solutions other than to suggest that they could include extending the forthcoming Ngaio 30k zone to include the blind corner and reserve exit.

I also note that the entering streets by car close to blind corners is something that drivers in some of Wellington's more hilly suburbs must learn to deal with. I'm starting to lose my confidence as a driver as I get older, but have worked out how to deal with several such situations in places where I commonly drive. I've tested out exiting the Chelmsford Reserve by car and found it manageable.

I appreciate that for some dog owners the Chelmsford Reserve can't deliver all the attractions of the Cummings Park DEA such as a stream, and an adjacent playground making it a good place to take both dogs and children. But it could be improved by fencing the DEA and providing seating and shelter where dog owners can sit and socialise.

I strongly support the fencing of the Chelmsford DEA for several reasons. First, there is a quite attractive area for picnics and children's play to the south of the carpark. It does not appear to have much benefit for exercising dogs compared to the other two main spaces. If the DEA was fenced this would make this area more attractive and usable.

Second, there is direct access into the Heke Reserve from the Chelmsford Reserve, an area which has potential for kaka to breed.

Third, like a number of local residents I would like to one day see a track from Heke Street near Makererua Street into the Chelmsford Reserve and then on to the Ngaio

station and village. This track would exit into the area I propose would be outside the fenced DEA.

## **Recommendations**

### **In relation to Trelissick Park, I recommend that:**

- a fenced DEA be created in the vicinity of the powder magazine building;
- a fenced DEA be considered in Wightwick's Field;
- dogs be required to be on leash in all other parts of Trelissick Park.

### **In relation to all wildlife-sensitive areas such as Huntleigh Park, the Orleans-Makererua Reserve and Otari I recommend that:**

- Such reserves are considered as completely off-limits for any proposals to allow off-leash dogs on tracks;
- Signage is improved so that dog walkers are in no doubt that dogs must be on leads on tracks;
- After due notice, animal control officers start to fine rather than just warn dog walkers with off-leash dogs on tracks.

### **In relation to all tracks in less wildlife-sensitive reserves, I recommend that:**

- Well-used tracks should not be off-leash to meet the needs of walkers who are uncomfortable in the presence of off-leash dogs;
- Any tracks converted for off-leash use should have signage indicating alternative tracks for those uncomfortable with dogs.

### **In relation to DEAs in central Ngaio, I recommend that:**

- The DEA in the Chelmsford Reserve be fenced and made more attractive for those wishing to exercise their dogs there;
- The DEA in Cummings Park be delisted.

### **In relation to the proposed DEA in Khandallah Park off Sirsi Crescent:**

- A DEA should be created as proposed, but it must be fenced;
- The track up Mt Kaukau from Sirsi Crescent should not be made off-leash, and should bypass the fenced DEA.

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Angela Walker <angela.walker.nz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 5:01 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Re: Have your say on changes to the Dog Policy

Good afternoon

This is a submission in great haste as I have just realised the submission period is about to close!

The points I would like to make are:

- We need more fenced exercise areas (Ian Galloway an excellent start) and we need to have either small and big dog areas which are separate, or an option to book a time e.g. once a week. We have two greyhounds and it's a real struggle to find a place to let them have a run without them scaring little dogs (not because they're menacing them, but they're just too fast to run with wee dogs). Ideally we could book a park for one hour, once a week (weekend time) and that would be greyhound hour. Small dogs might similarly wish to have a small dog hour.
- In favour of removing the ban on dogs in the city - dogs are part of Wellington too!
- Very much in favour of allowing responsible owners to use sports fields for exercise when not in use for sports provided they clean up (e.g. Velodrome) - this would remove some of the pressure on exercise areas.
- Oppose any ban on feeding dogs in public - this makes it very difficult to train dogs effectively!
- A discount in registration for owners who attend and pass obedience classes would be a great idea and is done in other places.

I've run out of time now so will send this off so I meet the deadline - happy to provide further detail if you would like further information!

Regards

Angela Walker  
 74 Waipapa Road  
 Hataitai

(owner of two greyhounds, have responsible owner status)

On Fri, Apr 1, 2016 at 6:21 PM, Wellington City Council <[dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:dogpolicy@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:  
 Dear dog owner

Wellington City Council is consulting on proposal to amend the current Dog Policy.

The proposed changes to the Dog Policy seeks to ensure that dogs are well cared for, Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership and that owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996. Changes are also proposed to dog exercise areas.

#### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DISCOUNT

To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. RDO's receive a 50 percent discount on their annual

registration fee.

Further details about the policy review, submission forms, and the RDO discount are available from our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street, from Wellington libraries, on our website [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or by phoning 04 499 4444.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE DOG POLICY CLOSE 5PM ON MONDAY 2 MAY 2016

From the Public Health Team at Wellington City Council

## Submission to the Wellington City Council on the Proposed Changes to the WCC Dog Policy 2009

Submitted by: Matthew Smith  
69 Amapur Drive,  
Khandallah  
Wellington

### Background:

As a responsible dog owner of some 4+ years I have come to find aspects of the dog bylaws, in particular access restrictions to off-leash walking across Wellington challenging and at times I have felt hard done by as a dog owning resident.

Owning a dog is personal choice and aside from the joy of having a canine companion, exercising with one's dog has important health benefits – it's a great incentive for those who are less active and inclined to exercise. It is in this context that I'd like to see a better balance of dog owners' needs with the potential and/or perceived risks to public safety, wildlife, natural environment etc. The potentially excessive and in some instances unnecessary restrictions on the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners has the real potential to undermine this key health benefit of owning a dog.

Does Wellington want to become known as dog friendly city and embrace a change in thinking to achieving a more balanced approach to access for recreation and exercise by owners with their dogs that will benefit not only dog owners but I believe by extension Wellington as city as well?

### The need:

As a dog owner I have a basic need and desire to be able exercise with my dog while exploring and enjoying all that Wellington has to offer by way of its numerous footpaths and tracks.

### The rationale:

Some may argue that it's adequate (and preferable) for dog to be exercised on a leash and off-leash only in restricted exercise and other designated public areas. But as regular dog walker I can honestly say the off leash experience is a far better one for both dog an owner.

Consider for a moment if equivalent restrictions were to apply to cyclists – does a cyclist travelling at speed on a shared track not pose a safety risk to pedestrians. Would having to get off and push ones bike on all tracks and paths not specifically designated as cycle tracks (and these being very limited in their extent) not be a degraded experience? That the extensive network of shared use tracks across Wellington works so well can be put down to mutual respect, responsibility and trust on the part of walkers and cyclists. Can this mutual respect, responsibility and trust also be extended to dog owners?

### The proposal:

Extend access to dog walkers for off leash use where there is

- no threat to wildlife or the natural environment
- and no direct and continuous conflict with other recreational users, e.g. shared use tracks with cyclists, sports fields, other high use areas etc

In instances where there is a conflict with other recreational users limit the access times for dog walkers to non-peak and off season times as is the current case for access to beaches.

I believe this would help towards establishing a better balance in access to all recreational users.

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Ken New <ken.new@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 12:49 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy Review - Submission from Forest & Bird, Wellington Branch (Places for Penguins project)  
**Attachments:** Dog Policy Review submission from Forest & Bird Wellington Branch (Places for Penguins project).pdf; Appendix (Survey Summary 2015) to Dog Policy Review submission from Forest & Bird Wellington Branch (Places for Penguins project).pdf

Please find attached 2 files, containing a submission on WCC's Dog Policy Review from Forest & Bird's Wellington Branch:

- *Dog Policy Review submission from Forest & Bird Wellington Branch (Places for Penguins project).pdf*
- *Appendix (Survey Summary 2015) to Dog Policy Review submission from Forest & Bird Wellington Branch (Places for Penguins project).pdf*

Our main submission document, in the first file, contains a covering letter and a filled-in copy of the WCC submission form. An appendix, containing the results of a 2015 survey, may be found in the second file.

Please note that we would like to be heard when oral submissions are considered.

Regards,  
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2 May 2016

**To** Environment Committee, Wellington City Council  
**From** Forest & Bird, Wellington Branch's *Places for Penguins* project  
**Subject** Dog Policy Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Dog Policy.

### **Background**

Places for Penguins is a project of Forest & Bird's Wellington Branch. The project's aim is to increase the sustainability of kororā, or Little Penguins (*Eudyptula minor*), around the Wellington coast, where the population is currently considered by the Department of Conservation to be at risk. We have an active volunteer base involved in improving nesting habitat, trapping mammalian pests, providing nest-boxes and monitoring the breeding success of Little Penguins. We work with the Wellington Zoo Trust and Council's Parks, Sports and Recreation officers towards our goals of improving nesting habitat and increasing penguin breeding numbers.

Wellington is fortunate and unique as a capital city in having penguins raising chicks on beaches within the city. In the 2015 season, over 100 nest-boxes were deployed at 12 bays within the city and carefully monitored, resulting in 54 eggs being laid and 42 chicks successfully fledging. This was a significant increase over the previous year. Nest-boxes are concealed under vegetation and have a tunnel entrance, but can never be completely dog-proof.

Our main reason for providing feedback to the Council on the Dog Policy is that dogs can kill or injure Little Penguins. They can also scare penguins on the nest, causing the adults to abandon eggs or chicks. Little Penguins come ashore (usually to the same location) to find mates and breed in late autumn. The breeding season runs from June to February.

Eggs hatch after about 35 days and chicks take a further 56 days or so to fledge and leave the nest. Adult penguins return to shore later in the season to moult, and often occupy nest-boxes for this purpose. This means that for about 3–4 months adults and chicks are at the nest site and vulnerable to attack or disturbance by dogs.

### **Response to the WCC Dog Policy Review**

The main points we wish to make are:

- Dogs off the leash are far more likely to cause disturbance to penguins inside nest-boxes, and to other wildlife, than those on the leash. In a recent survey, it was observed that half of all dog walkers in on-leash areas allowed their dogs to run off-leash.
- Several sections of the dog policy refer to beach areas which have restricted summer access but are unrestricted in winter. Winter is the main nesting period for Little Penguins and any policy change must match the life cycle of these wild animals.

- Wildlife and dog control related issues require careful management and are wider than just dog exercise area designation.
- The proposed revised definition of “nuisance” is: “A person, animal, thing or circumstance causing unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort or convenience of another person”. The part referring to “legal remedy or statutory nuisance” has been removed, and the words “harmful or offensive to the community” have also been removed. We strongly believe that the words “harmful and offensive to the community” should be retained, as we believe killing or injuring of indigenous wildlife such as penguins would be offensive to the community and therefore covered by the definition.
- Dog exercise areas should be provided more equitably, and more dog exercise areas should be provided away from fragile coastal areas.
- A comprehensive review, enabling wildlife and canine interests to safely coexist, will enhance Wellington’s reputation as a progressive eco-city.

Please note that we would like to make an oral submission.

Yours sincerely

Robyn Pearce and Gerald Rawson  
for Forest & Bird, Wellington Branch’s *Places for Penguins* project

### **Attachments**

Dog Policy Submission Form

Appendix: Results of a survey interviewing dog walkers, completed in 2015



Camera trap photograph of a dog at the entry to an occupied penguin nest box at Tapu Te Ranga Island, 13 February 2015.

# Dog Policy

Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council

We are keen to get your thoughts on how the management of dog ownership is working in Wellington

You can have your say:

- By making a submission on this form or in writing and sending it to us at Dog Policy, Freepost, Wellington City Council, P.O. Box 2199, Wellington.
- By making a submission online at Wellington.govt.nz
- By sending an email to: policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz

Please contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information.

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Name of organisation	<b>Forest &amp; Bird, Wellington Branch (Places for Penguins project)</b>
I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.	

Submissions close 5pm on Monday 2 May 2016

Privacy statement
All submissions (including name and contact details) are published and made available to elected members of the Council and the public. Personal information supplied will be used for the administration and reporting back to elected members of the Council and the public as part of the consultation process. All information collected will be held by Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington. Submitters have the right to access and correct personal information.

## Dog Policy – Have your say

1) Which of the following best describes you?

~~Dog owner~~

~~Own another type of animal~~

~~Do not own an animal~~

Environmental Group

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including “beach exercise areas”, “exercise areas (specified time)” and “beach exercise areas restricted during summer”.*

Comments/suggestions

- *We note that this question is very similar to question 4.*
- Dog exercise areas should be provided more equitably, and more dog exercise areas should be provided away from fragile coastal areas.
- **Tapu Te Ranga Island:** we agree this should be a non-dog area. Please provide signage on the Island Bay beach by surf lifesaving club and by the boat ramp, on each island at northern facing beaches and by the channel between the islands.
- **Tarakena Bay:** we support dogs walked on the leash because it is a practical solution. A clearly marked passage for dog walkers is required.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

Comments/suggestions

- **Island Bay:** beach may be acceptable with signs at both ends of beach to protect penguin nesting areas.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

~~No, completely opposed~~

~~No, opposed~~

~~Neutral~~

Yes, support

~~Yes, strongly support~~

Comments/suggestions

We agree with most of the proposed changes, but not all of them. Wellington needs more dog walking areas closer to where people live. Updating and implementing this policy is an opening to wider issues than just number of dog walking areas. It offers an opportunity to provide protection for protected wildlife, to provide more accessible information on issues concerning dogs in public spaces, for coherent modern signage and to put in place by-laws that are meaningful and enforceable.

## 5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas—review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/have\\_your\\_say](http://wellington.govt.nz/have_your_say).

~~No, completely opposed~~   ~~No, opposed~~   Neutral   **Yes, support**   Yes, strongly support

## Conditions/exclusions/comments

- Dog owners completing a long coastal walk will need an unbroken path through or round all bays. The solution may vary for each location. **Tarakena Bay** will require a narrow on-leash passage to transit the area.
- **Evans Bay:** we support removal of Evans Bay; however, it should be replaced with another, non-coastal area.
- **Tapu Te Ranga Island:** we strongly agree with the prohibition of dogs on Tapu Te Ranga Island.
- **Worser Bay:** we recommend that the proposed southern boundary be moved 30m north as penguins nest in the rocky area nearby.
- **Balaena Bay:** we are very strongly opposed to this becoming an off-leash area; *it should remain as on-leash through winter* as there has been a good population of penguins nesting there for several years. (In recent years this very small beach has had a population of over a dozen adult penguins and chicks during the winter.)
- **Seatoun:** the Seatoun extension should not include the area north of the pier because a revegetation programme has been active for past two years and this is supporting penguins already nesting there. The nesting habitat is increasing and expectations are that more penguins will return. Signage at the pier is required to indicate the end of the off-leash area.

## 6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

~~No, completely opposed~~   ~~No, opposed~~   Neutral   **Yes, support**   Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

- Yes, provided they are not in important protected wildlife areas *and* that they are clearly marked.
- Dogs off the leash are far more likely to cause disturbance to penguins inside nest-boxes and other protected wildlife than those on the leash.
- On the coast or near protected wildlife areas all dogs should be on-leash everywhere, except in designated off-leash areas.
- Some current off-leash areas are unfenced. Dogs don't know the difference; neither do the dog owners. Off-leash areas do not necessarily need to be fenced, but they must have visible boundaries. We recommend fenced areas for off-leash wherever they are in close proximity to protected wildlife.

## 7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

~~No, completely opposed~~   ~~No, opposed~~   **Neutral**   Yes, support   Yes, strongly support

## Comments/suggestions

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.

No, completely opposed    No, opposed    **Neutral**    Yes, support    Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

- A city off-leash walking area is OK but not if on a coastal section.
- If dogs are to have more access in the city then water areas need to be better signed ; for example, the Port Nicholson foreshore should not be a dog swimming area.
- If dogs have more access in the city, better signage is required indicating where dogs are and are not permitted off-leash, and mentioning penguin habitat.

9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy

No, completely opposed    No, opposed    **Neutral**    Yes, support    Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy

**No, completely opposed**    No, opposed    Neutral    Yes, support    Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

- Little Penguins come ashore (usually to the same location) to find mates and breed in late autumn. The breeding season runs from June to February. Eggs hatch after about 35 days and chicks take a further 56 days or so to fledge and leave the nest. Adult penguins return to shore later in the season to moult, and often occupy nest-boxes for this purpose. This means that for about 3–4 months adults and chicks are at the nest site and vulnerable to attack or disturbance by dogs.
- Several sections of the dog policy refer to beach areas which have restricted summer access but are unrestricted in winter. Winter is the main nesting period for Little Penguins and any policy change must match the life cycle of protected animals.
- Please refer to the penguin calendar below.
- Please make instructions and times simple for dog owners to understand. Consider winter as the at-risk protected wildlife time.

**Penguin calendar**

Activity or season	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Daylight saving												
Winter												
Penguins ashore, nesting, laying eggs, rearing chicks												
Penguins ashore, moulting												

11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments/suggestions

- All uncontrolled dogs, large or small, on/off-leash are capable of predating penguins. It is possible that if big dogs were absent little dogs would be more likely to be off-leash. Having mixed usage times or locations is too confusing for owners, impractical, and too subjective.
- Our consultation with dog owners confirms their concern about adverse impacts. Please refer to the attached Appendix, which contains survey results from 2015 of dog walkers in WCC dog areas and coastal areas.
- Innovative directional signage may help dog owners to understand the regulations for each particular area. This is particularly important at bays with large penguin populations.
- The lack of fencing in exercise areas on the coast — for example, Reef Street in Island Bay — has not been adequately addressed.
- Also the matter of effective signage about protected wildlife/penguins has not been fully addressed. Contemporary style signage should include visuals and links to WCC or other websites (on the sign) and include what to do if something is wrong — hurt protected wildlife, dog out of control, etc. Maybe social media can be used to publicise and promote dog exercise area regulations and explain why they exist. Signage should better identify boundaries on beaches at sections and at the entrances to nesting areas. Consider the use of interesting signage, such as penguin footprints on sides of tracks through protected areas or where there is a risk to protected wildlife; for example, the proposed change at Tarakena Bay.
- Dog exercise areas should be provided more equitably.
- More dog exercise areas should be provided away from our fragile coastal areas.

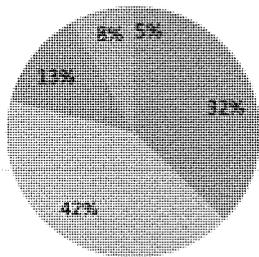
12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments/suggestions

- A comprehensive review enabling protected wildlife and canine interests to safely coexist will enhance Wellington's reputation as a progressive eco-city.
- Two surveys were completed in 2015 by Place for Penguins project volunteers. **Survey 1** observed dogs in 5 coastal areas — *only 50% of dogs being walked complied with bylaws*. **Survey 2** (attached as an Appendix) consisted of dog walker interviews in designated dog areas, such as Lyall Bay. All dog walkers appreciated the dog off-leash areas and wanted more; half did not recognise a nest-box, and all wanted to do no harm to penguins.
- The policy should include protection of protected wildlife and not just refer to public.
- Classify existing seal colony areas and known penguin breeding sites as prohibited to dogs.
- The policy does not address future changes and developments; for example, what is happening in Miramar Peninsula, Shelly Bay and the Wellington Airport extension. The bylaw should safeguard future protection of Little Penguins and other protected wildlife through the use of good assessment and consultation about the best protection status — before any further damage occurs.
- **Definition of nuisance**  
 The current definition of nuisance is: 'A person, thing or circumstance causing trouble or annoyance, anything harmful or offensive to the community or a member of it, for which a legal remedy exists or a statutory nuisance as defined in Section 29 of the Health Act'.  
 The proposed revised definition is: 'A person, animal, thing or circumstance causing unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort or convenience of another person'.  
 The part referring to 'legal remedy or statutory nuisance' has been removed, and the words '*harmful or offensive to the community*' have also been removed. We strongly believe that the words '*harmful and offensive to the community*' should be retained, as we believe killing or injuring of indigenous wildlife such as penguins would be offensive to the community and therefore covered by the definition. ***Including this as part of the definition is one of the key points in our submission.***
- The Council Dog Policy Review needs to achieve greater protection for at-risk protected wildlife, particularly in coastal areas. Some of our related concerns may fall outside of the Dog Review Policy. We would like the council also to consider the following points when implementing other policy decision making; for example, the Animal Policy:
  - **Planting:** suitable vegetation needs to be planned for coastal areas where protected wildlife exists. The council does a great job of planting and this needs to continue to ensure the type of vegetation matches the protected wildlife — hardy, storm-impervious and not of a type that would encourage people to walk through it.
  - **Developments:** future developments, for example Shelley Bay and the Airport extension, must consider protected wildlife when zoning dog exercise areas. This is not only as protection for what may already be present, but as future potential areas for protected wildlife to coexist in the future.
  - **Roads:** the construction and positioning of coastal roads should take into account the normal behaviour of protected wildlife — for example the ability to cross the road.

Summary Results from interviews of Wellington dog walkers in 2015

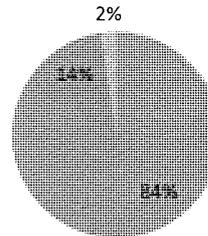
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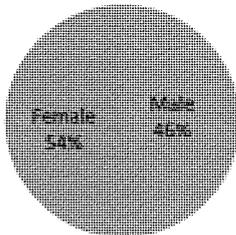
- Tawatawa Reserve 4.7 %
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- Reef Street, Island Bay 8.1 %

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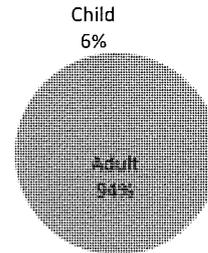
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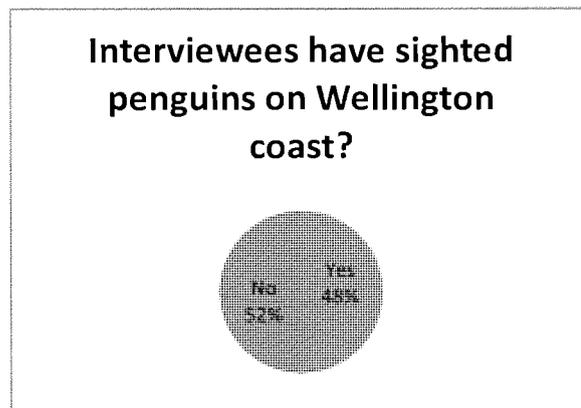
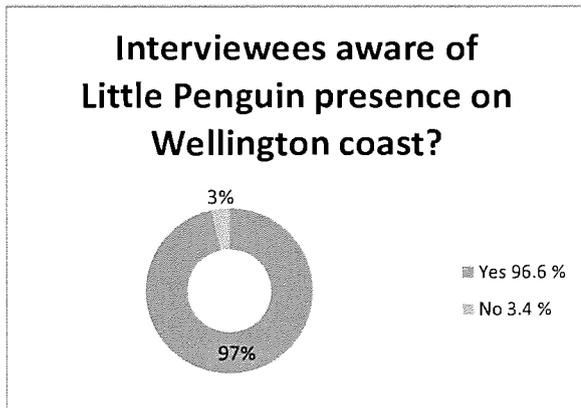
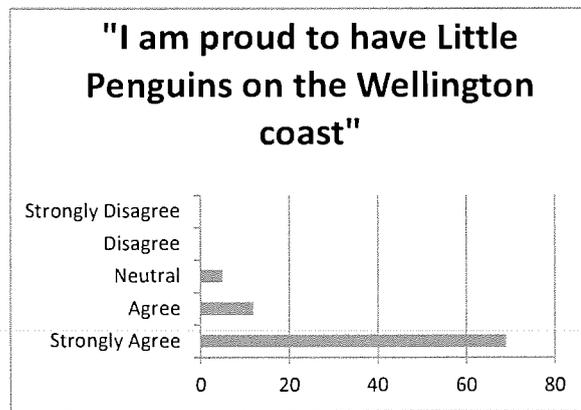
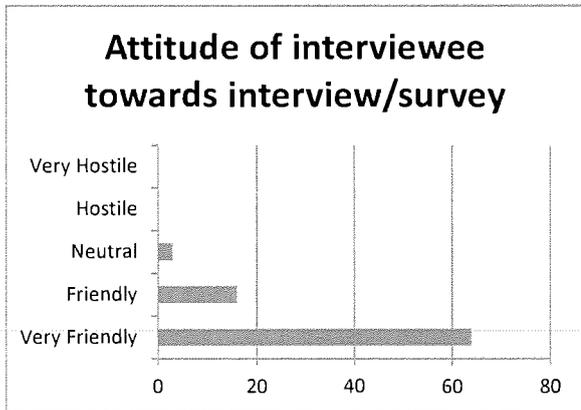
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**Demographic of interviewees (Adult/Child)**

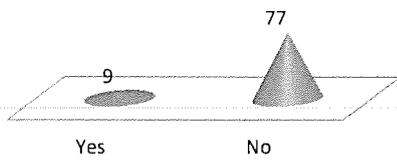


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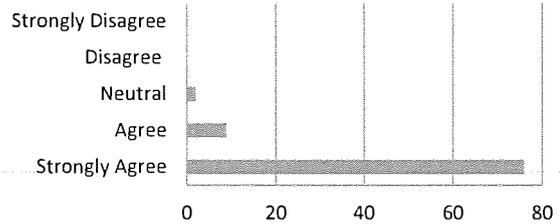


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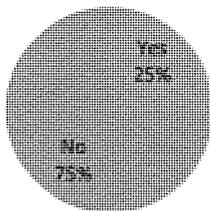
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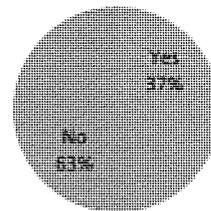
**"It is important to have dogs on a lead in areas where native birds are nesting on the ground"**



**Recognition of nest-box on coast?**



**Knowledge that box was penguin nest-box?**



**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Vicki Melville <Vicki.Melville@mpi.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 5:18 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Late submission supporting proposed changes to the dog policy

To whom it may concern

I am extremely sorry to have missed the cut off for formal submissions to the proposed changes to Wellington City Council's Dog Policy.

As a local dog owner and veterinarian, I am very supportive of all the proposed changes. I hope that this late submission will be able to count as support for the proposed changes.

Kind regards Vicki

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# **Wellington City Council Accessibility Advisory Group**

Submission for:

## **Dog Policy**

### *The Accessibility Advisory Group's Background*

The Accessibility Advisory Group (AAG) is one of the longest standing Council advisory groups (previously called the Disability Reference Group). It was established in 1996 to provide advice on issues that concern people with impairments.

Advisory groups provide advice to the Council on a broad range of issues from the perspective of a particular community. They provide preliminary feedback on Council planning, projects and policy development.

The role of the Accessibility Advisory Group is to raise awareness and understanding of disability and accessibility issues. It also gives the Council information, advice, and feedback on policy development and specific Council projects.

**Accessibility** **means,**  
*Environments, information and buildings that are accessible and usable by everyone in the community. This includes: the able bodied, people pushing strollers, the elderly and people with impairments or disabilities.*

## **Our views**

Our view is that accessibility needs to be included as a main principle when designing the dog exercise areas. Accessibility is key in arriving at the dog exercise areas, as an accessible route to the areas would benefit everyone.

In addition, any app designed for locating the dog exercise areas should be accessible to everyone, including individuals with visual impairments. Guidelines are available from Apple, regarding accessibility of apps. Some key accessibility features of apps include:

- ensuring all buttons are properly labeled with alternative text equivalents
- ensuring the app is able to be magnified onscreen, and
- ensuring any maps have text equivalents.

Fencing in dog exercise areas is vital for all dogs, including working and guide dogs. A number of guide dog handlers live in the central city, however, a fully fenced exercise area is not available. Having a fully fenced area ensures the safety of the guide dog teams, and prevents the dogs from escaping, possibly being struck by a car, and killed. A substantial amount of funds and resources go into working dogs. One example of a dog exercise area that is not fully fenced can be found on the Terrace.

Having a fully fenced exercise area also means a blind person does not need to rely on a sighted individual to accompany them when exercising their dog.

**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** Jane Duncan <jane.duncan@tincan.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2016 7:34 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Dog policy changes

Hope this isn't too late – sent to wrong email address.

**From:** Jane Duncan [<mailto:jane.duncan@tincan.net.nz>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:06 AM  
**To:** 'policy.submission@wellington.govt.nz' <[policy.submission@wellington.govt.nz](mailto:policy.submission@wellington.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Dog policy changes

Hello

I strongly support the changes to the dog policy proposed particularly:

- relaxing beach access
- access to the edges of sportfields when not in use
- the addition of prohibited areas to protect birdlife.

I think creating some dog agility areas is a great idea and give an opportunity for dog owners to further train their dogs and dogs an opportunity to do something different.

I think there is a lot of merit in opening up some of Wellington's wonderful tracks to off-leash dog running. Running with a dog on a lead is generally hazardous to the runner hanging on to them and dogs that run with their owners pretty much fully concentrate on keeping up rather than being interested in anything else. The reality is that the majority of users of Wellington's tracks are mountain bikers and dog walkers/runners.

I support all changes that make the responsibility of owning a dog clearer. I urge the Council to add reference to prosecution where owners have not provided adequately for their dog.

I would like the opportunity to give an oral submission.

Regards Jane Duncan

## **Submission on the Wellington City Council's proposed changes to the Dog Policy**

### **From the Environmental Reference Group**

April 2016

The Environmental Reference Group (ERG), established in 2001, is an advisory group set up under a Terms of Reference (TOR)<sup>1</sup> to inform the work and activities of Wellington City Council (WCC) on issues relating to the natural environment, including water, energy and waste management. The purpose of the ERG is to: • provide feedback and advise the Council on its natural environment policy, planning and asset management matters (including the development of the Council's Long Term Plan) in the developmental stages of all relevant projects; • be an information conduit to and from the Council; and • identify and comment on the broad spectrum of community expectations and concerns associated with the management of the natural environment.

The Environmental Reference Group of the Wellington City Council is keen to offer our expert advice to help share the Dog Policy review. We also believe the ERG could have significant and helpful contribution to the next phase of work, on implementation of the bylaws and enforcement. We are willing to meet with councillors or officers conducting the review to discuss and support this process.

We wish to make an oral submission. Please liaise through our Council liaison officer, James Mather.

#### **Support for the proposal:**

As you state finding a balance between the rights of owners and dogs and protection of wildlife is key for this policy. The following are changes that we support as a collective set of provisions that will create a better balance.

- The goal to increase responsible dog ownership.
- Placing the responsibility on dog owners to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife.
- The addition of the clause specifying that dog exercise areas may be changed over time. To allow for continued improvement in the quality of the areas available for dogs, the match to where people live and the protection of wildlife.
- Allowing dog owners to use the central city more freely by removing the no stop rule and asking dog owners to be responsible by not leaving dogs unattended in public places is offering dog owners in the city increased flexibility whilst watching out for the welfare of dogs.
- Working to implement more fencing and clear boundaries to guarantee the safety of the dogs in off leash areas.
- The classification of seal colony areas as prohibited public places all year round, to remove the risk of seals and dogs coming into conflict.
- Making Tapu te Ranga Island dog prohibited. This area is of primary importance to wildlife and has produced at least 13 Little Penguin chicks in the last two breeding seasons (this is only from the monitored nest and not including natural nests in the area).
- Removal of the area at Evans bay marina. Its narrow size and proximity to the road did not make this suitable for a dog off leash area, as the dogs were too vulnerable to the hazards of the road.
- Surveys of dog owners show that exercise is one of the key motivations to have a dog off leash, given this information considering agility training equipment at key sites could help improve options for dog owners within the network of sites available, this might be particularly important in small sites.

We agree that this policy should be supported by accessible, simple, clear and engaging information for dog owners, and all wellingtonians in order to achieve successful adoption of the behaviours

proposed in this policy and to help build a positive culture arounds dog ownership and shared used. For this it is imperative the the bylaw and dog policy be easy to interpret and widely understood.

### Concerns and recommendation on the proposal

Whilst there are some great steps forwards in the proposal we are some concerns and here suggest some recommendations on how to address these for a better outcome for our city.

The proposal includes little with respect to how enforcement will be conducted. We note that currently compliance with the current policy is low. For example many people walk their dogs off leash through the townbelt or other areas of the city. We appreciate the level of effort that is going into creating a policy that addresses the needs of people and wildlife as well as dog owners in Wellington but would like to emphasize that unless there is a plan to support and expand enforcement, even more during the initial adoption period, we run the risk of the changes being made in paper only.

In addition we would like clarity on how citizens should report on problem dogs or infractions as its hard to report that you saw a dog off leash 25 minutes ago some where. How and when is it beneficial to report and is there an easier way to go about this.

Along this lines, we are concerned with the number of categories for sites and the times and seasons of use (Beach exercise areas, exercise areas, exercise areas (specified time), beach areas restricted during summer, prohibited public places, prohibited places specified time). Simple rules and categories, such as prohibited, on leash and off leash for all sites would allow for a better understanding by all parties and higher compliance.

Complicated rules up the barriers for self monitoring and for members of the public to be able to advise and regulate each other. It important that all wellingtonians understand rules of use for the site so that they can normalize the behaviours we seek and regulate each other. If for example I see someone with a dog off leash in an area I will only be empowered to address them if I am confident that is not allowed. We hope the final policy will emphasize how some of these regulations will be enforced and include fines and other regulations more clearly. It is important that rules are enforced to be able to engrain them into our culture, even if education and advocacy are the main tools used to change behaviours and normalize them.

**Time of Day and Seasonal Restriction Changes** proposed have potential to create conflict between dogs and penguins.

- **Time –of – day – restrictions-** dogs not being permitted between 10 am and 7pm in beach areas seems to overlook wildlife use of this space. Little Penguins are most active on land from Dusk till Dawn, so dogs off leash between 7pm and 10 am would be posing the biggest risk.
- The proposal that the daylight saving restrictions are removed and replaced with **summer time restrictions** (from 1 December until 1March the consecutive year) overlooks the needs of local wildlife. We know the little penguin mating season runs from as early as April to December. This proposal will put dogs and penguins in conflict.

Clear and consistent signage in areas will help raise understanding of the rules and should be a key aspect of any changes as well as considered for any existing area, given the low level of compliance throughout much of the existing network.

We would like to see an expansion on the focus on wildlife. In a biophilic city such as wellington with thousands of people working to restore our biodiversity proactively managing the threat dogs pose is the only way to succeed. In reviewing any dog areas wildlife and environmental impact should be considered and the use of fences incorporated to protect wildlife where necessary, such in the case of wetland areas where many species breed. Furthermore the set of criteria to determine exercise areas going forwards that the proposal includes should include environmental and wildlife risks as well as the need of dogs and their owners. It should be clear that risks to wildlife from constant disturbance are factored in, as well as physical risks.

We hope that Responsible Dog Owner status would be affected by incidents of harm to wildlife

Implementation of the policy must include an adequate enforcement plan. Compliance with the rules relating to having dogs on a leash in all areas outside of dog off leash area is currently low, and support is needed both from communications and enforcement to achieve high compliance in Wellington.

Some general recommendations with regards to shared use by penguins and dogs on beach areas might be for people walking dogs on the beach to keep them on a leash and walk them close to the water's edge, away from rocks, vegetation or sand dunes where the penguins nest.

With regards to the the proposal to add **walking tracks though the town belt and the city**. We think these would need to be assessed very closely including stakeholder groups for each site. We have a large amount of restoration work happening in the townbelt which is successfully raising the number of native birds and other species which would come into conflict with dogs off leash. We acknowledge that parts of the townbelt or city however may be suitable for small off leash areas or agility parks so that a dog owner could walk the townbelt on a leash and reach a suitable off leash site where to exercise their dog with minimal conflict and hope these could be considered. Furthermore, we believe the policy should be careful to suggest owners would be expected to keep their dog under control at all times, unless there is a clear understanding of what this would mean and how it can be enforced..

**Definition of nuisance** – the new definition of nuisance proposed does not cover all aspects of public nuisance ‘- i.e. anything harmful or offensive to the community’. By limiting this definition to effects on a person it will be more challenging to consider harm to the environment or wildlife nuisance. We propose this be reviewed, as nuisance is an intrinsic part of this policy.

**Dog faeces:** the council has proposed that rubbish bins should be installed in popular areas. We consider that they should be installed in all dog off leash areas and popular walking routes. Dog feces contain disease-causing bacteria, may also contain parasites such as roundworm, and nutrients that, when washed down storm drains into streams and the ocean, fuel toxic algae blooms that suck up oxygen and turn coastal habitats into dead zones. They can also carry dog diseases to marine wildlife. Alternatively we could investigate novel solutions to the problem of dog feces – for example Matthew Mazzotta invented a waste digester for a Cambridge dog park that produces and burns methane to light the park.

**Consistency in messaging:** It is important that council shows consistency in messaging through out all its communications across the different sectors and work, in order to promote a strong understanding of what the rules are around dogs in Wellington. We have seen brochures and other materials, which in their choice of images show people breaking the rules the dog policy set. We believe its important to build a culture change that the council set the example of expected behavior across all its communication tools, even when the focus of the content are not dogs.

#### On specific sites:

**Balaena bay-** This is a hotspot for little blue penguins with the highest density of penguins per square metre along the Wellington coastline - successfully nesting along a 6 metre strip of bank, in both nest boxes and concrete pipes. Allowing dogs off leash in this area could have drastic effect to the penguin population. We propose this be a dog prohibited area.

**Moa Point and Tarakena Bay** are a hotspot of penguin activity in the Wellington Coast and wildlife should be a priority in the management of this site. In the last season alone 11 chicks were produced in these bays. We support however that dog owners need a safe walking track through this area and support one clearly designated dog on a leash walking route (Note -the map currently on the site only shows a section of the dog prohibited area so that the path for dog on a leash goes from prohibited to prohibited section which is confusing).

**Island Bay – Proposed new dog off leash area.** If any part of island bay is to become off leash the best area from a wildlife perspective would be the area currently prohibited. East of this area there are active penguin nests. West of this area is opposite Tapu te Ranga Island, where there is suitable vegetation for breeding penguins. So the area designated red in the current map would be best suited for off leash from a penguin protection perspective, though the boundary to the east would

need clear delineation (in the form of a vegetation barrier, signage or physical barriers) to protect the local penguin population.

**Seatoun** -The rocky outcrop to the North West of the pier has penguins and is being restored by community conservation efforts. If Seatoun is to get a dog off leash area we propose that it goes up to the pier but not passed it. This will also provide a clear boundary of where the area ends.

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Kerry and Grant <kerry.grant@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 May 2016 4:22 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** dog exercise areas

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make comment on two specific off leash areas. Cummings park is certainly a suitable area for off leash. The children's park is not accessible by the dogs and those who unsure of dogs have two options for reaching the main street and do not need to walk through the dog area. I have also noticed that it provides a lovely meeting point for the older members of our community and this is extremely important as many elderly people are often lonely. There is enough space to to ensure dogs can run for a ball and then can rehydrate and cool off in the river, very important in the warmer months.

Trellisick park is another important off leash area which is shared with a wide range of the community. I believe the whole park should be off leash providing owner have control of their dogs. The space is shared with many joggers. I hold my dog until they pass, most people are considerate but some are impatient with dog owners. I am of the opinion that joggers in particular, have many options for running in the bush where dogs must remain on a lead - Otari Wilton Bush and Mount Kau Kau are two close options, if they feel aggrieved at the presence of free dogs. Dogs have limited options however.

I would also like to see more beaches made available for dogs in the winter.

Kind regards  
Kerry Sutherland

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**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** mhyett@newlands.school.nz on behalf of Maureen Hyett <hyettz@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 May 2016 5:31 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog policy submission re Cummnigs Park Ngaio

*The City council*

*I wish to submit my opinion on the off leash dog exercise area in Cummings Park, Ngaio. I would like this area to be available to all users and have the dogs either on leads, or an off leash area established in an area of the park that can be fenced off without inhibiting other users.*

*I am a Ngaio resident and ratepayer and also a dog owner. I am concerned about the current use of the central part of Cummings Park as an off leash dog exercise area. The park could be so much more than it currently is. By catering only for the dogs, and my dog does enjoy being off leash in this area, we are limiting what the park could be.*

*I attended the community workshop last year where a vision of what the park could be was considered, many ideas abounded. Cummings Park is the heart of Ngaio – it could be our turangawaewae – a place to stand – a place to make beautiful like a park with rose bushes and picnic tables and a BBQ, a petanque pitch – a place to hold concerts, a place to feel proud of. The school grounds are not suitable for this. It is within walking distance of our homes – we walk through the park but we don't ever stop – except to maybe sit on a swing for ten seconds because there is nothing to hold us.*

*At our Ngaio neighbourly day the kids paddled and played in the stream. It is the dogs that paddle and play in the stream at present. A group of us spent at least an hour cleaning up after dogs in preparation for the day. The park could be so much more and by only catering for the dogs we lose sight of what the park could be.*

*I would like the off leash dog area at least to be moved from the most accessible, flattest, child friendly, aged friendly terrain of the park so that all can enjoy the park. Although my dog would miss the off leash dog exercise area there is one nearby on Chelmsford street that is a great alternative that can be easily driven to.*

*Regards*

*Maureen Hyett*

*6 Orleans Street*

*Ngaio*

*Wellington*

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Shirley-Anne Morrow <morrow@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 May 2016 5:54 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Wellington Dog policy submission re Cummnigs Park Ngaio

*to the Wellington City Council*

*I am submitting my view on the off leash dog exercise area in Cummings Park, Ngaio. I would like to see this area as a community focal point - a real park in the heart of Ngaio. Dogs could be either on leads, or an off leash area established in an area of the park that can be fenced off without inhibiting other users. Currently the dogs are a deterrent to children and families using the area to picnic and play.*

*I am a Ngaio resident and a member of the NCDRA where this issue has been under discussion for many years. The park could be so much more than it currently is. By catering only for the dogs we are limiting what the park could be.*

*I attended the community workshop last year where a vision of what the park could be was considered, many ideas abounded. Cummings Park is the heart of Ngaio – it could be our turangawaewae – a place to stand – a place to make beautiful like a park with rose bushes and picnic tables and a BBQ, a petanque pitch – a place to hold concerts, a place to feel proud of. The school grounds are not suitable for this. It is within walking distance of our homes – we walk through the park but we don't ever stop – except to maybe sit on a swing for ten seconds because there is nothing to hold us.*

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*I would like the off leash dog area at least to be moved from the most accessible, flattest, child friendly, aged friendly terrain of the park so that all can enjoy the park. There are other options for dogs and I am led to believe the dogs come from far and wide - not necessarily from our community.*

*I would love to be part of an association (NCDRA) that could finally make a difference by developing Cummings Park into something beautiful. By delaying we are held back on our vision.*

*Shirley-Anne Morrow*

*35 Motueka Street*

*Ngaio*

*Wellington*

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Francis Cook <frank.c@clear.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 May 2016 9:06 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Bylaw, Animal Bylaw  
**Attachments:** wcc submission Dog ByLaw Frank Cook.pdf; wcc submission Animal ByLaw Frank Cook.pdf

Please find attached a submission from me on the dog bylaw and also one on the Animal Bylaw. I would be pleased to have the opportunity to speak to my submissions.

My name

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Submission to Wellington City Council

From Frank Cook

**Dog Bylaw 1 May 2016**

I support the general thrust of the measures in that they aim to recognise the widespread ownership of dogs and the associated benefit to health that brings, while at the same time emphasising the responsibility of dog owners to the community at large.

I support the relaxing of the 'no stopping' rule in the CBD, the relaxing of restrictions on use of the sideline of sports fields and the extension to permitted areas in the town belt. The latter two in particular acknowledge what is in effect already happening.

I strongly support the provision of off lead walking tracks in the city area.

Other suggestions I make are:

1. That Council encourage a more pet friendly approach to having animals in rental accommodation. With fewer people able to own their own home and acknowledging the health benefits pet ownership brings it is important that all in the community have the opportunity to own a pet. A biophilic city integrates nature within the community and a healthy community accommodates a variety of animals.
2. Few Wellington shops allow animals inside. More could be encouraged to do so.
3. People should be able to take their dog with them on public transport. Many cities allow this, subject to certain rules. And the rules often distinguish between small and large dogs. Such a distinction can also have benefits in other areas of the dog bylaws.
4. I appreciate the need to protect the seals but believe a requirement of dogs on a lead would meet the need – much as is required in the Rimutaka Forest Park to protect kiwi from dogs.

**Jessica Clarke**

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**From:** Janet Pascoe <jpascoe@paradise.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 1 May 2016 5:28 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Dog Policy-Review 2016

We live at 36 Chelmsford Street in Ngaio and our submission relates to Cummings Park and the Proposed "no Change" in its status.

We were disappointed when, under the apparent influence of Judy Siers, Cummings Park became a DEA. In 1993. As soon as off-lead dogs appeared, made more frequent by the development of a convenient car park behind the shops, we have become reluctant visitors to our nearest park/reserve. Neither of us is particularly fond of running the gauntlet of dogs freely wandering in the reserve. Dogs, of course do not read the signs, are not inhibited by the so called boundaries and always stray outside the designated white lines on the WCC maps.

We now have grandchildren ( we have lived here since 1975 ) and it is ridiculous that the two parks nearest to our house-Cummings Park and Chelmsford Park (within 200 metres) are both DEA. Our choice is that because our grandchildren fear dogs we simply don't take them there!! We don't take them to any of the parks in our neighbourhood.

So where do we go? Another 500metres to Silversteam Road Park- NO, another DEA or another 300 metres to Trelissick Park – No, another DEA !!!

The four parks nearest to us in Chelmsford Street are all DEA!!!!!!

I think WCC policy has chosen dogs before kids and this is appalling.

So, Why not change Cummings Park designation away from DEA- to dogs on leads. Simple to do and restores the Park to its Ngaio Civic Centre status.

Thanks for your consideration of this and we are happy to discuss our submission with officers and councilors, if this would be helpful.

Murray and Janet Pascoe (Tel 976 1291)

## Introduction

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, the Council needs to balance potential and perceived risks to public safety, risks to wildlife and natural habitats, and potential nuisance issues with the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners. As it is often difficult to find a good balance, we want to check and see if we've got it right.

## Privacy Statement

(Note: all submissions (including name and contact details) are published and made publicly available as part of our Committee processes. Personal information will be used for the administration of the consultation process and decision-making on the Annual Plan. All information will be held by the Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, and submitters have the right to access and correct personal information)

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## Wishes to be heard:

- Yes
- I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

## Correspondence to:

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- Submitter
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- Agent
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- Both

## Submission

1) Which of the following best describes you?

- Dog owner
- Own another type of animal
- Do not own an animal
- N/A

2) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes, including "beach exercise areas", "exercise areas (specified time)" and "beach exercise areas restricted during summer".*

#### Comments

I live in Ngaio and most of my comments in this submission are on my local area of Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Khandallah. The area is particularly well served with dog exercise and off-lease tracks. I feel the balance has tilted a little too far towards serving the dog community, at the expense of other reserve users.

I myself am generally comfortable with dogs. I have some experience with them and reading their body language and behaviour. I recognise, however, many people are uncomfortable with dogs and some are actively frightened of them. In developing its policy the Council needs to recognise this - dogs in reserves can be threatening and/or a nuisance to people (on experience scales from mild to extreme).

In my experience, many owners have poor control over their dog's behaviour. I've commonly being jumped up on; sometimes being muddied or scratched (this has happened to me mostly in Cummings Park and Trellisick Park). Occasionally, I have been mouthed, chased (while running - by dachshunds) and even knocked over by a large, over-exuberant adolescent dog. Both these experiences were in Trellisick Park.

From my observations dogs off the leash in Cummings Park are generally smaller and better behaved than their Trellisick Park equivalents. I spend many hours in Cummings Park (on a bush restoration project) and observe dog owners exercise and socialise their dogs with others on both sides of the stream. Most owners seem unaware the exercise area is only on the shopping centre side of the stream.

Cummings Park is classified as a 'neighbourhood (community)' park in the Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2015. As such it is recognised as serving not one but several main recreational functions for the wider community. This is of importance in managing the existing dog exercise area within the park.

Unlike others, I don't propose any change to the dog existing area. Instead, I would like the Council to take a more active approach to educating users about the limits of the exercise area and the effect of off-lease dogs on other people using the park. I imagine this as being through a combination of informative and inofficiously signs, possibly employing humour like the highly successful 'woof, woof, ruff, ruff' signs; and positively orientated education to change the thinking and culture of dog owners - helping them to think about how people might feel about their dogs and their behaviour. It is something I would like to see the Council to put serious resources into for the whole City. I think it would help to restore the balance between dog owners and other reserve users.

3) Should Island Bay Beach be an off-leash area? If so, where?

*See the Summary of Information for more information.*

#### Comments

The proposal to make the part of the beach west of the pier seems a sensible proposal, which I support.

4) Do you agree with the proposed changes to dog exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I support the addition of the viewing area on top of the reservoir at Odell's Reserve. I support the new area in Khandallah Park off upper Broadmeadows.

5) Do you agree with the proposed changes to beach exercise areas?

*See the Summary of Information for a list of the proposed changes. You can see maps of the proposed changes in Dog Policy: exercise areas – review 2016 or online at [wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay).*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Conditions/exclusions/comments

6) Should there be designated dog off-leash tracks?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

There are a significant number of dog owners in the community and the Council should try to satisfy their needs. They include off-lease tracks. As with many things there needs to be a balance between the interests of different people.

Unfortunately, many dog owners, through ignorance or a sense of entitlement, treat many tracks around the city as off-lease tracks. Examples are tracks in Khandallah Park and along the Skyline Walkway. I would like to see positive styled education to change the attitudes of dog owners towards others, supported by gentle and persistent enforcement by Council officers.

I think it is regrettable that all of the tracks in Trelisick Park were made off-lease in the past. I would like to see this decision reviewed in the future. I suggest the northern part of the Park, upstream of the lower sewage tunnel being returned to on-lease. Alternatively, (or as well) the upper level tracks and the tracks running up from the valley floor could be on removed from the off-lease area.

7) Would you support having dog agility equipment at some dog exercise areas? If so, who should pay, for example dog owners?

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

8) Do you think dogs on a lead should be allowed to stop in the central city area?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

9) Do you think that dogs should be able to be left unattended in a public place?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5.3.3 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed
- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

I have no problem with dogs being left tied up while the owner make brief visits to the dairy, to return library books or stop for a quick coffee. Obviously, the dog should be left where it doesn't obstruct the footpath or cause a nuisance to other people. If the dog barks, whines or howls the owner should return to quieten or remove the dog straight away.

10) Currently some dog exercises areas cannot be used by dogs from 9am to 7pm during daylight savings in summer. It's proposed that this is changed so that dogs cannot use these areas between 10am to 7pm from 1 December till 1 March. Do you agree with this?

*More information on this proposal can be found in section 5 of the Policy.*

- No, completely opposed
- No, opposed

- Neutral
- Yes, support
- Yes, strongly support

Comments/suggestions

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11) Are there any other comments, including any other additions or deletions, that you would like to make about the dog exercise areas?

Comments

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12) Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the proposed Policy?

Comments

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I would like to be updated on upgrades at popular dog exercise areas

- Yes
  - No
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Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

- Male
  - Female
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My age is

- under 18 years
  - 18-29 years
  - 30-39 years
  - 40-49 years
  - 50-59 years
  - 60 years and older
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Which of the following best describes you?

- Residential ratepayer
- Commercial ratepayer

- Residential and commercial ratepayer
  - I rent
  - Other
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
- Māori
- Samoan
- Cook Island
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

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Others issues/matters or general comment

Comments

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29 April 2016

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Wellington City Council

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### Dog Control Policy Submission

#### 1. Provision of off-lead Dog Walking Park Areas

I am pleased and grateful to the Council for some of the existing dog walking areas that WCC provides such in particular the Tawa Tawa Reserve area off the Happy Valley Road which we discovered by word of mouth some months ago and now use regularly for walking our two dogs. The size, easy terrain and mix of vegetation and interesting walking tracks and play areas for dogs and their owners and friends as well as car parking makes this ideal.

Such areas provide the ideal socialising needed for dogs that ensures they become well used to mixing in a friendly manner with other dogs and people, as well as providing healthy well being exercise for both them and their owners/carers.

Thus I strongly encourage WCC as part of their Policy to provide more such large interesting dog walking areas, including greater publicity about their locations.

Doing this will provide significant benefits.

It would be helpful to provide fresh drinking water facilities. As easy option would be to use similar systems to those already common on farms which can be of a low maintenance robust design yet effective. There are available off the shelf modest cost products that could be used.

It is also useful to ensure off street parking where possible and suitable fencing.

#### 2. That the Council recognise the responsible dog owner by accepting "admission forms" at any time of the year instead of once a year (September we have been told)

It should be possible for WCC to provide year round simple access for dog owners to submit for processing "admission forms" as a way of encouraging recognition of good dog owners.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment by opening your policy for public submissions.

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**Sharon Bennett**

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**From:** gregory.thomas@xtra.co.nz  
**Sent:** Saturday, 7 May 2016 10:27 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Island Bay dog area submission

Hi

Unfortunately I missed the submissions for the animal policies that was out for consultation.

If it is not too late can I simply be added to the numbers to strongly support the addition of the dog walking area at Island Bay beach.

I would be happy to provide an oral submission to this effect as well.

Best regards  
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