

Council Briefing Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 29 November, 2023

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

Elected Members: His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
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Cr Phil Halse
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2.1 Dog Management Policy and Bylaw review – dog access rules

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	29 November 2023
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1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To provide the Council with the findings and associated issues and options of the review of the Dog Management Bylaw 2013 and the Dog Policy 2013 in relation to the dog access rules component of the Policy for discussion and direction.

This report will be supported by a presentation, including a GIS mapping tool and additional maps to assist in understanding and to aid the discussion during the meeting.

2 Background / Horopaki

The Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) requires Council to adopt a Policy on Dogs (the Policy) and to make an associated Dog Management Bylaw (the Bylaw) to give effect to the Policy. For the purposes of this report, the Policy on Dogs and the Dog Management Bylaw are generally referred to as the DPB due to the interrelationship between both documents, unless otherwise indicated.

The Council has a statutory responsibility under the Local Government Act 2002 to review bylaws within 10 years of their last review. The timeline for this review is outside of the 10 year period. Therefore a new bylaw will need to be developed before the current bylaw is automatically revoked in March 2025. The Act requires that the Policy must be reviewed in conjunction with the review of the bylaw.

At the May 2023 Briefing a report was presented that introduced the statutory review requirements, the required and voluntary contents of a DPB, and an indicative timeline.

Council asked for initial feedback from the community during June and July 2023 to inform the review process. This feedback has informed and supported the research and analysis work undertaken by staff for the review.

The next step in the review process is for Council to consider the findings of the review and the associated issues and options.

Due to the scale and nature of the content of a DPB, the topics to be presented to Council for discussion have been split across two Briefings.

This first report focusses on the 'dog access rules', one of the three compulsory elements of the Policy. The remaining compulsory and potential DPB topics will be presented at a

separate Briefing on 30 November, which will also focus on the wider statutory review process requirements.

It is noted that a previous item on this matter was originally scheduled to be presented at a Briefing on 31 October 2023. Due to the development of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan needing priority, this report was deferred to this re-scheduled date. This report remains largely unchanged from the report previously published, however some minor changes have been made to account for some omissions or errors in the first report, as well as to accommodate the changes in the timeline as a result of the deferral.

3 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

3.1 Regulatory context

Under the Act the DPB must identify public places in which dogs are prohibited, allowed under control on-leash and off-leash, and areas that are designated dog exercise areas. Attachment 1 provides the key relevant provisions.

The Policy must specify these public places, and the Bylaw may list those places. Working and Disability Assist Dogs are exempt from the access rules in the Bylaw in accordance with the relevant sections of the Act (s75, s10(3)(c)(ii)).

These requirements are usually provided for in DPBs in New Zealand by providing the following types of rules.

Table 1 – types of dog access rules

Type of rule	Description
General dog access rules	Rules that apply to all identified elements across a district e.g. playgrounds and cemeteries
Location specific rules	Specified locations where dogs are either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> prohibited allowed under control on-leash allowed under control off-leash <i>These rules can provide exceptions to the general dog access rules for specific locations.</i>
Default dog access rule(s)	One or more general rules that apply to the whole district where a location specific rule or general dog access rule does not apply.
Time and season specific rules	Rules that apply to specified locations during specified time periods. These are applied to locations that have different usage patterns at different times, such as beaches, and are usually applied during the summer periods.
Designated dog exercise areas	Designated dog exercise areas are locations where dogs are the priority users. These are places for dog owners to take their dogs off-leash (including known dangerous dogs). Dogs must be kept under control. This type of designation is different from an off-leash area where dogs may be under control off-leash and share the space with other users. Designated dog exercise areas have clearly visible boundaries on the ground through fencing, vegetation or topography. <p>The current DPB incorrectly describes off-leash areas as ‘dog exercise areas’. This implies that dogs in these areas are the priority or primary user, but this is not the case.</p>

The requirements of the Act are to apply the above set of rules to 'public places', and a broad definition of a public place is also provided in the Act (s2). Therefore, while generally the focus of dog access rules is on public places owned or managed by Council, consideration of other public places (for example supermarket carparks) also informs the development of dog access rules.

A clear exemption to this is land that is controlled by the Department of Conservation (DOC). There are a range of legislative provisions, in particular the Conservation Act 1987, that frame how DOC sets rules on land under its control. A requirement of the Act is that Council must in its Policy include the list of dog-controlled areas established by DOC under the Conservation Act.

3.2 Dogs in the Whangārei District

The number of dogs registered in the District, together with a range of other dog related statistics, are reported to Council annually as part of the statutory reporting requirements of the Act. The data provided in these reports over the years shows that the number of registered dogs has increased from 9,947 for the year ending June 2013 to 13,620 for the year ending June 2023. This represents an increase of approximately 36%. This compares to an approximate growth of 20% for residents in the District for the same period. Anecdotal evidence from other councils around New Zealand as well as reports from overseas indicates that during the Covid-19 pandemic pet ownership increased significantly and this is likely to have contributed to these figures.

3.3 Considerations for dog access rules

The Act (s10(4)) provides a range of matters that Council must have regard to in developing and adopting the Policy and which are relevant to the dog access rules:

- the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally
- the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults
- the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs
- the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

The Act also provides for a range of other matters that are relevant to Council's consideration regarding dog access rules, including that it is an offence to allow dogs to roam or attack protected wildlife. Further, under section 63 of the Wildlife Act 1953 it is an offence to kill or disturb wildlife.

As such, a review of dog access rules also includes consideration of wildlife related matters, both to protect wildlife and in particular vulnerable species, as well as reducing the risk to dog owners of incurring penalties under the Act and the Wildlife Act 1953.

3.4 The current DPB

The current DPB was last reviewed in 2012 and finalised in 2013. An overview of the dog access rules contained in the DPB is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2 – 2013 DPB dog access rules

Type of rule	Description
General dog access rules	Dogs prohibited (<i>subject to location specific exemptions</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council buildings and libraries • Marked sports fields • Cemeteries • Wetlands • All bush reserves • Children's play areas
Location specific rules – dogs prohibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD (as defined in DPB) • Kioreroa Road and Barge Park wetlands • Pukenui Forest including Western Hills • Mt Aubrey high track only • Parihaka Reserve between the Hatea Walkway and the Parihaka memorial) • AH Reed Park • Kensington Park • 9 'conservation ban' beach/foreshore areas across the district and defined through maps included in the DPB *
Location specific rules – dogs on-leash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Basin • Ring of Walkways • Hatea Walkway between Whangarei Falls and the aquatic centre • Waimahanga Walkway
Location specific rules – dogs off-leash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 reserves in the District* • Tikipunga Sports park (excluding marked fields) • Otangarei No 1 & 2 grounds (excluding marked fields) • All beaches (excluding those listed above)
Default dog access rule(s)	Under control on a leash (excluding cages and vehicles)
Time and season rule	All beaches prohibited between 9am and 5pm from 20 December to 31 January excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a specified area of Ruakaka Beach* • a specified area of Uretiti Beach*
Designated dog exercise areas	Dog Park at William Fraser Reserve on Pohe Island

* see <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/council/policies/dog-management-policy.pdf>

3.5 High-level review findings

Detailed options following the review are outlined in Section 4.9 of this report. However, at a high level, the review and analysis has found the existing DPB dog access rules to be lacking.

This view is informed by a review of customer requests to Council, feedback from regulatory and parks staff, Council's animal enforcement contractors and other key stakeholders.

Problems identified include:

- a lacking definition of 'bush reserves' and 'wetlands' and therefore an associated lack of clarity where this prohibition applies
- which walking tracks are considered part of the 'Hatea walkway'

- lack of clarity on reserve names and therefore which rules to apply (for example 'Mair Park' is off-leash but it is unclear whether this was intended to include Deveron Reserve which is part of Mair Park)
- the Ruakaka 'all year dog off-leash beach' description and map are difficult to replicate 'on the ground' and applies to the busy beach area in front of the village.

A key theme provided throughout the engagement feedback is that there should be a greater provision of on and off-leash dog access opportunities in the District and that the current rules are too restrictive.

In reviewing the feedback received, staff consider that this view may be partially held because of the lack of clarity about the existing rules. Several comments were made that indicated the submitter considered dogs were not permitted in certain locations, either on or off-leash, however, this was not necessarily the case.

A review of a range of other DPBs throughout the country (including, but not limited to, Auckland Council, Whanganui District Council and New Plymouth District Council) indicates that the current DPB does not meet current best practice for more detailed approaches for dog access rules to assist with clarity, compliance, and enforcement activities.

An additional impact of the existing lack of clarity is that due to different interpretations by staff over the years, signs have been installed that are inconsistent with the rules, causing further confusion and associated complaints and enquiries from the public.

A project to create a database of all regulatory signs is currently underway and this will be able to support any required review and upgrades of signs following the DPB review.

The approaches for dog access rules provided in this report for discussion and feedback are informed by these high-level findings.

3.6 Policy principles

Council must take a range of statutory matters into account when making determinations about dog access rules.

In developing their policies, many other local authorities include policy statements, objectives, purposes, or principles to guide their thinking in determining the Policy content around dog access rules and to support alignment with the requirements of the Act.

Staff have applied the following principles to the dog access rules review to support the review process and the approaches provided in this report:

Whangarei District Council aims to provide dog access rules that are comprehensive, consistent and easy to understand, and which are informed by the following approaches:

- Recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public places and dog access is essential for dog welfare.*
- Integrate, where practicable, dog owners and their dogs with other users of public places*
- Provide opportunities for dog owners to take their dog to public places that are accessible, desirable, and provide diversity of experience for both the dog and owner*
- Consider access on a district-wide basis, as well as a place-by-place basis*
- Support safe interaction between dogs and people using public places to ensure that dogs do not injure, endanger, intimidate or otherwise cause distress to any person, in particular, children and vulnerable adults*
- Manage the conflict between dogs and protected wildlife, stock, poultry, domestic animals, property and natural habitat.*

As part of the discussion on this report, staff are also seeking feedback from Council on their views on whether the above approach, either as provided, or with amendments, should be included in a draft Policy for consultation.

It is noted that the proposals contained in this report appear to result in a more complex set of dog access rules than are currently in place. This has been discussed with the relevant parks, regulatory and enforcement staff. While a simpler set of rules could be considered easier to manage and enforce, the existing lack of clarity in the DPB already impacts this. Where possible the rules have been simplified and clarified to provide more certainty, which will alleviate some existing issues.

The complexity of some of the proposed rules is designed to support more appropriate on and off-leash access for dogs. It is considered that this will also support increased compliance, resulting in a potential reduction of complaints and dog related conflict issues in public places.

3.7 Engagement feedback

Council received over 600 items of feedback during the engagement undertaken in June and July 2023. This was provided through the following formats:

- Over 400 online submissions
- 188 'pins' on our online GIS map
- 57 emails
- 8 attendees at the public drop-in sessions held in the library
- stakeholder attendees at the stakeholder drop-in sessions at the library or online sessions
- meetings with Northland Regional Council and Department of Conservation staff

Of the public feedback received, this translated to over 500 individual comments on dog access rules, either generally or location specific. The feedback received is provided in Attachment 2 and includes the associated high-level analysis that supported the development of the proposed approaches. In some cases, the feedback was summarised, and this is indicated through *italics*. Nine comments related to land controlled by DOC, either generally or specifically, and these have been removed from the analysis.

This section provides a broad overview of the feedback provided.

191 submitters made general comments (not location specific) about dog access rules, grouped as follows:

Category	#	Category	#
Other	4	General access	113
Beaches	55	Sports Parks	5
Parks/Reserves*	3	Playgrounds	4
Dog parks (more/improved)	7		

* for the purposes of this report and for simplicity, parks and reserves will be described as 'reserves' hereafter.

Of these, the feedback has been summarised into the following topics:

Topic	#
Less restrictive summer time and season rules	42
More restrictive summer time and season rules	7
More off-leash access	26
More dog access on beaches, reserves/tracks	75
More dog access generally	26
Less dog access on beaches	10

Less dog access on sports parks	3
Less dog access generally	14

In addition to the general comments above, submitters made comments on over 80 specific locations across the District. This is summarised and provided in Attachment 3.

Due to the scale and scope of the location specific feedback, this report does not provide a more detailed overview of the feedback on each location. However, where appropriate, the proposed dog access rules approaches contained in this report outline the feedback received for specific locations to support the discussion.

3.8 Other feedback

In addition to the feedback received as part of the public engagement, feedback was also sought directly from a range of key stakeholders. This included meetings with dog training professionals, NRC, DOC, and special interest/location specific organisations, such as Backyard Kiwi. These meetings provided staff with detailed and scientifically supported information. Table 3 provides an overview of the key elements of the feedback provided.

Table 3

Group/Organisation	Comments
Professional dog trainers (various)	Dogs need a greater range of off and on-leash areas in the District to support better dog socialisation skills and behaviours
Northland Regional Council (NRC)	The focus of feedback from NRC was on the coastal environment and the significant bird areas – critical bird habitat, as contained in the Proposed Regional Plan – Appeals Version (https://nrcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=31f5c66ea0074f59908767452bcbc60d)
Department of Conservation (DOC)	DOC's feedback focused on confirming the rationale for retaining the prohibition on the existing range of coastal and foreshore areas included in the current DPB.
Backyard Kiwi* – Whangarei Heads	Provided statistics on the efforts of the organisation and geographic area it covers and the significant detrimental impact that dogs can have on Kiwi. Provided evidence that Kiwi aversion training is not an effective mechanism to ensure Kiwis are not killed by dogs. Is supportive of providing a suitable range of on-leash areas for dogs to ensure they can be exercised appropriately in the Whangarei Heads area.

*<https://backyardkiwi.org.nz/>

3.9 Proposed dog access rules for discussion

This section of the report discusses the revised set of dog access rules staff have drafted to frame the discussion and provide a basis for the feedback being sought from Elected Members. The dog access rule changes contained in this report do not represent a set of final proposed dog access rules. These are provided for discussion and feedback to support the development of a final report to Council for decisions on what set of new dog access rules to propose for public consultation.

This section of the report will discuss the dog access rules under the categories provided in section 4.1, Table 1 of this report.

The suite of suggestions has been developed based on:

- the requirements of the Act
- the principles outlined in section 4.6 of this report
- the feedback provided
- how accessible the area is to the public
- consideration of the existing suite of dog access rules, including the financial implications of any changes, such as fencing or sign changes/additions
- a mapping exercise showing the walking (10 and 15 minutes) and driving times (10 minutes) to off and on-leash dog walking opportunities. These are provided in Attachment 4.

Where appropriate, more detailed information has been provided to support the proposals.

3.9.1 Schedules

It is intended that the new Policy will contain two Schedules. Schedule 1 will contain the general dog access rules that apply to the entire District and Schedule 2 will contain dog access rules for specific places. The schedules are, however, linked. A general dog access rule will take precedence over a specific place rule where appropriate. For example, if a reserve is listed as an on-leash area but contains a playground, then if the general rule in Schedule 1 prohibits dogs from all playgrounds, then dogs are still prohibited on that playground. Conversely, a general rule can provide for an exemption in Schedule 2. For example, the general rule could prohibit dogs in all cemeteries, but allow for exemptions in Schedule 2 and therefore a specific cemetery listed in Schedule 2 could provide on-leash access for dogs if this was deemed appropriate.

3.9.2 General dog access rules

The current Policy provides for 'general dog access rules' within the three 'key' rules (prohibited, on-leash, off-leash), rather than being stated separately. This is considered to have added to the existing confusion and lack of clarity issue, as the general rules are mixed in with location specific rules. As indicated, some of the general dog access rules (such as 'all bush reserves') are too vague to be able to be applied with certainty within the District.

The proposed general and default dog access rules are provided in Table 4 and largely reflect the current 'general' dog access rules. Explanatory comments are also provided, either in, or following the table.

Table 4

Type	Rule	Comments
Playgrounds and skateparks under the control of Council	Dogs are prohibited on any playground and skatepark at all times and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity of any playground or skatepark when in use.	Rephrasing of existing rule and inclusion of skateparks.
Sports fields under the control of Council	Dogs are prohibited on marked sports fields and the reserve they are located within, unless the area is specified in Schedule 2.	See explanatory paragraphs following this table.
Council cemeteries	Dogs are prohibited in all Council-controlled cemeteries, unless stated in Schedule 2, unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • permission is obtained from an authorised council officer, or 	Rephrasing of existing rule but providing for exceptions to be applied.

Type	Rule	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is official council signage which indicates dogs are permitted 	
<p>Default dog access rules unless otherwise stated in Schedule 2, the following default rules apply:</p>	<p>Dogs must be under control on a leash in all council-controlled public places where there are no physical restrictions to access (such as fences or other indoor facilities). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all formed public roads (including any street, highway, access way, service lane, and any footpath, cycle track, bus stop and berm within the boundaries of the road) all shared paths private ways and council-controlled car parks and boating areas (including any wharf, jetty, boat ramp, boat marshalling area) 	<p>Rephrasing of existing rule for clarity.</p>
	<p>Dogs are prohibited in all council-controlled public places with restricted access (such as fenced sports stadiums, council offices, libraries) unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> permission is obtained from an authorised council officer, or there is official council signage which indicates dogs are permitted 	<p>Rephrasing of existing rule for clarity.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
	<p>Dogs are allowed under control off a leash on all beaches and foreshore areas unless specified otherwise in Schedule 2, or as provided in the time and season rule</p>	<p>Rephrasing of existing rule for clarity.</p>
	<p>Dogs are prohibited from all beaches and foreshore areas between the hours of 9am to 5pm between 20 December and 31 January (43 consecutive days) unless specified otherwise in Schedule 2.</p>	<p>See explanatory paragraphs following this table.</p>

Sports parks

A key departure from the current approach is for Council controlled sports fields. Currently dogs are only prohibited on marked sports fields, with the default on-leash rule applying to the surrounding grass areas.

Parks staff have requested that the entire sports park, e.g., including the grassed areas surrounding the sports fields, is included in the prohibition. This is currently only the case at Kensington Park.

Due to the nature of the reserve areas within which they are located, some suggestions for mixed rules are proposed at Tikipunga Sports Park and the sports park areas at William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island are provided in section 4.9.6 of this report.

Consultation was undertaken with all organisations who currently lease or operate sports parks on Council-owned land in terms of their preference for rules. Mangakahia Sports Complex and Maungakaramea Domain Reserve have confirmed their preference to retain the existing rules (prohibited on marked sports fields/on-leash on rest of grounds).

Caledonian Park in Waipu wishes to have their grounds included as the proposed prohibition and the remaining organisations have confirmed they wish to continue to apply their own dog access rules.

Time and season rule

An approach taken by many councils in New Zealand, including Council's current Policy, is to apply a 'time and season rule' to certain locations.

The purpose of time and season rule is to provide a balance between meeting the needs of dogs and their owners, while at the same time projecting public safety or supporting wildlife protection.

Where public safety issues are of concern, it allows for more access for dogs during less busy periods where the public space is less utilised, while providing more restrictions during times when the public place is being used more intensively by the public.

While the obvious locations for such rules are beach and foreshore areas, time and season rules can be applied to any public place, such as a reserve, where deemed appropriate.

Time and season rules can also support the protection of wildlife during the breeding season. Such timings, however, do not necessarily coincide with public safety related time and season requirements. For example, dogs must be on-leash daily from sunset to sunrise at Piha Beach in Auckland to protect wildlife.

The current time and season rule is (dogs prohibited on beaches from 20 December to 31 January, 9am to 5pm) applies to all beaches except for those contained in the nine conservation ban beach areas which are prohibited at all times, and the two year round off-leash beaches in Bream Bay.

72 submitters commented on this rule, with 57 comments requesting the rule to be less restrictive, either in general or at specific locations. The remaining 15 submitters requested the rules to remain the same or be more restrictive.

Table 5 below shows a comparison of the time and season rules for a range of other local authorities for public safety purposes.

Table 5

Council	Season	Time	Restrictions
Auckland	1 Dec - 1 Mar	10am - 5pm	prohibited/on-leash*
New Plymouth	Labour Weekend - Easter Monday	10am - 6pm	prohibited
Thames Coromandel	20 Dec - 1Jan	9am - 6pm	on-leash
Christchurch	1 Nov – 31 Mar	9am – 7pm	prohibited
Tasman	1 Dec - 28/29 Feb	beach specific	prohibited
Porirua	1 November-31 March	10am - 7pm	prohibited
Kaipara	All year	10am - 5pm	on-leash
Far North	15 Dec – 31 Jan (and all public holidays)	10am - 5pm	on-leash

**depends on local board rules – most are prohibited*

Staff are recommending that no changes are made to the current default time and season rule. Consideration of the following matters informed the recommendation:

- proposals are included in this report for six additional year-round off-leash beach/foreshore areas across the District (see section 4.9.5)
- general and specific feedback from submitters about concerns relating to dogs being in the proximity of children in public places
- feedback from animal management staff regarding the public's familiarity with the existing time and season rule
- costs to Council to replace all relevant signs to accommodate any changes.

3.9.3 Location specific rules – dogs prohibited

The DPB aims to protect wildlife, particularly ground nesting birds (e.g., kiwi, penguins, fairy terns and the New Zealand dotterel) and wading birds such as bitterns, banded rails and red billed gulls, while balancing the needs of dog owners to exercise their dogs. This is primarily done by prohibiting dogs from areas where they could endanger wildlife.

Except for the CBD and the Kensington Sports Park prohibitions, discussed elsewhere in this report, all existing prohibitions (including the conservation bans on beaches, and the prohibition on 'bush reserves') are in place to protect wildlife as well as providing for public safety (on narrow bush tracks for example).

The review, informed by input from the various stakeholders as summarised in section 4.8 of this report, and supported by a review of the Kiwi sightings layer in Council's GIS maps, found that most existing prohibitions should be retained. In some cases, the areas covered by these prohibitions should be more clearly articulated and mapped for clarity. Additionally, a range of specific changes are proposed.

Three areas included within current conservation bans are recommended to be excluded due to their inaccessibility by the public in Table 6. The default dog access rules would then apply in these locations.

Table 6

Area	Comment
Tauwhara Beach (Whananaki North)	only access is via DOC land on which dogs are already prohibited
Motukauri Island (Whangaruru)	DOC controlled land and only accessible by boat
Taiwawe Bay – Mimiwhangata	no public access

In response to submitter feedback, it is proposed that a section of the beach at Bland Bay (from Waitapu Rock to beach access point at end of Whakaturia Avenue) which currently prohibits dogs, is changed to on-leash. This is due to a request from the Whangaruru North Residents and Ratepayers Association. Due to the very limited dog access at Bland Bay, the Association has observed that many dog owners just ignore the rules, they are recommending this change in the hope that it will encourage compliance and as such provide a better balance between wildlife protection concerns and the needs of dogs and their owners. The northern and south-eastern ends of the beach are proposed to remain prohibited.

Some additional prohibitions are also proposed as provided in Table 7.

Table 7

Area	Comment
Whananaki South – Sandspit	It is proposed to prohibit dogs on Council-controlled land on the spit and extend the existing prohibition on the beach and foreshore area to the channel, which includes the area known as ‘Seagull Island’. It is also proposed to prohibit dogs in the foreshore area inland from the footbridge
Motutara Reserve - coastline headland at Whananaki North (known as Barrons Farm)	This is the same type of prohibition that exists under the current ‘conservation bans’ and which bans dogs on beach and foreshore areas adjacent to DOC controlled land where dogs are prohibited.
Whananaki Coastal Walkway	While this currently technically falls under the default on-leash rule, signs in place state that dogs are prohibited and the track also goes across private farmland with stock, in addition to traversing vulnerable bird areas.
Bream Bay – Beach between Uretiti campground and Tip Road	It is proposed to extend the existing prohibition for dogs between Tip Road and the Waipu River to the beach access point at Uretiti. This is recommended due to multiple complaints regarding dogs in the prohibited area for many years as well as the engagement feedback and supports the Wildlife Refuge Reserve at the river mouth. This impacts on the existing year-round off-leash beach area which is recommended to be moved and discussed elsewhere in this report.
Kauri Mountain Trail	This is part of the Te Araroa walkway at Kauri Mountain and is located in a known high density Kiwi presence area and traverses a Council-controlled unformed legal road and is adjacent to a DOC reserve where dogs are prohibited.
Urquharts Bay foreshore area between Calliope Road and Smugglers Bay carpark	Proposed to support the existing dog prohibition at Bream Head.
Foreshore area around Mt Aubrey/Reotahi Bay	Proposed to support the on-shore prohibition of dogs on Mt Aubrey and consistent with other conservation bans. Also informed by NRC Significant Ecological Area maps and the high density Kiwi mapping.

3.9.4 Location specific rules – dogs on-leash

This report includes proposed rule changes (prohibited, off-leash or mixed) to some locations where the rule is currently on-leash, and these are discussed in those relevant sections.

As outlined earlier in this report, the default dog access rule in the District is that dogs are to be under control on-leash at all times. This applies to all public places that do not have a general or specific different rule applied and includes all Council-owned or -controlled parks and reserves not otherwise stated.

To support public understanding and provide better information, it is proposed that the DPB lists reserves in the District where dogs are allowed to be on-leash.

To support wildlife protection, it is proposed that the following beach/foreshore areas are changed to on-leash at all times:

- Tuparehuia Bay (Whangaruru)
- Rockell Bay (Whananaki North)
- Brookers Bay/Woolshed Bay (Whananaki North)
- Matapouri Estuary adjacent to boat launching reserve
- Munro Beach
- Bream Bay – Beach/foreshore from Northport/ Ralph Trimmer Drive to Mair Road

To support public safety, it is proposed the following current off-leash parks/reserves are changed to on-leash areas:

- Kensington - Nixon Street Park
- Maunu - Puriri Park Reserve
- Hikurangi - Lake Waro

Central Business District (CBD)

The CBD received a much higher number of requests for a change to an existing dog access rule than any other specific location. There were 66 requests to make the CBD an on-leash access area, with four submitters requesting it be retained as a prohibited area. To support a final recommendation on this matter to Council, staff also undertook a small survey of shop owners and staff in premises in the central city. Of 37 respondents, 78% were in favour of dogs being allowed on-leash in the current prohibited area. Staff are recommending that the prohibition for the CBD (as defined in the current DPB) is removed. This would also allow dogs to be on-leash in Laurie Hall Park.

The review process undertaken also included a scan of Council's policies and strategies and this is outlined in more detail in the next report on the DPB to the Council. This scan included a review of the City Centre Revitalisation Programme and the associated City Centre Plan which also includes commentary on the prohibition of dogs in the City Centre. Issues relate to the desire to create more active recreation, active transport and shared path connections, as well as increases in residential uses and the continued prohibition of dogs is considered to potentially impede the uptake and usage of these opportunities.

3.9.5 Location specific rules – dogs off-leash

In response to the strong feedback for greater off-leash access, as well as considering the growth and patterns of living in the District, staff are proposing a range of new off-leash areas to support the recreational needs of dogs and their owners, while balancing this with public safety concerns and wildlife issues.

To recap, currently the off-leash opportunities in the District are:

- All beach and foreshore areas (not specified as prohibited) - between 1 February and 19 December
- All beach and foreshore areas (not specified as prohibited) - before 9am and after 5pm between 20 December and 31 January
- Two beach areas (northern end of Ruakaka beach and a section of beach at Uretiti) where the summer time and season rule does not apply
- 26 reserves
- 2 sports parks (excluding marked sports fields)

Reserves

The previous sections have outlined some proposed changes that remove some of the existing off-leash reserves. For 17 of the 26 existing reserves, the off-leash rule is proposed to be retained. For an additional five current off-leash reserves it is proposed that certain sections of the reserve retain a defined off-leash area (see section 4.9.6).

Five current default on-leash reserves are proposed to be added as off-leash areas as shown in Table 8.

Table 8

Area	Comment
Kensington - Moody Ave Reserve	For all: a fenced reserve area away from main road and traffic, no playground and of sufficient size to throw a ball.
Kensington/Mairtown - Cairnfield Reserve	
Otangarei - Cairnfield House Reserve	
Tikipunga - Cobham Place Reserve	
Corks Road/Amber Drive reserve	
Ngunguru – Whale Tail Park	The playground at this reserve is fenced, removing potential conflict between children and dogs. The reserve has a low fence surrounding it reducing concerns regarding dogs and vehicles, particularly on the main road.

In addition to the above areas, two other locations have been identified. Due to their nature, these may not result in long-term off-leash options but are included as they provide feasible medium-term off-leash options within urban Whangarei.

1. Gillingham Road Reserve – Te Kamo

This is currently controlled and managed by the Parks team and was suggested as a potential off-leash option until such time as the planned shared path for this location is constructed. Depending on the final location of the shared path, some of this area may be able to be retained as an off-leash area. This area is fenced and is currently not much utilised by the general public.

2. Old Boys Sports Park in Okara

Until such time as a decision is made regarding the future long-term use of this land, it remains an accessible public place that is suitable for dogs to be off-leash. It is generally not used by members of the public and is located away from roads and is suitably contained through fencing and vegetation.

Year round off-leash beaches

It is proposed to retain the current year round off-leash beach area between Mair Road and Marsden Village. However the starting/end point, which has been the subject of many complaints and feedback to Council, has been redefined to start just to the north of the settlement rather than the existing location which is ill-defined but appears to be towards the southern end of the settlement.

The off-leash beach area at Uretiti is proposed to move northwards to be relocated between the southernmost boardwalk access point at Ruakaka surf beach and the Uretiti campground public access point. This is to support the proposed prohibition northwards of Tip Road and the associated issues and complaints Council receives in this location and allows for pedestrian access to the off-leash beach from Ruakaka village.

Five additional year-round off-leash beach and foreshore areas are proposed for consideration. These are beach and foreshore areas that are currently subject to the summer time and season prohibition. A review of these locations indicates that these are not as intensively used by the public, and particularly children, as other more popular beach locations. Therefore, the summer prohibition is less warranted and is considered not necessary.

It is acknowledged that all six suggested locations in Table 9 below are not accessible at high tide, but these locations nonetheless will frequently be accessible and provide alternative options to dog and their owners between 9am and 5pm during the summer prohibition period.

Table 9

Area	Comment
Whananaki North – foreshore area along estuary between boatramps	This area is easily defined on a map as well as on the ground to support compliance.
Tutukaka Marina beach	A small beach area not much used by the general public, but which provides dogs with access to swimming opportunities in the Tutukaka Harbour.
Ngunguru estuary – foreshore area next to main road between public toilets and shops	While this foreshore area can be busier during the summer months, most users/families locate themselves on the grass area on the road reserve rather than the foreshore area itself, thus reducing the potential for conflict between dogs and other foreshore users.
Waikaraka Beach Road – grass and foreshore area	Research with locals indicates this is a very little used foreshore and adjacent grass strip area, but is of a sufficient size and located away from the main road to allow dogs to be off-leash.
Urquharts Bay foreshore from beginning of Urquharts Bay Road to Calliope Lane	Due to the requirements to protect inland birds (Kiwi) as well as wading and shorebirds in the Bream Head/Parua Bay area there are limited off-leash opportunities for dogs and their owners in the area. Due to its proximity to the road and limited grass area it is considered a less busy foreshore area during the summer season and can provide a year-round off-leash opportunity for dogs.
One Tree Point Foreshore Reserve (Marsden Yacht Club to carpark area and foreshore access opposite 189 One Tree Point Road)	This area provides an additional off-leash opportunity south of the city area in a location where no significant bird habitats are identified by NRC and to provide a balance for other beach areas in One Tree Point where dogs are prohibited or proposed to be on-leash.

Reserves - time and season rules

As outlined earlier in this report, time and season rules can also be applied to reserves. This can often be for reserves that are located adjacent or close to beach and foreshore areas. To allow for more off-leash access outside of the busier summer season, it is proposed that a time and season rule (being the same dates as the beach summer time and season rule) is applied to the reserve areas in Table 10.

Table 10

Off-leash: 1 February - 19 December 24 hours a day On-leash: 20 Dec - 31 Jan	Grass reserve area at Pataua South from bridge to end of accessible grass area along foreshore
	Reserve area adjacent to Whananaki boatramp (excluding landing strip)
	Bland Bay – Logan Nick Reserve
	Matapouri Estuary fenced reserve area
	Parua Bay Reserve area at boatramp – grass area framed by bollards

3.9.6 Locations with mixed rules

Due to the nature, location, facilities and size of some reserves and beach areas in the District, a mix of rules is proposed for the locations included in Table 11. Depending on the feedback provided at this meeting, any mixed rules of this type are planned to be mapped in detail to support understanding for both the statutory consultation process as well as a final bylaw and associated signs.

Indicative maps will be provided at the meeting to support the discussion.

Table 11

Area	Current rule	Proposed rule	Reason
Beach/foreshore and bushwalk – Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay	Default beach rule (summer time and season)	On-leash on sandspit, off-leash on beach and foreshore to bushtrack, on-leash on bush track.	To protect wildlife while allowing for beach access as provided in submissions.
Barge Showgrounds/Park	Off-leash excluding wetlands	All wetlands prohibited, off-leash south of wetlands, on-leash north of wetlands.	To protect wildlife and livestock while retaining a large and well used existing off-leash area.
Kioreroa Road wetlands including Limeburners Creek Walkway	Prohibited (but unclear)	On-leash on Wetland 1 track, otherwise prohibited on all other parts of wetlands.	To clarify the existing rules and protect wildlife while retaining existing well-used dog access.
Blacksmith's Creek Walkway – One Tree Point	On-leash	Off-leash to second bridge, prohibited from bridge onwards.	To protect wildlife while providing an off-leash opportunity within a less vulnerable area of the reserve.
Raumanga Valley Scenic Reserve	Off-leash	Off-leash after playground and up to walkway. On-leash on remainder of reserve - including Raumanga stream walk.	To support public safety and protect wildlife while retaining some off-leash access.
Tarewa Park	Off-leash	Provide a mix of on-leash and off-leash to support playground prohibition.	To support public safety while retaining some off-leash access.
Korau Road Reserve – Tikipunga	On-leash	on-leash around playground, off-leash beyond bollards	To support public safety in the vicinity of the playground. To

Area	Current rule	Proposed rule	Reason
			provide dog access in a well-defined and separated area of the reserve.
Totara Parklands	NA – new reserve	Mostly on-leash, including on shared path, some large open flat areas suitable for off-leash	To support public safety while providing some off-leash access.
Mair Park (including Deveron Reserve)	Off-leash (but unclear)	On-leash at Rurumoki Street entrance and grass area around playground and on track to bridge, off-leash from bridge round through to Banff Street exit (Deveron Reserve)	To support public safety while providing some off-leash access.
Tikipunga Sports Park	Prohibited on marked sports fields, off-leash on remainder of reserve.	Prohibited on marked sports fields and up to shared path, on-leash on shared path, off-leash on other side of shared path. On-leash only once shared path leaves sports ground area.	To support public safety while retaining some off-leash access.
Pohe Island Rugby and Football Fields	Prohibited on marked sports fields, on-leash on remainder of reserve.	Prohibited on marked sports fields and immediate surrounding area, remainder on-leash as provided by topography of site and other natural boundary features (bollards etc).	To support public safety while retaining on-leash access elsewhere on William Fraser Park on Pohe Island.
Parihaka Mountain Bike Park	On-leash	Prohibited on all mountain bike tracks, on-leash on all access tracks	To support public safety, while providing suitable on-leash access.

3.9.7 Designated dog exercise areas

Currently there is only one designated dog exercise area in the Whangarei District, which is known as the 'dog park' on Pohe Island.

During past upgrades to the existing dog park, a temporary smaller dog park was used at Pohe Island. Parks staff and submitters have recommended formalising and retaining this area as an additional dog park.

The provisions of additional dog related facilities in this area have been considered, but there are no plans to increase the Level of Service for this area at this time and as part of the 2024 LTP budget setting process.

Another area suitable to establish as a designated dog exercise area has been identified adjacent to the Hikurangi Transfer Station operated and owned by Council in the vicinity of but not on the Lake Waro reserve.

This would not only meet the current needs of the community by providing a dog park in the northern part of the District, it would also support future proofing to allow for increased numbers of residents as well as dogs.

To be able to develop the area as a designated dog exercise area, it would require fencing and water supply as well as other dog related facilities (similar to those provided at the existing dog park). Car parking may be able to be provided in the mid-term via parking in the small park area opposite at the skate park or even at the main Lake Waro Reserve carpark.

Costs for fencing, water supply and set up are currently estimated at \$100K for an area approximately 1000 m² larger than the current dog park (approx. 5000 m²). Should Council wish to consider creating this additional designated dog access area, this budget amount would be included in the proposed LTP budget for consideration.

3.10 Implementation issues

The proposed changes to the dog access rules have a range of both financial and operational implications. Changes to Council's website, training of regulatory and enforcement staff and additional information provision to the public to educate on a new set of rules are regular outcomes of a bylaw/policy review process and can be managed within existing budgets.

The key financial implications of the proposed changes related to upgrades to signs. Based on the proposals contained in this report, it is estimated that the cost of replacement/ additional signs to support the new dog access rules will cost approximately \$65K. This is in addition to an annual budget of approximately \$8K which covers all regulatory signs that need to be replaced due to damage or for other reasons as well as any new signage required as is identified from time to time for existing rules.

Due to the unknown exact nature of the number and location of existing signs (which is being addressed through the current regulatory sign review project) it is difficult to provide a more precise estimate.

The Health and Bylaws Department's LTP budget, which is to be presented to Council shortly, includes provision of \$56K in addition to the annual signs budget to accommodate any such changes. Given the parallel development of the DPB and the 2024 LTP, any revised final estimates could be accommodated in the final LTP budgets in June next year.

Another potential cost element relates to the proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD and the provision of dog poo bins to support this. Initial discussions with the Parks and Recreation staff indicates that a small number of bins are likely to be able to be funded from existing budgets, however this depends on the final LTP budgeting process. Any additional bins in the wider District to increase the current level of service would have to be included as an additional budget item in the LTP.

4 Next steps

Another Briefing is scheduled for 30 November 2023 for Council to receive a report on the other matters to be provided for in the DPB and to provide input and feedback on those as well as the relevant findings and issues and options as part of the statutory review process.

That report includes a full overview of the next steps.

5 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Attachment 1 – Required and voluntary contents of a DPB

Attachment 2 – Feedback received

Attachment 3 – Feedback on specific locations

Attachment 4 – Walking and driving time maps to off-leash areas

Attachment 1

Dog Control Act 1996 – dog access related provisions

Section	For	Wording
10(3)(b)	Policy	shall identify any public places in which dogs are to be prohibited, either generally or at specified times
10(3)(c)		shall identify any particular public places and areas or parts of the district in which dogs are required under a bylaw to be controlled on a leash
10(3)(d)		shall identify any places within areas of parts of the district where no public places are to be identified as prohibited or on a leash
10(3)(e)		shall identify areas or parts of the district that are designated under 20(1)(d) as dog exercise areas where dogs may be exercised at large
20(1)(a)	Bylaw	prohibiting dogs, whether under control or no, from specified public places
20(1)(b)		requiring dogs to be controlled on a leash in specified public places or in public spaces in specified areas or parts of the district
20(1)(c)		regulating and controlling dogs in any other public place
20(1)(d)		designating specified areas as dog exercise areas

Feedback		high level analysis						
#	Feedback - dog access rules	Area 1 (non-specific location)	Area 2 (location specific)	Desired access	stricter dog access rules	more dog access	more off-leash access	changes to summer time and season rule
Dot -1	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Abbey Cave	Prohibited	see area 2			
Dot -2	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Abbey Cave	Prohibited	see area 2			
Dot -3	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Barge Showgrounds	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -4	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Barge Showgrounds	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -5	dot on map display in Library		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -6	dot on map display in Library		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -7	dot on map display in Library		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -8	dot on map display in Library		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -9	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -10	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	status quo				
Dot -11	dot on map display in Library	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -12	dot on map display in Library	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -13	dot on map display in Library	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -14	dot on map display in Library	Sports Parks	Kensington Sports Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -15	dot on map display in Library	Sports Parks	Kensington Sports Park	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -16	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Mair Park	status quo				
Dot -17	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Mair Park	status quo				
Dot -18	dot on map display in Library	Beach	Marsden Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see	
Dot -19	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -20	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	Prohibited				
Dot -21	dot on map display in Library		Quarry Gardens	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Dot -22	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Raumanga Valley Reserve	status quo				
Dot -23	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Raumanga Valley Reserve	status quo				
Dot -24	dot on map display in Library	Beach	Waipu Cove	on-leash	see area 2			
Dot -25	dot on map display in Library	Park/Reserve	Whangarei	status quo				
Dot -26	Post-it note comment on map display in Library - On-leash everywhere except for dog parks	General		on-leash	general			
DPB-2	Rules should be relaxed.	General		More access		General		
DPB-3	Currently northland is the most unfriendly place for dogs. Owners are very restricted during their travel in the north	General		More access		General		
DPB-4	Regarding the summer beach dog access rules - the major main beaches around the Whangarei district I agree with having a dog ban - but small areas like Tamatarau and other very small pockets of bays with low visitor counts should have access for dogs over the summer months.	Beach	Tamatarau Beach	More summer access				less restrictive - location
DPB-6	There is not enough clear information about where you can take your dogs. Maps and website are out dated and wording is conflicting or confusing. Some areas should be revised and new areas should be added to make Northland more dog friendly to responsible dog owners especially given that we get nothing for the cost of the registration. Stray dogs are everywhere, dog crap everywhere, the dog park is almost completely unsafe and unusable for responsible dog owners. We have next to no walking tracks, hiking track or anything of any great length that owners can take their dogs out for a couple of hours. I regularly see posts in the Hiking with Dogs NZ Facebook group complaining how unfriendly Northland is towards dogs which is a sole reason why people don't visit the region. I wouldn't if my dogs couldn't come with me. We need more variety and areas where we can take our dogs both on leash and off. - I also believe the beach hours in the summer needs revising and maps need to be more user friendly and readable, they are terrible.	General		More access		tracks and beaches	general	less restrictive
DPB-6	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-7	In particular, Tarewa Park behind the Information Centre on SH1..... This is a public area for all to enjoy.... It is also an area where there is a childrens playground, children access AM and PM to get to and from Hora Hora Primary, and where travellers stop to take a break and stretch their legs..... This is also a well known area for roaming and un supervised dogs. I have been witness to rushings, an attack, and mothers filled with dread over taking their children across the park to get to and out from school. I have witnessed off leash dogs getting into fights down there.... and I have been most affected in the past by one of our elders who chose to turn around and head home, with her little dog that was on a leash, due to 1 intimidating roaming dog in the center of the main field. Tarewa Park..... BAN DOGS! or put together an enclosed dog park....		Tarewa Park	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-8	Dogs are a part of our families and legally registered dogs on leads should be allowed in more areas. Its not right that we are able to have dogs but not allowed to bring them with us anywhere. If they are on leads they are safe.	General		More access		General		

Feedback		high level analysis						
#	Feedback - dog access rules	Area 1 (non-specific location)	Area 2 (location specific)	Desired access	stricter dog access rules	more dog access	more off-leash access	changes to summer time and season rule
DPB-9	There is no mention of beaches at Whangarei Heads. Need clarity on this.	Beaches	Whangarei Heads	non access location specific issue				
DPB-10	More bush walks available to dogs on leash would be great. I know there are a lot of Kiwi areas around Whangarei but surely there are some bush sections that could be made available to responsible dog owners.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-11		Beaches		more access		beaches		
DPB-11	Beaches and bush tracks should allow dogs with rules. I.e dogs are trained to not chase birds or go into dunes. As these are the best places to play with dogs any time of the year on our beaches. Dogs shld be allowed on all tracks. Whether by accessible and free permit or wearing muzzles or leads. They're in such limited places for play and the majority of our families in northland have a dog. It is the owners who are trained or not trained. It is not the dogs fault.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-12	There are not enough places people can dog walk especially off leD which they need for a good run. The dog park is too small and big dogs dominate	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-13	There needs to be more beaches that are accessible for dogs during summer. Having only 2 in the whole district is not fair at all.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-14	It would be nice to have at least a couple of long distance forested walks that include controlled dogs on leads	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-15	Compared to many other regions around NZ, Whangarei has a very small amount of walks that dogs are allowed on leash. Improvement on this issue would be appreciated.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-19	It would be great to have more dogs allowed on tracks where it's forbidden due to kiwis. Have a rule to have dogs allowed who are muzzled or on lead only	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-20	Dogs should be allowed everywhere without exception other than a very small select of kiwi spots for example even then they should be allowed on leads . The majority of dogs owners are responsible. Penalise the irresponsible one . More damage done by hoons on quads that dogs . No im not a dog owner Kids are impulsive and we dont ban them at certain time and places . We dont ban horses who also cause damage and the owners dont pick up the horse poo so no do not limit access	General		More access		tracks and beaches		less restrictive
DPB-21	Dogs should be restricted on where they go	General		Less access	general			
DPB-22	Dogs should be allowed more places. Ive just moved here and I feel like this town hates dogs. Also more off lead areas are needed its unfair on dogs to only be allowed off lead in a tiny fenced in dog park. We walk with my 2 year old son my dog stays near by and gets a bit extra running by sniffing I can always see her if she's on lead she's standing next to me next to a two year old who's playing with sticks for 30 mins and beary gets a walk. If she can go 5 mins ahead then run back 5 mins and be in our view but doing her thing she actually gets exercise	General		More access		general	general	
DPB-24	I think dogs should be allowed in Whangarei town center and have more leashed access to the heads walking tracks. We spend so much on the dog bream bay tracks and if you have a dog we cant access them.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-24	Duplicated row		Whangarei Heads	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-25	Dog restrictions in town are too outdated. Should be able to bring well behaved dogs into the city. Police people who are not controlling their dogs instead of banning all dogs. There are also not enough places where dogs can be walked. I find it very restrictive that so many places are not allowed.		City Centre	On-leash		walking tracks		
DPB-26	Definitely no dogs anywhere near playgrounds and for this to be monitored more as it is constantly happening at multiple parks over Whangarei. More harsher punishment. Also harsher punishment for unleashed dogs around the loops where so many families attend	Playgrounds		Prohibited	general			
DPB-27	If the humans who own the dogs are responsible caring humans dogs should be allowed pretty much in all public places. We allow them in all places to care, support or prevent crime, they deserve that recognition and if owners are held accountable and government agencies and welfare organisations do what they are legislated to do then the uncontrollable humans who are allowed dogs should be minimised.	General		More access		general		
DPB-30	I would like to see dogs on leads in all public spaces, unless clearly identified as an off lead area	General		Less access	general			
DPB-31	More off leash dog areas, specified fenced in ones for reactive dogs to run freely and train. A bigger dog park, or extend the previous dog park. More dog friendly beaches, or lakes/ponds/rivers for summer	General		More summer access/more offleash			general	less restrictive
DPB-33	Need a beach on the north side where dogs are allowed. It's absolute madness that dog owners living at Matapouri must drive an hour each way south so their dog can have a swim. I guess council prefers huge greenhouse gas emissions. Then you have 2 beaches next to each other, which might as well be one. Dogs are family, and there is ZERO possibility that we would go to the beach leaving the dog behind. In fact, we don't even like the beach much, but we go because we know how happy our dog is at the beach. Get rid of the restrictions during certain dates imposed because some imbecile decided that it would be "too hot" for dogs. You know dogs go for a swim if they get hot, right? This is 80 IQ stuff. My dog spends most of the day shivering after a swim.	Beaches	Tutukaka Coast	More summer access				less restrictive - location specific
DPB-36	At least two beaches on the Tutukaka coast to be allocated for dogs during the summer period.	Beaches	Tutukaka Coast	More summer access				less restrictive - location
DPB-37	Better signage at all access points will go a long way towards informing owners as well as having web sites that are up to date with access information. I've lived in many countries and parts of NZ and Northland is one of the most restrictive when it comes to dog access. Council comes across as punishing those of us that do the right thing by having well controlled, registered dogs but seems to do nothing towards the unregistered ones. How many houses are checked to ensure they abide by dog management rules and what gets done about those who breach or treat their dogs so badly.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-38	I think dogs should be allowed on all beaches over the summer (except in recognised wildlife areas). As long as they are properly controlled, what is the problem? I think it is cruel to ban dogs from the beach given how hot it can get over summer. Limiting their access to the late afternoon/evening does nothing to alleviate the midday heat. There are already plenty of rules governing their behavior that could be enforced if there is a problem. We don't need to make the dogs suffer unnecessarily.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-39	Many beach's should allow dogs to be walked, provided they are under control at all times.	Beaches		More access		beaches		less restrictive
DPB-41	Munro beach on Nook road out in the Parua Bay beach has kiwi. I would love to stop there with my son after school on our way home. Every day there are people running their dogs without a lead. We're not allowed to have a dog on this road because of kiwi presence.. perhaps there's a way to get Backyard kiwi to control your dog bans on their routes throughout the Heads?	Beach	Munro Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-42	Should have a small dog only park as not safe in Pohe Island too many uncontrolled dogs with irresponsible owners.	Dog parks		improved dog parks				

Feedback		high level analysis						
#	Feedback - dog access rules	Area 1 (non-specific location)	Area 2 (location specific)	Desired access	stricter dog access rules	more dog access	more off-leash access	changes to summer time and season rule
DPB-44	With ever growing family dogs in the community, we should be able to have access to the city centre area of Whangarei, such as bank st, John st etc. as long as they are on a lead and controlled		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-48	Dogs on leads should be allowed access to many more places and parks. Owning dogs as pets has become much more popular over the last 20 years and WDC need to keep up with this	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-50	There needs to be more designated walking tracks to take dogs on lead.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-53	More access to walking areas. There are a lot of families with dogs and will be nice to take dogs with their families	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-54	All dogs on WDC public land should be on a short lead	General		Less access	general			
DPB-57	I find it bizarre that you are not allowed to take your dog on lead in the Matapouri headland walk. The premise is that dogs will attack kiwis . This is impossible if kept on lead and I would say the doongees who would let their dogs off lead would not obey any rules anyway.	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-58	Please allow dogs to climb up parihaka as only being allowed on the bottom track is really limiting to fitness needs for owners and dogs. I quite often have to make the decision am I walking my dog today or climbing parihaka..... I don't see the problem if a dog is on a lead.		Parihaka Reserve &	More access		walking tracks		
DPB-59	Crazy rules - dogs need to be allowed in far more places. If dogs are on a lead & registered then why not allow them in many places ? Whangarei heads barely has anywhere you can take them		Whangarei Heads	More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-60	Please change the map for Matapouri Whale bay reserve..... For 10 years I've been trying to get your team to add a smiple red line around Whale bay in Matapouri, a smiple map change. Around the entire headland area, including pebble Beach. The reserve is no dogs allowed, kiwi habitat and the map needs to reflect this.	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	Prohibited				
DPB-61	There needs to be more walks where dogs are allowed, especially off leash. More rural pathways that have a decent walking distance. Tiny parks next to roads are not sufficient for active fit dogs who are not interested in chasing a ball. Doing the loop every day is boring for owners and dogs. The ah reid park would a be a good off leash walk. I dont mind the summer ban on beaches thats fair. Another stretch like ruakaka would be handy, just for choice. More forest walks would be ideal. Is there anywhere that you can take a dog on more of a hike? Glenbervie forest seems like an ideal place where you could have a designated hiking trail for dogs. The CBD ban is utterly ridiculous, after covid the uk relaxed dog laws so you can now take them into shops. Dogs are family members and are considered so by owners. Responsible owners should have the option of sitting outside bock boo or roost with their dog. Even the dog ban up in kensington is ridiculous. For adults who have no children, their dog is that family member and we should have more options. Whanagrei needs to move on from the 2.4 children mindset and understand families here are diverse and include pets that deserve to keep the company of their owners in more places. Are dogs allowed on buses? Is that an nrc rule? If not, they should be allowed on public transport. In summary, more places, longer distances, treat them like family.	General		More access		tracks and beaches	general	status quo
DPB-61	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-61	Duplicated row		Glenbervie forest	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-61	Duplicated row		AH Reed Park	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-62	More beaches available for dogs during the summer period in the Whangārei area. It would be nice if there were some close ones to town.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-63	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-63	I wish dogs were allowed more places, especially on lead. We need more dog access in the city	General		More access		general		
DPB-64	I would like to see more "on leash" walking tracks available to walk dogs. While there is always the need to strike a balance between conservation and public use, it is disappointing to see many of our local walks through bush reserves (particularly those that see fairly high pedestrian traffic and are situated in reasonably urban areas such as) are banned for on leash dogs. Many of these I see people taking their dogs to regardless, as it is often not very obvious that they are not allowed due to the urban location. These include the full AH Reed Park loop, Coronation Reserve and Parihaka Summit tracks. It would also be good to see the ban on dogs in the CBD lifted to align with the freedom to have dogs in the town basin area as well as reflecting what many major towns and cities allow. I see that on many occasions, there are dogs taken into the CBD anyway.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-65	I would like to see more emphasis put on educating dog owners than outright banning dogs from places because of a few bad owners. Dogs allowed off lead on some beaches (especially Woolleys Bay - Tutukaka). Dogs allowed at beaches in the summer if they are on lead. No dogs allowed near nesting birds.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-65	Duplicated row	Beach	Woolleys Bay	More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-66	Duplicated row		AH Reed Park	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-66	Duplicated row		Coronation Scenic	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-66	Duplicated row		Parihaka Reserve &	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-66	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-67	I would like more parks available for dog walking, on lead.	General		More access		walking tracks		

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#	Feedback - dog access rules	Area 1 (non-specific location)	Area 2 (location specific)	Desired access	stricter dog access rules	more dog access	more off-leash access	changes to summer time and season rule
DPB-71	We are too restrictive on where dogs are allowed to go. People seem to think all dogs are a menace but most are well trained and well behaved and the ones that are not probably are not the ones that will be taken out in public places. It would be nice to see more wading/hiking areas that allow dogs even if it's on lead.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-73	Dogs should have much freer access to beaches and land on a lead. No reason to exclude them from DOC land if they are on a lead ditto with reataunts etc. Cats are the issue not dogs	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-79	The access rules are too restrictive.	General		More access		general		
DPB-81	I believe that current access rules are fair and further restrictions are not warranted	General		Status quo				
DPB-84	Whangarei needs more dog parks, especially for small dogs. More access to beaches too.	Beaches		More access		beaches		less restrictive
DPB-85	Whangarei seems to operate an anti dog policy where responsible dog owners are penalised. I believe dogs should have more access to beaches and nature trails. I understand that there are a number of conservation areas and kiwis must be protected however, where dogs are kept on leads and fouling is picked up, I cannot see that this is detrimental to the environment.	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-87	Responsible dog owners need access to varied places and facilities that are pet friendly. Many dogs are treated like family members and restrictive dog policies are excluding to many families.	General		More access		general		
DPB-88	Many more places to take your dog	General		More access		general		
DPB-90	I think we should allow dogs in local bush walk tracks on leash. Many people already walk dogs there anyway, as they are in town. I think people should be allowed to walk their dogs at Parihaka, AH Reed and coronation reserve. While we are quite lucky with dog walking places in Whangarei, I think some of these places would be of great benefit to the wellbeing of dogs. And the fact they're being used by some anyway, it just makes sense.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-90	Duplicated row		Parihaka Reserve &	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-90	Duplicated row		AH Reed Park	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-90	Duplicated row		Coronation Scenic	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-94	Duplicated row		Barge	Status quo				
DPB-94	I think having access to Totara Grove parklands walk ways is needed and really good. Most that use it are very good. Barge Park is awesome. Though some people need to have better control as have seen one dog chase the sheep which wasn't on, and she should have had her dog off lead when she had no control over it. Most there are awesome. And my own dog loves going for a run early in the morning there.		Totara parklands	Status quo				
DPB-95	Current CBD dog ban area conflicts with encouraging inner city living		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-96	I would like dogs on lead to have access to CBD. As we live in the CBD and have a well behaved dog.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-97	We already have some of the most restricted dog access in nz, and I understand why, but we need to try and improve owners responsibility rather than further limiting where dogs can go. There are dog areas I won't take our dog because I know untrained, off lead and sometimes aggressive dogs are often there.	General		Status quo				
DPB-98	I want to be able to allow my dogs off leash on beaches both mornings and evenings during summer to stay as we live in a coastal community where most of the community owns dogs and are all very respectful it would be ashame to have this altered	Beaches		Status quo				
DPB-101	We had a holiday in Whangarei recently with our labrador & loved there were places to walk our dog. We especially loved the walk from town upto the falls. Please do not close off any areas for dog walking- if anything please find more! Thanks	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-102	The current beach access rules may be fine for popular inner city beaches, but are too restrictive for outlying beaches, including those north of Tutukaka. During week days outside the Christmas New Year period these beaches are very quiet and yet one is not permitted to walk a dog, even on a lead.	Beaches	Tutukaka Coast	More summer access				less restrictive - location specific
DPB-104	Better signage at ruakaka beach as a lot of dogs still get taken into wildlife reserve	Beach	Ruakaka - surf club beach	non access location specific issue				
DPB-106	As long as they are causing no harm (and this is the responsibility of their owners) dogs should have access to all places, just as children do. For most whanau that have them, dogs are loved family members.	General		More access		general		
DPB-107	Dog access at Bland bay should be prohibited to ensure Dotteral protection and the enjoyment of the area without dogs	Beach	Bland Bay	Prohibited				
DPB-115	To many unleashed dogs in the public areas around Town Basin Marina parks and pathways. Aggressive dogs are not controlled by owners. Dogs should be restricted to dog parks, and not allowed in public spaces. Sorry, but this is due to dog owners lack of management skills of their pets.		Hatea Loop	Less access	see area 2			
DPB-119	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-119	It would be great to open up a bit more of central Whangārei to dog access and create a more dog friendly atmosphere like it is in other cities. Wellington for instance is dog friendly throughout the central city and even has specified beach access for dogs throughout the year regardless of time of day. Having more areas where dogs are able to go creates healthier humans as they will walk their pets more, it also creates well rounded dogs as they get used to being in busier areas and react less when randomly put in those situations. I think it is still important to police bad management of the dogs in those areas, such as making sure they're on leads, cleaning up after defecation and ensuring friendly animal behaviour, which for the most part is what happens, and actively policing and fining those who don't adhere to the rules.	General		More access		general		
DPB-120	Dogs should not have access to landcare and covenant areas or to public land beside those areas if they are kiwi refuge areas. The unformed legal road section of Te Toiroa Road is a good example. Allowing leashed dogs might be OK, but that provision is being abused, so it's simply not working.	Park/Reserve		Prohibited				
DPB-121	Their needs to be more places for people to access with dogs	General		More access		general		
DPB-122	moved to general feedback							

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DPB-123	Should be allowed at sports parks as long as on leash during sport playing times, and controlled off leash at all other times. As below put some dog poo bag dispensers around. Dogs should be allowed on more beaches (on lead) - Whananaki Sth for example. You can camp at Whananaki Nth campground with dogs... but then discouraged from going over the bridge for a walk because of this rule. I'm sure plenty of people live over the south side and have dogs and ignore it anyway? I've pinned on the map already that the wetlands on Kioreroa Road needs revision as the boardwalked track through there joins up to a loop where you can walk the dogs anyway (and I do this already and wasn't aware that the mangroved area is not dog friendly). And the CBD they should be allowed on leash. Would encourage more people through Cameron Street which is just dead to foot traffic a lot these days, just people loitering. Love to see more doggie friendly cafes etc in the CBD, encouraging \$\$ back there as we have really just got the town basin now, and that's not always easy to get to with parking and sometimes eateries are too busy to get a seat outside with your dog.	Sports Parks		More access		general		
DPB-123	Duplicated row	Beach	Whananaki South Beach	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-123	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-125	Would like to see the Totara Parklands Reserve restricted to Dogs on a leash. The surrounding streets all require Dogs to be on a leash, and the same should apply to the reserve. While we haven't been attacked, my wife is always afraid of been knocked over by a large dog running free.		Totara parklands	On-leash	see area 2			
DPB-126	A bush walk that is near or in Whangarei would be great to take the dog to. On a leash is fine. Many people in Whangarei don't have the resources or money to drive to a beach to walk their dog. The town basin loop is great but very hot in summer. Therefore a walk where is shade, maybe even a water hole would be well used. Throw in a dog wash station near the entrance to cover costs. Hey presto! You'll have a very popular park and some income on the side to cover dog poop bins and bags.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-127	I support maintaining dog access at Ocean Beach. I support including Kauri Mountain Beach for off-leash dog access. Ocean Beach is particularly busy during the summer months, which can cause unnecessary conflicts between the many, many beach users. Kauri Mountain is the perfect alternative. Perhaps opening the first 500m of beach up (from the stairway down through to the current stream outlet) for dogs is a suitable compromise? This still provided 4.5km of dog-free beach between Kauri Mountain and Ocean Beach.	Beach	Ocean Beach/Kauri Mountain Beach	other			location specific see Area 1/2	
DPB-131	moved to general feedback							
DPB-136	I think certain "no dogs" rules could be loosened to "dogs only on leash". Generally if an owner has a dog on a leash they are a responsible owner and very unlikely to cause problems. Particularly in relation to public land, reserves, etc.	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-137	Would like to be able to have dogs in the CBD because I live there. Visitors can't leave dogs in cars when it's hot.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-140	Oakura Bay has many offleash dogs during the Christmas Holiday period. The Dotterel chicks do not survive. There needs to be signage about dog rules in the bay and they need to always onleash at the beach to protect our vulnerable wildlife	Beach	Oakura Bay	Other				
DPB-143	That from 1st December to the 31st March, from 9.00am to 5.00pm, that no dogs are allowed on Whangarei District Council beaches, to help protect the Dotterel birds & other sea birds. At all other times dogs should be on a lead. More W. D. C. signage should be erected at beaches.	Beaches		Less summer access	on beaches			more restrictive
DPB-144	There are not enough places to take dogs off the lead in Whangarei. One tree point dog beach has had the stairs washed away and been accessible for long periods of time. There are hardly anywhere in town where dogs can 'run' off leash.	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-146	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-146	More dog exercise areas please, especially in the central area, Remove dog restrictions for central city.	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-148	No dogs unleashed on beaches or in the public ever - too many times get rushed/jumped up by dogs not under any control or being told 'only being friendly', 'won't hurt you etc'. As well as faeces unnoticed or unfound by owners whilst they are distracted.	General		Less access	general			
DPB-150	Dogs should have more access to bush walk in and around the Whangarei District. Not where there is any Kiwis or anything but we should be able to do this, especially in summer	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-151	Dogs that are well behaved should be allowed in town. I live near Tarewa Road and it's a 15 minute walk to the loop. I have to drive because my dog is not allowed to walk through town. He is well behaved, socialized, and small.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-152	Dogs shouldn't be allowed in the CBD unless they are a service animal. This should technically already be a thing, however signage is placed in locations no one can easily see so it makes it difficult to enforce the rules. I would recommend revising the signage locations.		City Centre	Status quo				
DPB-153	Dogs on a leash should be allowed on Waipu Cove Beach north of the camping ground.	Beach	Waipu Government Purpose	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-155	Dogs should not be off leash at Tara Creek, Mangawhai. No off leash dogs from Tip Road, Urititi to Waipu Estary. No dogs in Ruakaka Wildlife Refuge and Waipu Wildlife Refuge.	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip Road	On-leash				
DPB-156	There's already so many restrictions in place can hardly go anywhere with a dog anymore.	General		More access		general		
DPB-157	Please maintain dog off lead area at uretiti beach. I use it daily with many other regular dog owners with no issue.	Off-leash beaches	Uretiti - dog beach	Status quo				
DPB-158	I think if you've paid your dog registration, you have your dog controlled on a lead and your picking up after it; they should be allowed on the beach any time of the year day and or night. We pay alot to have our dogs and they should be allowed to join their family for a beach day regardless of the time of year or what beach it is, if I'm allowed there so should my dog.	General		More access		beaches		less restrictive
DPB-159	I am terribly upset that the free range area at Mair rd is no longer assessible to the elderly that walk their dogs on a daily bases.	Off-leash beaches	Ruakaka - dog beach	Other				
DPB-160	There is very little access to forested area foe dogs. Dogs should be able to go for a walk in the forest if they are on a lead and or have kiwi aversion training. Dogs should be able to go anywhere if they have kiwi aversion training.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-162	Definitely no dogs on all Parihaka bush tracks, especially the tracks up to the summit. Many many people use those tracks for walking and running and the uncertainty of an approaching dog's (off-leash) behaviour causes stress and trauma to many, especially small children and older folk, myself included.		Parihaka Reserve & tracks	status quo				

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DPB-163	No dogs on beaches in our district between 10am and 3 pm between the beginning of daylight saving and the end of daylight saving. Dogs should not have less time on our beaches than people are allowed. So many people, including pre-school children enjoy our beaches in the mornings and afternoons (school age children too after 3pm) and should be able to not be subjected to unpredictable dogs or their faeces.	Beaches		Less summer access	on beaches			more restrictive
DPB-166	We like the status quo. Would like controlled off leash access to council green spaces to be formalized.	General		Status quo				
DPB-167	I am fully in support of higher controls regarding pet ownership and care however I'm also in favour of a dog friendly city. Having lived in many such cities I feel saddened and restricted by the lack of dog friendly areas in Whangarei. There should be far greater restrictions on breeding/ownership (especially certain breeds) and lower restrictions on pet friendly places for responsible owners. More natural areas for off leash walks as opposed to just having designated fields and a dog friendly CBD.	General		More access		walking tracks	general	
DPB-167	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-169	Need more places we can take our dogs! Especially if you have a reactive dog. Even something that is closed off and is paid entry!	General		More access		general		
DPB-170	As a do owner I support the current access to beaches, these are good and there are alot of options for dog owners. I support the current restrictions over summer to no dogs between 10am - 5pm between mid December to 31 Jan. It is great that for most of summer dogs can be on the beach during the day especially once school is cack and less people on beaches. It would be good to remove ban in dogs in Whangarei Central Town. Dogs should be allowed on a leash.	Beaches		Status quo				
DPB-170	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-171	I am a dog owner and would hate to see more limited access in areas allowed at present.	General		More access		general		
DPB-172	I think dogs on leashes should be allowed in more places like central whangarei, it is crazy that you can take them everywhere else around there like the loop but not through town itself		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-173	Please keep them off the beaches over summer. The current rule in place is good.	Beaches		Status quo				
DPB-175	Access to the beach - again, owners not picking up after their dogs.. Having control of them on a lead would be welcome - especially as there are a number of small children that are a wee bit wary. Some owners just let their dogs run wild	Beaches		On-leash				
DPB-176	There are insufficient dog friendly areas, Whangārei's dog park is tiny. There are a lot of dog owners paying dog registration and getting very little in return.	General		More access		general		
DPB-178	There needs to be more places to be able to take dogs walking not just designated areas for them to be. Example: In parts down south on other districts you can take your dogs on hikes via forest areas. We have a lot of lovely bush areas but we are not allowed to walk with dogs on leads. I agree all dogs should be on leads and if we are offered to be able to carry out kiwi adversty training or some type of course to demonstrate owners will take it serious. Then there should be some bush walks open to dogs on leads not just tiki falls. Whangarei distrct has one of least amount of area (parks, bush tracks) you can take dogs. Yet other districts have many ? This is very unfair.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-179	Restrict access to beaches, reserves and parks. Not just in summer. Make it longer and more consistent during the year. Owners don't understand these rules, they often say "I have been here before and it wasn't an issue". Restrict access to public areas especially where children play and to protect wildlife. Designate areas for dogs only. Owners think their dogs are well behave. They don't understand that key issue is that the dog's presence stresses the birds and interferes with their feeding and resting.	Beaches		Less access	on beaches			more restrictive
DPB-184	Duplicated row	Beach	Tuparehuia	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-184	No dogs on Bland Bay Beach as it is a breeding area for dotterel and oyster catches. Also on the BB Harbour side, no dogs, as Dotterels are now starting to breed in the Pawhaoa Bay area. Oyster catchers have bred here for years. This is also an important Kiwi area, and dogs killed 3 kiwi last year in the Pawhaoa area.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-185	Dogs should be allowed on beaches during summer, it is completely unfair to limit dog owners further without providing another place for us to go. We also need more dog friendly nature walking tracks	Beaches		More summer access		walking tracks		less restrictive
DPB-188	Whangarei needs more than the one off leash dog park. There are times when the one that is there is not useable to smaller dogs.	Dog parks		improved dog parks				
DPB-190	Would really like to see another dog exercise park for smaller dogs - my dog got bitten at the dog park by a large dog & it works be great to have another option Dogs on leads - people need to be fined if their dogs are not on leads on public places - sayin "my dog won't bite you or your is not good enough they have no idea if their dog will attack you or your dog when u are out walking	Dog parks		improved dog parks				
DPB-191	would be good if more bush walks allowed dogs on leads	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-194	They should not be allowed anywhere except on a leash	General		Less access	general			
DPB-195	I feel that dogs should be allowed on the local beaches year round while on leashes. I've never seen a dog leave behind rubbish, dirty nappies, the remains of their barbecue, papers, chip bags, broken toys, etc. Presently, when we can, we generally try to go at low tide and walk our dogs near the water and let them play for awhile. But, between working shifts and tides, that's not always easy. Not restricting the time dogs are allowed during the summer would be great not only for the dogs, but for us owners to get a little time in at the beaches, too.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-196	On leads on all bike trails for example the Loop and Waimahanga . Dangerous to both bikers and dogs .	Walkway/shared path		On-leash				
DPB-197	With so many natural spaces off limits to dogs, it is important to ensure that each area of Whangarei has some space for dog owners to lawfully walk and exercise their dogs. Right not, there are no off leash areas north of Whangarei, with the only beach in the district designated as a year round dog exercise area being in Ruakaka. Woolley's bay, which has complete visibility and few people year round, should become so designated. The tidal beach between Ngunguru School and Wellington's Bay should also become an off-leash zone. This would give dog owners in Whangarei or north of Whangarei options to lawfully exercise their dogs and thereby reduce infractions of current policy.	Beach	Woolleys Bay	More summer access				less restrictive - location specific
DPB-197	Duplicated row	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-198	I think dogs should be allowed in more areas of Whangarei on leads, we have an incredibly well behaved dog which we can't take into a number of areas in Whangarei central which is the main contributing factor into why we don't spend much money at eateries in the CBD. If we were allowed to sit outside with our dog in central locations, these eateries would be a lot more appealing.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		

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DPB-200	Please increase the places dogs are allowed in northland. So many restrictions. Would be great if they could go on lead on some of the DOC walkways as there are so many up here. More beach access would be good as well.	General		More access		tracks and beaches		less restrictive
DPB-201	It would be good for business if dogs were allowed to visit the city centre. Like the loop and other areas make it a dog friendly area with bins to deposit of doggy deposits (it happens) And people will use the area more .		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-202	There's plenty of laws to enforce the care of birds and other native species. Not every beach has native birds nest. Banning dogs all summer from beaches as well as providing access to only one beach that is very far for some is unfair. Dogs are important, to some people they can provide support (people with anxiety, mental health issues, guidance, disabilities, etc). These days, some airlines allow dogs in planes, dogs are allowed in shops. Dogs are not savage exotic creatures, they are domestic pets that are very meaningful to their owners. Irresponsible owners do no represent every single dog owner, or we would have a problem. Use the already placed policies to police dog's behaviour at the beach and allow us to take them places. Farms, police, drug enforcement agencies, firefighters all benefit from unpaid labour and the skills of these amazing creatures. Why not let them splash at the beach?	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-203	More access to tracks should be allowed as long as dogs on kept on a lead.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-204	Dogs on leads and under control of an adult should be allowed in the CBD. We would spend more money in the CBD if this unnecessary restriction was not in place.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-205	I like the controlled beach access times that are in place for Dec & Jan. This should also be put in place for the summer longs weekends - Labour, Anniversary, Waitangi & Easter. (not necessary in winter) Please also consider specific times for off leash access to beaches - currently very few people have there dogs on a lead when on the beach.	Beaches		Less access	on beaches			more restrictive
DPB-206	I am very grateful for the wonderful off leash year round dog exercise area at ruakaka beach (mair road access). This is an invaluable area for my dog and hundreds more. I use it daily and will continue to do so. I would like to see more dog access to other beaches and walks. On leash areas in these cases is absolutely fine. We find there are virtually no walks etc locally that allow dogs so we are basically limited to the off leash dog exercise area, which is why it is extremely important it remains as such. I believe some of the ways the rules are written and interpreted especially around the ban on beaches during certain hours of peak summer could be better written. We have been challenged a number of times at the year round off leash areas as people can't understand the rules as they're written, they believe dogs should be off the beach which is correct for certain beaches but not year round exercise areas. . I would also like to see this change from a complete ban during certain hours, to on lead during peak summer instead. Thank you	Off-leash beaches	Ruakaka - dog beach	Status quo				
DPB-206	Duplicated row	General		More access		tracks and beaches		less restrictive
DPB-209	Duplicated row	Beaches		Status quo				
DPB-209	I have a dog. I love being able to take Amari leashed on the walks in town. For example.though I get really irked when people let their dogs run free on leash only areas especially when it is in native bush! So appreciate the efforts in the laws being in place. I think the summer and beach rule is reasonable and also better for the dogs as the hot sand isn't good anyway. I like that there are a couple of dog friend beaches all year round.	General		Status quo				
DPB-212	Duplicated row		Town Basin	Prohibited				
DPB-212	Duplicated row	General		Less access	general			
DPB-212	Dogs shouldn't be in town or cafes at the town basin. Alot of children and some adults are frightened of dogs. Also if I go out for a coffee or brunch I don't want to be eating with someone's dog Should be on leads when ever they are off their property apart from a controlled dog park.		Town Basin	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-215	Need more walks in Whangarei heads that allow dogs on leashes rather than blanket dog ban		Whangarei Heads	More access		walking tracks		
DPB-217	Whangarei is one of the most dog unfriendly places in NZ. other coastal towns are a lot more welcoming and their businesses are better for it with a lot more foot traffic for passing trade.	General		More access		general		
DPB-218	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-218	Whangarei is one of the most dog restrictive places I've ever been with my dog. Options are very limited with where you can take them. For people who see their dogs as part of the family it's not very inclusive. It's often the case that people, especially children, are more harmful and destructive to an area than dogs so I see no reason for a lot of these limitations. Giving dogs access to areas such as the CBD will also help with cases of dogs left in hot cars or dogs left unattended at home.	General		More access		general		
DPB-219	Let dogs on Kauri Mountain beach at all times except dotterel nesting season of February and March	Beach	Kauri Mountain	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-220	I live out at One Tree Point the area is growing but would love a green area to let my dog run free for exercise. In the winter the beach is not always the best		One Tree Point	more off-leash access			general	
DPB-221	I believe there should be a new rule introduced that if dogs are on a leash and are muzzled they can be allowed on most walkways. A muzzled and leashed dog poses no threat. I am severely limited where I can walk my two border collies, and everywhere I go, there are owners not following the rules with dogs off leash, not under control, dogs running out of properties etc.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-223	Duplicated row	Beaches		Less summer access	on beaches			more restrictive
DPB-223	Dogs should be banned from wildlife reserves or Kiwi protection reserves at risk of owners being imprisoned on 2nd & 3rd offences. Dogs should be banned from beaches wherever Life Surf Savers are present at popular holiday spots for the times they are present.	General		Prohibited	general			
DPB-225	Current restrictions are overly punitive to responsible dog owners. There needs to be more on and off leash options for exercising your dog	General		More access		general	general	
DPB-226	No access to sports parks including Trigg Stadium	Sports Parks		Prohibited	on sports parks			
DPB-227	All areas of WD should be available for on leash dogs, especially beaches.	Beaches		More access		beaches		less restrictive

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DPB-229	As a coordinator of sport that predominantly uses the Otaika Sports Park fields (over the past 5 years) i can tell you that no dogs should be allowed on any park that facilitates organised sport. This is mainly due to those dog owners that don't know how to 'clean up' after their dog and the inability of council to manage dog owners around the 'outside' of marked fields. In the 5 years i've been coordinating sport at Otaika Sports Park i have never once seen someone monitor dog owners where the majority just let their dogs off their leash to run anywhere, including on the field. Please note i acknowledge there are good dog owners out there however the 99% of dog owners that use Otaika Sports Park to let their dogs off leash with not a single person from council enforcing current rules. None.	Sports Parks	Otaika Sports Park	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-230	Dogs in CBD. We have lived in the Whangarei area for four years, returning to NZ from Australia, and have not once had the opportunity to shop in the CBD as we have a small dog. We live at One Tree Point and never leave her at home when going to Town as to leave her for half a day is too long. The car is too hot in summer. We visit the cafes by the seafront as dogs are welcome there. Surely it is time to update the old regulation regarding dogs not being allowed in the CBD? An inspector warned us four years ago that we would be fined. We hadn't seen signs but he pointed out a faded sign painted on the footpath. It wasn't a happy day as we were setting up insurance policies and driving licences, that day. The no dog rule made it impossible to do. Our small dog was in a dog carry bag at the time. Please reconsider this outdated policy and remove it. Thank you, Glennis Browne, (glentrev@gmail.com)		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-231	I think there should be a dog park SPECIFICALLY for small dogs. One of my small dogs loves to play with other small dogs but is scared of big dogs and has been chased by them so many times. Would love to have a safe, enclosed space for her to run around with other small dogs.	Dog parks		improved dog parks				
DPB-232	Good Afternoon, I am an owner of registered dogs and write to provide my feedback on dog access at Ruakaka Beach, Waipu Cove and Laings Beach. Owing dogs is an important part of my job (I am a shepherd), my mental and physical health. It is important that I am able to exercise my dogs. The current dog restrictions in place at Ruakaka, Waipu Cove and Laings Beach are appropriate and should not be changed. In my experience dogs in these areas are under control, the owners pick up after them, and they are an important part of the community. These areas should remain as off leash areas as per the current restrictions.	Beaches	Bream Bay	Status quo				
DPB-233	No dogs on the beach from beginning of Dec to end of Feb between 9-5pm	Beaches		Less summer access	on beaches			more restrictive
DPB-234	I find it VERY sad and depressing when CBDs do not allow any dogs, even leashed, to walk with their owners in town. This town would be a lot friendlier if we could walk with our dogs around and in town too. I take my dogs to care homes, where older people are starved for the ability to pet a dog or be licked by one. Children would be less scared of dogs and even learn how to react and care for them, if they saw dogs more often and were allowed to be around dogs, such as in the CBD. Naturally all dog owners must pick up after their dogs, and that is probably one of the major reasons that Whangarei at the moment does not allow dogs in town.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-238	All around the world your dog can come with you to restaurants bars shops streets and picture theaters... in nz you treat our dogs with disdain, we should be able to walk with our dogs anywhere, and dog owners should pick up their dog excrement....if not they should pay a very hefty fine!!!! Because leaving behind dog excrement is disgusting!!		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-239	I walk my dog every morning (early) all year round at Waipu Cove, I think the beach should be closed for dogs January and February just while the beach is busy with holiday makers. The rest of the year there is very few people so ample room to exercise dogs with out interfering with other beach goers. Andy	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	Less summer access	see area 2			more restrictive
DPB-240	On behalf of Waipu Cove Reserve Board we would like to advocate for a 'Dogs on leash' at all times policy at Waipu Cove and extension of 'No dogs on beach' during the summer period until 7th February every year. As the local Reserve Board at Waipu Cove, the WCRB would like to advocate for a 'Dogs on leash' at all times policy at Waipu Cove at all times. We would also like to see an extension of 'No dogs on beach' during the peak summer period. This typically runs from 20th December to the 31st January. We would like to see this extended until 7th February every year as this is in line with peak visitor numbers to the Waipu Cove area and also aligns with the patrolled hours of the Waipu Cove Surf Club. We find that the current by-law 'on a leash or under control' is very difficult to enforce as all dog owners believe that their dog is under control irrespective of the evidence. Many visitors to the Cove mean it is an increasingly busy and popular destination for the public. It is a far more enjoyable visit for all when dogs are on leash's in large crowds of people. It also makes the requirements clear & prevents altercations between members of the public/people wanting to enforce the rules."	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	Less access	see area 2			more restrictive
DPB-241	Dogs should not be allowed on Sportsfields at all. Not just the areas marked for the sport (field of play) but also the grounds of the sports field. There is too much activity in this whole area including children, spectators, athletes, officials and supporters that need to have a safe and clean area of play and inclusion.	Sports Parks		Prohibited	on sports parks			
DPB-244	I think dogs on leash should be allowed in more places, I don't think it's fair that well behaved and obedient dogs are not allowed in many parks and beaches	General		More access		beaches		
DPB-245	The amount charged for dog registration seems to be increasing and extortionate compared to other areas in the country, and what you get for those fees in Whangarei are non-existent. It's all very well to say we have access to one or 2 beaches but in an area where beaches are so popular, this seems ridiculous. What is the purpose of this bylaw? Have you actually been to the beaches to see what dog owners are doing and how they behave? The whole attitude around dog ownership needs to change in Whangarei. It's sad that dogs aren't allowed anywhere. Why can't we walk our dog to the CBD for a coffee with our family? Why aren't there water stations for dogs everywhere? Why aren't we like many other areas in NZ like Auckland and Tauranga who are more dog friendly? And why is it so expensive? What are we actually playing for? What's being done about the people who don't pay their registration? Why do we foot the bill for these people? Cost of living is hard enough, please please don't make it harder when our dogs are often as important as our children within our whanau	General		More access		beaches		
DPB-245	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-246	So many tracks ban dogs. If strict policies requiring dogs on leads were enforced it would allow more dig owners to access more tracks. Dogs off lead are typically the problem.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-248	Duplicated row	Beaches		Status quo				
DPB-248	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-248	Please allow dogs on leads in all locations including Whangarei town centre. They are part of the family and should be allowed on lead pretty much anywhere. Happy with current beach access rules.	General		More access		general		
DPB-249	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive

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DPB-249	Dogs should be able to access public transport and be allowed on the beach over summer	Buses - NRC		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-251	More dog friendly parks/walks/hikes/gardens/areas in general.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-252	Why has the whole of the Tutukaka Coast not got one single off leash year round designated area to run our dogs. ??	Beach	Tutukaka Coast	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2	beaches	less restrictive
DPB-253	Dog owners want off leash exercise area. Conservation advocates want to keep dogs well away from sensitive wildlife areas in particular shore bird nesting areas and kiwi habitat. Both can be accommodated. Conservation of endangered wildlife if crucial.	Dog parks		improved dog parks				
DPB-254	There needs to be more places where dogs can be dogs. I do agree however that they need to be on a leash in places like beaches to help reduce the potential risk of harm to people or other animals. But as it stands the dog park is not safe as people who have untrained dogs go there and also there is a higher risk of getting parvo, kennel cough etc from there.	General		More access		general		
DPB-257	Can signage please be placed by children's playgrounds that these are dog free or leashed areas? I was recently at the new adventure playground and a family had a large dog off the lead and we're taking it on the playground equipment. My children are quite sensitive to dogs, but I didn't know if I could ask them to put their dog on the lead as AI couldn't see any signage. Thanks very much. Christiana Waigh from Kamo.	Playgrounds	Adventure Playground	non access location specific issue				
DPB-258	I think it makes for a very unfriendly town not allowing dogs in the cbd. Also dogs should be aslowed on beaches all year round and on tramping tracks and camping areas	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-258	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-258	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-260	Waipu Cove: The majority of us are very responsible dog owners. We throw balls for the dog, often into the water and this exercises them very quickly as you know the majority of their previous exercise area was removed by DOC. As a result In Summer hours we take our dogs on the beach very early to avoid holiday makers, as we don't want any hassles. Now I have observed a bully or two who harass dog owners and their ultimate goal is no dogs on Waipu beach. Why this person appears to wield such control of Council and Waipu committee astounds me. Dog owners such as myself police other dog owners we most certainly do not need even more infringements placed.	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	Status quo				
DPB-261	I want the dog restrictions in the central city to remain, and the central city area to be left as a restricted area for dogs. Most people who have bought a dog within the last 10 years have known of this restriction and by buying a dog, they have agreed to those rules. There are still many public places in the Whangarei district where dog owners can take their dogs for exercise and I believe the central city should not be a place where people take their dogs. By leaving the restriction in place, the general public will be guaranteed that: - no dogs will be in the central city off leash - no child will be attacked by a dog off leash - no dog faeces will be left on the footpaths and green areas - no dog urine will be left on the footpaths and green areas - council will not have to provide 'doggy-do' bins for people who have 'cleaned up' after their dog - no dogs will be barking in the central city - no dogs will be fighting in the central city - no pedestrians will be compromised on the footpath by a dog on a leash getting in their way - no dangerous dogs will be in the central city - no dog owner will be able to 'parade' and show off their dangerous dog - outdoor eating areas would not have dogs in them For the comfort and safety of all ratepayers and visitors, please do not change the dog restrictions in the central city.		City Centre	Status quo				
DPB-263	Duplicated row	Beaches		Less access	on beaches			
DPB-263	All dogs should not be able to access children's playgrounds even if on a leash. They can be tied up away from where children play. Beach access needs to be limited to very strict areas. Any breaches would immediately attract a fine of \$100.	Playgrounds		Prohibited	general			
DPB-264	I'd really like to see a few more beaches open to dogs all year around.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-265	Allow dogs to be on beaches during summer on leash.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-266	There is too much restriction on where you can exercise a dog - there are not many public places you can take a dog in Whangarei even on a lead. This should be reviewed.	General		More access		general		
DPB-267	Dogs should be allowed on trails on a lead. More dogs allowed in public areas / cafes / around Whangarei. Dogs should be allowed at Kensington Sports Park and the Hockey Centre on a lead!	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-267	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-267	Duplicated row	Sports Parks	Kensington Sports Park	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-269	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-269	Registered on leash dogs should be permitted to walk with their owners on all beaches, in parks, through the CBD etc as part of our community. Under control & not being a noise nuisance.	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-271	It's good that there are other parks that can take a dog apart from dog park. I won't take mine there. Clear, large signs at locations to not take a dog eg up parahaki (sign small). Agree 100% reasons for no dog access. But it's also nice to have access where can take dogs. So if can't see a sign or it's not clear, we can miss it easily.	General		On-leash				

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DPB-274	I walk my dog in Kamo on lead, but have had a few attacks near the stone bridge. People always have dogs off lead and don't control their dog. I even had my spoodle surrounded by five or six dogs off lead with a dog walker. All were breeds like Dobermans and Rottweilers. They blocked our exit. I don't walk around that way anymore even though it's peaceful. There ought to be more signs for dogs to be on lead. If people want to take their dogs off lead they need to go to the dog park at the basin. It's not nice having my medium sized dog on lead snarled at or attacked. The rugby/sports ground opposite Kamo primary often has dogs off lead even though there is a sign that shows they mustn't be let off. Maybe there should be a few more dog parks in different areas.		Hodges Park	On-leash				
DPB-275	Free range on wide kamo walkways especially where there is a large area of grass to run on. Please Allow this		Kamo	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-276	If dogs are on leash I think we should be allowed to take them to the beach during summer for swims etc	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-278	You should be able to take your dog to the beach and park anytime	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-279	More benches to allow dogs if on leash	Beaches		On-leash		beaches		less restrictive
DPB-289	Some beaches in summer open to dogs would be lovely	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-290	I'd like to see dogs banned from all sports parks grounds as this impacts on the general user use (dog poos, kids being scared of dogs etc).	Sports Parks		Prohibited	on sports parks			
DPB-294	Lessen the number of beaches they are allowed on. WDC has to many restrictions.	Beaches		More access		beaches		
DPB-295	This is not a dog friendly town compared to many other places in NZ. It would be great to see more dogs allowed in to the town area.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-296	While the current rules prohibit dogs on beaches during the peak summer season, it should be reviewed to allow them at these areas as long as they are on leash within those hours. While those that have permanent bans on is understandable, I think this is more than sufficient and those who can control their dogs should not be limited to public areas because of those few who cannot. But with saying that, harsher penalties should be put in place for those who either are unable to look after their dogs or their dog poses a risk to others.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-298	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-298	Whangarei (&Northland) is known as being dog Unfriendly, I am hoping to change that! Let make more walkways, parks, cafes more dog friendly. I love that we have DOC areas that kiwi inhabit and definitely keep dogs away from these areas but can we please make areas of beaches (during summer) , sports parks, central city more enjoyable for all? I love the walk around the loop, The walk to Onerahi, The walk to the waterfall but it would be great to have more hikes, bigger walks, beaches all over the North where dogs are welcome. People now travel, eat, shop with their fur babies. Let's embrace that more. We live rural, approx 25min drive into town, it would be amazing to bring the dogs in, do a beach walk, pop into town for a coffee, watch some sports, head home.	General		More access		beaches		less restrictive
DPB-299	All dogs on lead at all times in public. Not breed specific. All dogs	General		Less access	general			
DPB-300	It would be great to extend on the sports field rule to include all council parks & reserves (& outside of the marked lines on sports fields I.e all of Kensington Park)	Park/Reserve		Prohibited	general			
DPB-300	Duplicated row	Sports Parks		Prohibited				
DPB-301	Very few off leash spaces, small and few dedicated dog parks (2 to my knowledge both on the loop track), No lighting in the loop dog park making use after 5pm in winter months a security risk for users.	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-302	duplicated row		Parihaka Reserve &	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-302	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-302	More relaxed access for dogs on leads e.g Parihaka tracks. Consider putting in place fines for off-leash dogs but open up spaces including Whangarei CBD, beaches and parks. Providing on lead and faeces collected. Dogs and people need to be better socialised to each other.	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-303	I don't agree dogs should be in cafes at the quey. They can be quite strong knocking down elderly folk. Children and some adults are frightened if any dog. They have two dog parksgo there.		Town Basin	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-306	I would like more access to beaches	Beaches		More access		beaches		
DPB-307	Dogs should be allowed on beaches off-leash to work off excess energy - particularly during winter.	Beaches		More access		beaches		
DPB-309	Ownership of dogs and cats prohibited in Whangarei Heads		Whangarei	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-310	Dogs should be allowed in the CBD if they are on a leash beaches should be off leash if owners carry a leash and pick up after their dogs		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-310	Duplicated row	Beaches		off-leash		beaches		
DPB-313	Dogs should be allowed in town and beaches and local parks if kiwi are present on a leash if not no leash	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-313	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-314	Dogs should be allowed on beaches on leash all hours and off leash after hours	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-322	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-322	I would like to see dogs being able to access the city Centre and beaches as long as they are on a lead.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		less restrictive

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DPB-326	The rules need to be set by facts and also be realistic. On the tutukaka coast there is no where to walk dogs in the summer during the day. I am sure you would get far better compliance if you allowed one beach to be allowed as a dog walking beach, off leash. The best option would be Wellingtons. Wellingtons is large and mainly popular with locals. There arent nesting birds. The closures are often justified by 'nesting birds' but dogs are allowed in the evenings?? Just completely close nesting beaches during nesting periods BUT allocate one alternative. Then enforce it. Closing everything half arsed is a waste of time.	Beaches	Tutukaka Coast	More summer access				less restrictive - location specific
DPB-328	I feel dogs should be allowed on all tracks if restrained on a leash.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-330	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-330	I find Whangarei to be a generally unfriendly place for dogs. Of the many many many walks and hikes around Whangarei there are very few that your dog can accompany you on. Dog's can't be in the CBD, no dogs at Kensington Park etc etc. "Good" owners are being punished for the stupidity and irresponsibility of "bad" dog owners. In my experience it isn't dogs that are driving dangerously on the beach, littering, leaving broken glass bottles littering our beaches and streets.	General		More access		tracks and beaches		
DPB-331	If dog well controlled, trained they should be able to be actively walked on leash (someplaces off leash) nearly anywhere as long as not going to an area that be damaged if dogs enter such as kiwi/bird reserves etc.	General		More access		general		
DPB-332	Dogs play such a huge part in so many peoples lives that I would appreciate consideration on the following: Dogs permitted ON LEADS on certain walks. North of ocean beach to Kauri mountain, but NO access during Dotterel nesting times. The walk to Motukiore island. I have walked my dog and ridden my horse to the island for 40 years. I helped reinstate this walk with signs and helped clear the path vegetation. There is no fauna a dog could kill on this walk apart from years ago when one of my dogs helped keep the rabbit population down ! The large majority of people and dogs who cause the problems do not register or chip their dogs. Please do not spoil dog owning for the vast majority of people who will comply.	Beach	Kauri Mountain Beach	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-334	Duplicated row	Beach	Mangaiti and Moureeses	On-leash	see area 2			
DPB-334	Duplicated row	Beach	Mangaiti Island	Prohibited	see area 2			
DPB-334	I propose these restrictions at specific locations on the Whananaki coast. 1. Location: Rockell Bay to Pareparea Bay (inclusive). Dotterel nesting is regularly present in these area, requiring high level protection. Propose: Dogs on a lead at all times. No dog access in Dotterel nesting season. 2. Location: Brookers Bay / Mangaiti and Moureeses Bay. Propose: On lead only from 9am to 5pm, Labour Weekend to Easter 3. Mangaiti Island. This island is located 500m off Brookers Bay / Mangaiti and has recently been made possum and rodent free by volunteers. Ground nesting Shearwater Titi have rediscovered the island and are now beginning to nest, as are Little Blue penguin Kororā. Propose: Dogs prohibited at all times.	Beach	Rockells Bay to Pareparea	On-leash	see area 2			
DPB-336	More dog access on beaches and public places.	General		More access		beaches		
DPB-337	Dogs on leash on bland bay beach	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-338	I am happy with the current dog access rules.	General		Status quo				
DPB-343	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-343	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-343	Please don't ban dogs from even more areas than what it is right now. It's frustrating being a dog owner and being so limited. It would be great to take my dog to more places than what is allowed now. A dog friendly CBD, more walks and parks where dogs can come along (on lead at least, even better off lead) . Dog access on only 2beaches at all times during summer is actually quite sad. A few more beaches where dogs are allowed throughout the year would be great.	General		More access		tracks and beaches	general	less restrictive
DPB-347	The Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers' Assn canvassed our local community and discussed this at our recent meeting. We agreed that the current bylaws are appropriate and are consistent with other councils. They don't need changing provided they are adequately enforced.	General		Status quo				
DPB-348	The challenge in WDC is off lead dogs away from important bird life. For this reason more extensive fenced facilities are required.	Dog parks		improved dog parks				
DPB-349	Dogs allowed on all beaches in summer on leads . Dogs access in cbd on leads. Dog poo bags in hatea loop walk provided by council. Dogs allowed on busses.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		less restrictive
DPB-349	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-349	Duplicated row	Buses - NRC		More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-351	Dogs should not have access around children's playgrounds. Especially not to be allowed on the playground, regardless of the size of the dog.	Playgrounds		Prohibited				
DPB-353	I believe habitats which are home to rare native shore birds and wild birds should exclude dogs at all times of year.	Beaches		Less access	on beaches			
DPB-355	The Four Islets off the Whananaki coast line / Mangaiti Bay is an important breeding ground of the Grey Faced Petrel and Blue Penguin. In particular the main island of the Four Islets (Mangaiti Island) has many burrows present and nesting taking place, following an extensive pest eradication program by Whananaki Landcare. It is the wish of Whananaki Landcare that all dogs be prohibited from landing on the island.	Beach	Mangaiti Island	Prohibited				

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DPB-356	At Langs Beach dogs are banned only between 9am and 5pm from 20 December to 31 January but this has invariably meant dogs are there offleash up to 10am and from 4pm onwards. Off leash dogs are to be found on the beach all day - owners get very angry with you if you mention the bylaw. Dogs should be banned all day during the holiday period as Langs is a family beach with small children and older people enjoying it. The number of dogs has increased hugely and people seem to often have more than one dog! Are there any figures to support the increased of number of dogs, although most dogs are probably owned by visitors. Langs is home to rare dotterels, white fronted terns and oyster catchers: more protection is required. Dogs should be banned during the dotterels breeding season which is late August to March. I think Langs is the only beach on that east coast that doesn't have a conservation area. There needs to signage about the dog policy - the current sign on the toilets during the holiday period is invisible to most people. There are offleash options elsewhere for dogs.	Beach	Langs Beach	Less summer access	see area 2			more restrictive
DPB-358	1/ Legalize the access of dogs into CBD. This serves a dual purpose a/ for inner city residents, and b/ for CBD business's who wish to bring their dogs to work. The bylaw can be managed by restricting access to the CBD by certain breeds ie large or menacing, and maintaining digs on leads at all time. As a dog owner who currently takes my dogs to work each day, the public feedback to them is overwhelmingly positive, especially children. The dogs are Pugs, meaning they are a great attraction and add a feel-good factor. My rationale for dogs on-leash in CBD is twofold, firstly, that if WDC wants to encourage inner city living, it needs to be animal friendly, as animals are a key component in many people's dwellings. Secondly, well behaved and controlled dogs provide great mental wellbeing in workplaces, as well as delight for passersby. Accepting that not all breeds are conducive to feeling safe, a sensible outcome is to restrict access to generally accepted safer breeds only, and a requirement for the dog/s to be fully restrained at all times ie no off-leash. I am in support of retaining the current rules ie Dogs are banned from nearly all beaches during the summer peak time, between 9:00am and 5:00pm from 20 December to 31 January.		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-358	Duplicated row	Beaches		Status quo				
DPB-359	We need dog access to a wider range of areas particularly coastal areas. This should be accompanied by more education on dog control - dogs on leads and appreciation of coastal bird colonies.	Beaches		On-leash		beaches		less restrictive
DPB-360	Greetings, We are new property owners on the Whangarei Heads and our dog is a vital member of our family. We have had this dog since 8 weeks old (she is now 7 years) and she is obedient and well trained and works in Kindergartens helping children get over their fear of dogs and as a play companion. We trained our dog to be obedient and respectful so she is versatile & welcome wherever she goes. She heels when asked, has completed the Kiwi Avoidance training twice and she understands the command 'no birds' when we are on the beach. We are enthusiastic walkers and our dog is always with us, We really struggle with how few options dog owners have to exercise their dogs off-leash. We really appreciate how much work has gone into the restoration of Kiwi in this part of NZ. However because dogs are not welcome in most places here we would like to see some substantial change in this area. The dog park at the start of the Heads road is way too small and dirty (people seldom pick-up their dog feces). We would like to see efforts made towards a large dog park and we would propose a piece of fenced-off public land - ideally 5-10 acres with bush, possible water access and trails dedicated to off leash dogs and their masters to counter balance all these frustrating restrictions. How about the Council dedicating a bushy hillside that is not much value to others? The trails would soon form. Please see an example: https://www.yelp.com/biz/mt-tabor-off-leash-dog-park-portland As the restrictions stand right now it simply invites rebellion in dog owners and a lack of willingness to follow the rules.		Whangarei Heads	More access		walking tracks		
DPB-363	For Matapouri Beach- to continue the existing rules and summer restrictions, with the addition of stand alone signage on the period and times for Dogs during the summer.	Beach	Matapouri Beach	Status quo				
DPB-364	There is a need for LARGE SIGNS re Dog Rules to be erected on our Whangarei District Council beaches. Bland Bay Whangaruru needs signs concreted into the ground made out of steel poles etc therefore less likely for signs to be destroyed and thrown away! Thank you	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	non access location specific issue				
DPB-365	Dog access to bland bay on leash though summer only 5.00pm tp 9.00am	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-369	I think dogs should not be allowed on Bland Bay Beach north of Whakaturia Ave over the dotterel breeding season. Dotterels have historically nested in this area since i first came here in 1958...although their numbers have been radically reduced due to predation ,humans interrupting their feeding habits and walking above the high tide mark ,interference by dogs, wild pigs, vehicles ,quad and motor bikes and natural weather events. This would still allow three quarters of the beach for dog exercising on a leash and possibly an area for off leash activity possibly around the camp ground which has riparian rights and has a dog allowed policy. If there can,t be some compromise then continue with the ban as it exists and do some enforcing. Regards Roy and Dianne Hughes .	Beach	Bland Bay Beach (north of Whakaturia Ave)	Prohibited				
DPB-371	I would like that dogs can still go on the beach apart from the required 5 weeks over Xmas.	Beaches		Status quo				

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DPB-372	I fully agree with the existing NO dog policy on the beach from Tip Rd Uretiti to Waipu Cove including the Waipu estuary and Waipu cemetery at all times. This rule is currently flouted and is not enforced. There is no point in having such rules if no one takes responsibility to enforce the rules and the penalties need to be sufficient to provide a deterrent. Consider increasing the penalties to make a meaningful full difference and for repeat offenders to have their dog confiscated. We regularly walk along this section of the beach and it would be unusual for us to not encounter dogs with the majority off-leash. On many occasions we have been rushed by dogs with the owner belatedly calling them off or having to come and retrieve them from where we are, sometimes at a distance because they have been allowed to roam. This takes the pleasure from such walks and causes fear and distress which reduces the amenity of the beach for us, families and others trying to enjoy the beach. We have observed dogs freely roaming sensitive dunes and particularly disturbing are dogs deliberately taken into the Waipu wildlife reserve and allowed to disturb the breeding birds, chase adult birds and newly hatched chicks. The free access of vehicles from Tip Road makes bringing dogs too easy. In contrast, on the northern side of the river mouth where no vehicles can access, dogs are almost never seen. Often dogs are "exercised" by the owner driving their vehicle from Tip Road along the beach at speed with one or two dogs running along behind. The driver in this instance has no control of their dogs. Better signage at the entrance to the beach and regular signage along the beach would remind vehicle drivers of their responsibilities along with clear information of resulting penalties for breaking the rule to be displayed. These signs need to be robust and vandal-proof as other similar signs are often removed or burnt. Regular patrols need to occur all year round not just in the warmer months.	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip Road	Prohibited				
DPB-373	Keen to see: - more management of dog access rules. These could be supported by good consistent signage and a dog 'dobbing in' Facebook page which is monitored by Council. - more no-go zones for dogs especially during bird breeding season on beaches or other breeding areas or where wildlife, such as seals rest.	General		Less access	general			
DPB-375	For the increased population of Whangarei it would be great to have more off-leash dog access areas the dog park at Pohe is great so maybe some more like this in other suburbs	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-376	PLEASE can we have more places to take dogs. On lead and off-leash. As a family we often want to go on walks and then discover we can't take the dog, who is a member of our family, so we lose all enthusiasm and just don't go. Part of the reason we got a dog was to encourage us to get out and about more as a whanau and enjoy being active, but it's such a bummer when there are so few options for walking with him. I know there are a lot of kiwi zones but it is just ridiculous, why can't we open up more tracks for on-leash walking, maybe even some the dog can only go on if they do aversion training - we would happily pay for that if it meant we could take our dog walking with us. More dog-friendly cafes would be awesome, too.	General		More access		walking tracks	general	
DPB-377	There are some beaches designated as 'no dogs at all at any time'. But if a dog is on the beach on a leash, what's the problem? So I'd like my local beach - Kauri Mountain Beach - to allow dogs on a leash. I can find no information on the WDC website as to why a dog is a problem if it's on a leash.	Beach	Kauri Mountain beach	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-379	A number of access rules intended to protect bird life target and exclude recreational walkers with dogs on-leash when in fact it is unregistered ranging dogs that are the threat to bird life. Reconsider allowing dogs on-leash on walking tracks (in conjunction with DOC) so that responsible dog owners can exercise their dogs and themselves in a wider range of areas.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-380	I feel that there are very few places where you can take your dog especially if you want to do a long bush walk. I know a lot of bush has Kiwi in it but if a dog is on a lead there is very little risk. Also an example of a place that should be dog-friendly is the Whau Valley dam, the bank is very steep and has very few to no humans on it so why not let dog owners throw a ball down the hill.	General		More access		walking tracks		
DPB-380	Duplicated row		Whau valley Dam	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-383	There needs to be more places that allow dogs, more people than not have a dog and it's very restricting as to where you can take your dog especially in summer	General		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-384	More emphasis on a dog-friendly policy instead of a dog control policy where by default all dogs/owners are considered bad. More areas to exercise dogs off-leash in open spaces, like the Pohe Island area but larger and separate areas for different dog types, i.e. nervous dogs, boisterous dogs etc. Like Barge Park but fenced and without the livestock. It seems like owners who are responsible and have their dogs under control have their needs ignored due to managing the smaller percentage of problem owners and their dogs.	General		More access		general	general	
DPB-394	Ridiculous to forbid dogs downtown		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-395	Dogs should be allowed to walk in the CBD if under control. Clean up after yourself		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-396	Currently great. But another off-leash area in town would be great. Either Kamo or Raumanga area. (Possibly Jubilee park)	General		more off-leash access			general	
DPB-398	There should be access to more beaches up until 10am during the summer for dogs.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
DPB-399	Duplicated row		Raumanga Valley Reserve	Status quo				
DPB-399	Duplicated row		City Centre	On-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-399	More off-leash bush areas, please don't take away Raumanga Reserve for dogs, also dog ban downtown is ridiculous	Park/Reserve		More access		walking tracks	general	
DPB-403	We need more dog-friendly walking areas in safe zones of Whangarei	General		More access		general		
DPB-414	It would be brilliant to have further areas where dogs are allowed to be off-leash. Significant areas are not considered when looking at the summer dog rules, for example, Whangarei Heads has no areas that are excluded from the summer restrictions. It may be that Kauri Mountain Beach is suitable for off-leash dogs on the beach at all hours as patronage is much lower than nearby beaches (Pātāua, Ocean Beach and other Whangarei Heads beaches)	General		More access		beaches	beaches	

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DPB-414	Duplicated row	Beach	Kauri Mountain	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
DPB-415	Responsible dog owners are not given enough credit. There should be many more placed that controlled dogs can be exercised. This would in course lead to dogs being better exercised, more comfortable around other dogs, people and distractions. Currently good owners are made to feel like second rate citizens.	Beach	Kauri Mountain beach	More access		see Area 1 and/or 2	beaches	
Dropin-01	<i>Tamaterau Beach - enforce summer prohibition, grandchildren have been scared by dogs in water. Problem with issues of visitors staying at Blue Heron Motorcamp and not knowing or ignoring dog rules. Perhaps freedom camping ambassadors could also educate people and hand out flyers about the dog rules. 9-5 restriction is ok but could possible go a bit longer. Needs more signs there so people are not confused</i>	Beach	Tamaterau Beach	status quo				more restrictive
Dropin-02	<i>all year dog beach not useful due to horse and vehicle conflicts, wants year round off leash beach in one tree point vicinity, also concerned with sheep at Barge Park</i>		ruakaka dog beach	other			location specific see	
Dropin-02	<i>duplicated row</i>		Barge	other				
Dropin-04	<i>wants to see dogs on a leash under control at all times on roads and footpaths, is scared of dogs</i>	General		on-leash	general			
Dropin-06	<i>Wants to see the dog off leash/on leash rules retained at Tiki Sportsfield, Mair Park and Lake Waro.</i>	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	status quo				status quo
Dropin-06	<i>Duplicated row</i>	Beach	Woolleys Bay	status quo				
Dropin-06	<i>Duplicated row</i>	Park/Reserve	Mair Park	status quo				
Dropin-06	<i>Duplicated row</i>	Park/Reserve	Lake Waro	status quo				
Dropin-07	<i>Wants to keep the dog off leash rule at Waipu Cove beach - is ok with summer time and season rule</i>	Beach	Waipu Cove	status quo				
Dropin-08	<i>Waikaraka Beach - wants it off-leash all year including grass area adjacent to beach</i>	Beach	Waikaraka Beach and	off-leash			location specific see	
Email- 02	<i>Multiple negative experiences with dogs on beaches over summer period. Please keep summer beach rules as strict as possible to protect the young and vulnerable</i>	Beaches		less summer access	on beaches			more restrictive
Email- 03	<i>I would like to propose that the Waipu Cove beach be separated into two areas, during the dog ban months from 20th December - 31st January. Area 1 - From the boat ramp running north for approx 300 metres for people use. Area 2 - Dogs with people, from the 300 metre mark heading north for at least 400 metres. This will encroach into the Wildlife refuge reserve slightly. I do not think that this will have an impact as there are very few birds at the southern end of the designated wildlife reserve. Spring nesting has finished and the fledglings have flown by then. This area should be accessed from the Northern end of the Domain Reserve and off leash once on the beach.</i>	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	less restrictive
Email- 06	<i>Whangarei is well served with the dog park etc. Areas where dogs can be walked on a leash.</i>	General		status quo				
Email- 07	<i>I daily walk by dog Waipu Cove beach off the lead only on quiet times and only during allowed hours. There is a stretch of beach past the current dog sign that does not affect the Fairy Terns. It would be much better if we could walk our dogs there away from the beach where most people go. To prevent dogs affecting children playing.</i>	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	more access		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 08	<i>SOS: Opposed to prohibition on dogs in CBD. Opposed to prohibitions in most bush or park areas. Please provide large fenced areas and bush areas for off-leash dogs.</i>		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 08	<i>Duplicated row</i>	General		more access		walking tracks	general	
Email- 10	<i>I would dearly love to have more places we can take our pooches on and off lead please. For example more beaches and parks in and around Whangarei. Eg - Up Parahaka from Mair park on a lead only. The dog park at present at pohe island is very small, it needs to be at least 3 times the size with a covered over seated area for the owners please. I'm comparing it to the many dog parks in Christchurch city. Christchurch is such an amazing dog friendly place and the dogs (and owners) get to use up their extra energy so they aren't bored or causing problems. Anyways so looking forward to the many more dog friendly spaces your going to make us.</i>	General		more access		tracks and beaches	general	
Email- 10	<i>duplicated row</i>		Parihaka	on-leash				
Email- 12	<i>I would like to suggest the following changes to the dog bye law: Kensington Sports Park: whenever I drive past the Kensington Sports Park it is empty. It is a huge area and it is a shame for it to be so under utilized. Could you please look at allowing dogs to be walked on there: Off leash when there aren't any games being played. On leash when there are games being played. It would need signs up to remind people of the dog walking rules. I believe it could work well for Whangarei.</i>	Sports Parks	Kensington Sports Park	other		see Area 1 and/or 2	location specific see Area 1/2	
Email- 14	<i>I have noticed over the years that more and more areas have become closed to dogs or have more restrictions re. dog walking. It does not seem fair and is not in line with many other countries I have been to and lived in. I think many more walks in the area (including Whangarei Heads) should be "dogs on leashes" instead of closed to dogs. I do understand the Kiwi problem, but this divisive issue can be solved if dogs are on a lead. There are no restrictions on cats so it seems unfair that only dog owners are targeted. The Hatea Loop is a good example of a walk that is open to people with and without dogs. It works perfectly - dogs are on leashes and generally well behaved. Dogs that are NOT well behaved run around in the dog park which has become very popular.</i>		Whangarei Heads	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 15	<i>How about making an off leash dog play area close to the water on the basin? My dog swims most of the loop when we walk it I would love to have an area maybe at the point close to the swing bridge where he can be free,free to do what he wants to do, he wants to have a good time he wants to be loaded. (Just a quote) he doesn't really get loaded.</i>		Swing Bridge end of Hatea Loop (Pohe)	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Email- 16	<i>SOS: Dogs should be on-leash in most public places including beaches. Off-leash in dog parks only.</i>	Beaches		on-leash	on beaches			
Email- 17	<i>Please keep them off beaches as is now. Too many children and general population need to be safe from dogs that want to jump on them or that poo and the owner doesn't pick up.</i>	Beaches		status quo				
Email- 18	<i>I want to be able to walk my dog to town especially council building and Library & leave him safely tied up. I would appreciate a place to tie him up while I briefly go into the buildings. I pay \$108.00 PA to register this dog and would like to see an initiative as they have in England to incorporate pets into life</i>		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 21	<i>SOS: WDC is not dog friendly and should provide better/bigger dog parks. Wants more off-leash beach access. Ruakaka off-leash has conflict with vehicles. No toilets and rubbish bins provided there.</i>	Off-leash beaches	Ruakaka dog beach	Other		see Area 1 and/or 2	beaches	

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Email- 26	I am very happy with existing rules at langs beach . It is a joy to see the dogs being able to run free most of the time and I think it is appropriate to limit lead free time from Christmas to end of January . Perhaps more signage re the protection of dotterils would be helpful . There is a green area of council land at the top end of langs beach with wonderful views over the bay ... this could one a great off lead area encouraging dog owners to use when there are restrictions on the beach	Beach	Langs Beach	Status quo				
Email- 27	Currently Northland is one of the most limited areas in New Zealand for dog access. There is one central dog park which is not useful or convenient if you don't live central. There are zero Doc tracks in the Whangarei area where dogs are allowed. There are only 2 off leash beaches and both are south of Whangarei. Currently if you don't live in Whangarei central, or south of Whangarei, dog friendly walking and exercise areas are minimal. I would like to see many more area's opened up to dogs on leash: - AH Reed Memorial Park (Why is this walk dog prohibited but Abbey caves is not?) - Coronation Scenic Reserve - Tutukaka walkways - Whananaki Coastal Walkway Dog owners are being discriminated against, especially in summer when dogs are not allowed on any beach. Dog owners would love to be able to take their dogs on walks and picnics during this time.	General		more access		tracks and beaches	beaches	
Email- 27	duplicated row	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 27	duplicated row	Beach	Tutukaka Coast	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 27	duplicated row	Park/Reserve	Whananaki Coastal	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 32	I have concerns about the implementation of tighter dog restrictions here in Whangarei without the provision of more designated dog walking/exercise areas. I propose that if you are tightening up on dog laws you must also provide some decent dog parks (maybe take a visit to Christchurch....they have the most amazing dog designated areas where dogs and their owners feel safe and the dogs have the freedom to run free and interact with each other) Sadley the one dog park we have in Whangarei is very small and has been dominated by a couple of uncontrolled dogs making it not a safe area for all to use. I also propose more walking tracks that dogs on leads are allowed to go as that too is extremely controlled here in Whangarei.	General		more access		walking tracks		
Email- 34	I wanted to say how much I enjoy walking my dog around the loop (on a lead, registered) at the moment and hope this continues on (could we please add this to submissions). More information on where I can walk the dog would also be appreciated.	Walkway/shared path	Hatea Loop	status quo				
Email- 36	As a responsible dog owner I find it disappointing that there are no walks available in the central city where my dog may be under my control but off the lead. She is a well behaved dog, and the walk is more enjoyable for both of us if she is off the lead and able to smell the smells, trot at her own pace and greet other dogs without restraint. She is obedient and comes when called, sits, stays and behaves in a socially acceptable manner. I pick up her waste and otherwise ensure she does not impinge on the rights of any other person. Up to one year of age, the vet advice is for puppies to be off the lead and walk at their own pace. This helps avoid issues around the joints at an older age. Where in Whangarei can you follow that advice while ensuring good socialisation of your puppy? If the bylaw changed to "dogs must be under your control at all times in this area" rather than on the lead, it offers us an option.	General		off-leash		tracks and beaches	general	
Email- 37	Very shortly we are going to find ourselves in the same situation we always do in the Summer break. That being that in the hottest time of the year there is no beach to take our dogs to unless we want to drive to Ruakaka beach (50 mins one way) or Uretiti (also 50 mins one way). So between 20th December and 31st January when we have time off work this turns into a two hour return drive as we live in Whakapara. Can you please look into this and investigate options for a beach North of Whangarei that we can take our dogs to cool down. Northland has a lot and we are only asking to go to one.	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
Email- 38	I have 2 dogs and would love more walks/hikes in the bush where you can exercise yourself and take the dogs prefer them to be on leashes as there are a lot of non-responsible dog owners.	General		on-leash		walking tracks		
Email- 40	SOS: Submitter wishes to have lower area of Barge Park changed to on-leash to support Kiwi conservation efforts. This will support the adjacent Whangarei Museum and Heritage Trust t/a Kiwi North and Pukenui dog restrictions.		Barge Showgrounds	other	see area 2			
Email- 41	SOS: That all current dog exercise / access areas are retained and consideration is given to increasing opportunities for dog exercise.I do agree there are places where access needs to be limited (conservation areas, kiwi zones) I think these should be the exception rather than the rule.	General		more access		tracks and beaches	general	
Email- 43	Dogs should be allowed on beaches any where any time.	Beaches		more access		beaches		
Email- 44	We are very lucky to live in Pataua North. However, we have found that over the years as the beach has grown in population, that the dogs are becoming a real issue. There are Terns nesting in our dunes and we also have Kiwi released in the area. Just about every section has at least one dog now and when walking them, there are very few on leashes. In fact there are many that roam the neighborhood unattended. It seems every person who comes to Pataua North beach for fishing, surfing, swimming brings their dogs to roam on the beach also. It has almost got to the stage where "you need to fence your property to stop the dogs coming on to it" instead of dog owners having to fence their properties. We don't mind people having pets, but they need to have them fenced on their own property and on a leash when walking them on the road or beach. I assume this is an anonymous process.	Beach	Pataua North Beach	on-leash	see area 2			
Email- 45	Tikipunga sports park to stay how it is, works well for dog walkers and 90 % of people keeping dogs on leads anyway But nice to be able to throw a ball as well. Would like more dogs allowed on beaches even if they have to be on a leash it's really sad in summer having to leave your dog locked up at home	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	status quo				less restrictive
Email- 45	Duplicated row	Beaches		More summer access				less restrictive
Email- 47	SOS: No dog access in Pukenui Forest due to Kiwi presence		Pukenui Forest/Wester	status quo				

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Email- 49	SOS: Member of Mairtown Tennis Club. Wants dogs on leash on Nixon Park due to balls being retrieved by club members including children and at risk from aggressive off-leash dogs. From PIN submission: This park backs onto the Mairtown Tennis Club. Young children/ adults while playing/been coached or using the volley board, have to fetch balls from the park. (Dogs like Tennis balls too) I'm very concerned that there will be a serious incident.(dog v child/adult) while the tennis players enter the park to retrieve balls. I would like to see any dogs in the park on leashes. Thank you.		Nixon Street Park	on-leash	see area 2			
Email- 50	SOS: Is seeking more clarity on rules relating to wetlands - wants WDC owned or managed wetlands where dogs are prohibited specified to avoid confusion with DOC controlled wetlands.	Wetlands		other				
Email- 51	SOS: Assn wishes to be able to continue to have annual dog event at Otaika Sports Park. Wants more flexibility for off-leash access outside of sports seasons and to be supported by sandwich board signs. Suggests that an area of council owned property in the vicinity of the park could be an off-leash area.	Sports Parks	Otaika Sports Park	other		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 52	SOS: Increase # of dog parks, provide a separate park for smaller dogs and increase the size of the current dog park. Dogs on leash at all times in public spaces. Remove prohibition on dogs in CBD but do not allow dogs to be tied up outside shops. More signs required.		City Centre	on-leash	see area 2			
Email- 53	Wants dogs on-leash on Bland Bay Beach and Tuparehuia Beach.	beach	Bland Bay Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 55	SOS:More on and off leash access. Change summer time and season rules to 10-5. Remove CBD prohibition (suggests fines for off-leash or not picking up faeces)	General		more access		walking tracks	general	less restrictive
Email- 55	Duplicated row	Beaches		more access		beaches		less restrictive
Email- 55	duplicated row		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Email- 56	SOS: More off-leash, large, fenced areas. Council to provide separate areas for small and large dogs. Bream Bay has no fenced areas for dogs to exercise off leash. Issues with Uretiti off-leash due to clashes with cars and horses. Wants Summer time and season rule changed to 10am to 4pm. Need better signs and clarity on dog access rules at Waipu cove. Rules at Waipu Cove confusing, wants better signage. Wants dogs to be allowed on-leash on beach in Waipu Wildlife refuge from Waipu Cove to Waipu River mouth and Fairy Tern nests to be signposted so they can be avoided. Suggests DOC permits could be provided to good dog owners. From PIN submission: Summer hours too prohibitive for the amount of rate paying, local dog owners who pay approx \$100 dog license fee per dog. I propose 10am till 4pm be the restricted time. Don't extend the period. Also dogs on leash should be able to be walked at the low tide mark to the river and back. A decent dog walk. When the bids have finished nesting and rearing their chick's. Eg March till October.	General		more access		tracks and beaches	general	less restrictive
Email- 56	Duplicated row	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	more access		see Area 1 and/or 2		less restrictive
Email- 56	Duplicated row	beaches		more access		beaches		less restrictive
Email- 57	SOS: BYK supports: the WDC prohibition of dogs from WDC bush reserves and wetland areas. the current WDC designated "off lead exercise" areas. the current prohibition of dogs from the designated beach areas at the Whangarei Heads and allowing of appropriately controlled dogs on the other beaches (outside the holiday time constraints). All areas not designated as off-leash or prohibited should be on-leash. NOTES from map at stakeholder session: Pah Road good on-leash, Reotahi all prohibited, John Craig at Pataua? Ocean Beach keep prohibition. All inland WDC reserves in heads area prohibited.		Whangarei Heads/Parua Bay	Other	see area 2			
Email- 53	Duplicated row	beach	Tuparehuia Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Other - 01	Dogs not allowed on most beaches, parks, bushwalks and CBD, why not ?	General		more access		tracks and beaches		
Other - 03	SOS: Lives at Lake Waro. Off-leash dogs have attacked his stock and poultry. Needs more signage or dogs should be required to be on leash adjacent to farmland. Also concerned about dog poo on walkway; children walk it with bare feet. Shot two dogs which attacked his stock in 2018. Dogs have also harassed sheep on DOC's side of the fence. Needs signage there too.		Lake Waro	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-1	I'd like this area to stay off leash. This is a popular dog walking area and one of the very few places in Central city to walk dogs in nature not on a leash.	Park/Reserve	Mair Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-2	This would be a great area, close to the city, to exercise dogs off-leash.	Park/Reserve	Parihaka Reserve &	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-3	This would be a great location, close to the city, to exercise dogs off-leash.	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-4	Dogs should be allowed in public buildings on leash.	Council Buildings	NA	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-5	Dogs should be allowed in the CBD on leash		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-6	This is a great off leash area and will service the growing population in Tikipunga.	Park/Reserve	Totara Parklands	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-7	This would be better as an off leash area.	Park/Reserve	AH Reed Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-8	This would be a good off-leash area.	Park/Reserve	AH Reed Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-9	All Dogs off leash can't be controlled to not cross the lines for sportsfields, and I don't like my kids playing sport in dog waste.	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	on-leash	see area 2			

Dog Access Rules - Engagement Feedback Jun/Jul 2023

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Pin-10	The Coronation track and the area behind the quarry art space would be an incredible space to walk dogs. It would also make me feel safer hiking in that areas if I was able to have my dog with me.	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-11	All playgrounds, which are surrounded by dogs off leash areas, should be fenced to stop dogs playing and fouling in the playground.	Playgrounds		other				
Pin-12	Theres a lovely walkway that goes from kiripaka rd to vinegar hill, its great for walking dogs off leash. There arent a lot of places to walk dogs off leash in tikipunga (falls is on-leash) Its nice here because my dog likes to swim in the river	Walkway/shared path	Tikipunga Sports Park/Vinegar	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-13	This place says 'dogs off leash' which is nice but its reasonably inaccessible - put a path in and access from Amy Kate st please.	Park/Reserve	William Jones Reserve	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-14	Its a big grassy field, great for throwing ball for my dog	Park/Reserve	Korau Road Reserve	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-15	The campground allows dogs and they need to be able to be walked and have a swim. There is no wildlife in the immediate area and all campers like having the dogs around provided they are under control	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-16	I think dogs on leash should be allowed in CBD.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-17	This area is great to walk your dog, especially in the summer as you are in the shade most of the time, and there are access points to the river for dogs to swim.	Park/Reserve	Parihaka Reserve &	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-18	Dogs and owners need somewhere to run their dogs off leash. If the rules are on leash everywhere this is very unfair. Not every place can be for wildlife. Pets are part of life, not just protecting wildlife. Be fair. The stipulation is that dogs are not aggressive and under the owners control	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-21	This area is heavily used by dog walkers at low tide - mostly off leash. The area is only accessible at low tide and is can only be accessed by walking some distance - it is therefore not used by bathers etc. The steep bush behind the walk also means that dogs can't run up onto other properties, the steep nature of the bush provides a natural barrier to keep dogs only the beach only.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-22	1. There are no nesting birds. 2. It is a tidal area (so only has good access half the day) and is a good place for dogs to swim. 3. Many people walk their dogs with friends. Their dogs want to play with each other but can't when on leashes. 4. No one swims or picnics there. 5. Having this area off leash will relieve pressure on other areas. 6. Ngunguru locals with dogs can access the area by walking to it, not needing to drive to an off leash area.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-23	This is a great beach for exercising dogs, it wis wide open with great visibility and is usually very quiet.	Beach	Woolleys Bay	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-24	Please keep this as an off-leash area for dogs. It is a great open space for them to run and catch balls while being away from cars and other hazards.	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-25	Great exercise area for dogs off leash, its rocky so no nesting birds on the sand	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-26	It would be great to see dogs allowed "on leash" on the summit tracks	Park/Reserve	Parihaka Reserve &	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-27	It would be great to keep this as an off leash area. However, it would also be great to see the western boundary sufficiently fenced to prevent the large dogs living on the adjoining properties from roaming onto the park. It doesn't feel safe to walk there or use the walking track to West End / Te Mai Road	Park/Reserve	Tarewa Park	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-28	It would be awesome to have more on leash tracks to walk our dogs on and this location is well situated near an urban area. There are currently very few tracks that are local to town where dogs are allowed.	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-29	It would be awesome to have more on leash tracks to walk our dogs on and this location is well situated near an urban area. With one track in this area already "on leash allowed" it would make sense for the remainder of the AH reed loop to also be. There are currently very few tracks that are local to town where dogs are allowed.	Park/Reserve	AH Reed Park	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-30	Please keep the perimeter of this park as an off leash area. It is understandable that dogs on or off leash should not be on the sports fields.	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-31	Dogs off leash should be permitted around the perimeter of this park with the sports fields being no dogs. Many people currently walk their dogs off leash here as there are no other locations to do so on this side of town. The Whangarei Dog Training club also hold their training here and it would be nice to be able to walk dogs off lead at the back of the park after training.	Sports Parks	Otaika Sports Park	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-32	Dogs should be allowed on leash in the CBD. It would be consistent with what is allowed a the town basin		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-33	Allow more space for people to walk their dogs instead of being confined to the small section currently allowed at Ocean Beach	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-34	Things in the CBD are not as they used to be. People don't visit the cafes etc in the CBD when they can take dogs down the town basin for a coffee. It's just another barrier to wandering through the CBD. Why not utilise the citysafe people who are already there, give them mandate to move on those who might wander through with dogs off the leash.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-35	I didn't know that the boardwalk in this area was off-limits to dogs. Maybe this boundary should be shifted, because plenty of dogs walk around the loop around those ponds which joins up to the boardwalked area that goes back to the carpark opposite SPCA. I had no idea it was only intended for them to be allowed around the ponds.	Walkway/shared path	Limeburners Creek Walkway	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-36	This is a good little off-leash zone and should stay that way. It's well supervised, has sunny areas as well as shaded areas, a good supply of sticks and a couple of rubbish bins. Easy access for lots of locals.	Park/Reserve	Mander Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-37	Maru Lane and the whole of the Totara Parklands Reserve should be a dogs on leash area. The surrounding streets are all dogs on leash areas. We often use the pathway through the reserve to walk from Maru Lane to Wairau Drive and up to the shops and have on several occasions been threatened by dogs, not on a leash and not under control of their owners. We also have seen people from outside the immediate locality drive up to the reserve and release their dogs into this area. The majority of people do keep their dogs on a leash, it is just a few that don't.	Park/Reserve	Totara Parklands	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-38	This Hikurangi green field space is supposed to be dogs on leash. Unfortunately there is no signage or information telling people at the George Street entrance and I think it's the same at the Park Street entrance. At the moment, people park up and let their dogs run loose and do not pick up the faeces / dog poo. There is a good clear sign by the Rugby Club and this needs to be repeated at the other entrances with the addition of rubbish bins, so people have somewhere to put rubbish and dog poo bags.	Sports Parks	Hikurangi Sports Park	status quo				

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Pin-39	I think that Waipu Cove needs to change to dogs on leash at all times. Dog owners are failing to show appropriate dog responsibility and this beach is a very popular destination for many members of the public and dogs roaming free on the beach has a negative impact on other users of the area. I would like to see dogs able to enjoy this space alongside other users but they need to be on leash. The by-law that states under command or on a leash is too hard to enforce. On a leash is simple and clear to dog owners.	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-40	Papaka Road Ngunguru		Papaka Road Ngunguru	non access location specific issue				
Pin-42	We have a short private track down to the beach from the house and other homes on the private road, which has been used by many families in the area with and without dogs. There has never been any issue. Similarly, the Ngunguru off leash beach area going from the end of the track to Whangaumu Beach is the only safe off leash beach for dogs as there is no road anywhere near the beach. This makes it a really safe space for dogs and humans alike - I would not support changing the rules for this beach as there are few places left that dogs can be both off leash and safe. A large number of local residents do have dogs and have lived peacefully in this area for a long time.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-43	Ngunguru bays walk should be off the lead perhaps once past the first bay in front of the school. Please keep it this way.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-44	Native reserve. Dogs often let off leash and rush other visitors to the area.	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	status quo				
Pin-45	Whangarei central is dying, people like myself only visit Whangarei central at weekends and avoid the CBD because we bring our dog, so we only visit cafes and businesses based in the basin. Allowing Dog's on leash in the CBD would help get people visiting, especially in the shared area. My wife and I have both noticed that dog friendly CBD's in other NZ towns are doing a lot better when they are dog friendly. The pedestrian area always has city safe staff around, so they could be empowered to ensure dogs are only allowed on leash.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-46	The Summer dog ban on all beaches really limits places to exercise dogs on the coast. It is understandable on busy beaches like Wellingtons, but how about making the quiet beaches between Ngunguru and the Wellingtons bay look out year round access as these are not popular with tourists and beach goers and no nesting birds as no dunes. The School dunes should remain dog free during nesting times	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-47	This area is dogs on leash, however, the farm has a sign up saying no dogs at all. It would be great to be able to take dogs here BUT on a leash at all times This is on the gate at the end of McAuslin Road	Walkway/shared path	Whananaki Coastal	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-48	There's not much for dogs to do in the CBD, but it's slow and unpleasant to bypass the prohibited area by foot. It would be good to see dogs allowed here on-leash, eg. Cameron Street, Rathbone Street, James Street, John Street etc. More likely to be used as a through-route rather than a destination anyway.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-49	There is no where in Whangarei where you can run your dog. It would be great to be able to run a dog up Parihaka	Park/Reserve	Parihaka Reserve &	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-50	It has a dog prohibited area all over estuary side and ocean side. Birds only nest on the point. The point at Whananaki is fast becoming a thing of the past as it is eroding away quick. Council is doing nothing to protect this area for bird nesting. The area they nest is gone with the high tides. Make the estuary side and ocean leads only. And prohibited the Whananaki south point above high tide line. Regards Darryl	Beach	Whananaki Estuary	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-51	Very busy beach with lots of young children and also nesting dotterel at times. Lots of visiting surfers brings dogs and allow them to roam offleash chasing birds etc while out surfing. These dogs should be leashed if not directly supervised.	Beach	Sandy Bay	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-52	Dogs on a leash with no history of violence should be allowed in the CBD. As a responsible dog owner I find it very restrictive that I need to get in the car to take our well behaved Frenchie to a specific place for a little walk. It goes without saying you clean after your pooch as you would your own child. Some people consider their pets a part of the family and treat them as such. The Whangarei area is by far the least dog friendly place I have ever lived. It would be nice to feel our dogs were welcome here too.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-54	Favourite beach, less crowded and so much space, esp for reactive dogs. I understand there is bird life they are protecting at Kauri Mountain, but why not on leash. We're so limited in places we can go these days, even more limited if you have a reactive dog	Beach	Kauri Mountain	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-55	Dogs off-leash	Beach	Pataua Estuary/North Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-56	Would be such a great vibe having dogs on leash outside cafes and restaurants in the city centre. We would eat in the city more if this was available.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-57	I think more people would access central Whangarei if they were allowed to take dogs on leashes		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-58	Many people already take dogs on the beach off leash regardless of the current prohibition. There are lots of endangered birds like Dotterels (I've counted 13 at once before), Weka, Oystercatchers, Kiwi in the immediate area so dogs should be kept on a leash at all times. Due to isolation there is no compliance monitoring of the prohibition, so it would be better to allow dogs on leash and hope that compliance improves as a result of better rules.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-59	Identify the existing 2nd dog exercise park at Pohe Island	Dog parks		improved dog parks				
Pin-60	Make the city centre an on-leash dog area. Many people walk dogs on Hatea Loop and visit the Town Basin without issues, and would like to also pop into the city centre and do a bit of shopping. It is a very unfriendly experience to walk into the city with a small dog and be stopped by security and told to leave. Makes visitors feel unwelcome and they will go to another town to spend their money - not good for business!		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		

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Pin-61	Dogs off-leash	Park/Reserve	Barge Showgrounds	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-63	The area between Te Maika rd and the trail to wellington's bay is a popular walk for local people with their dogs and one of the only places that people have in the area where dogs can exercise without being threatened by a road or threatening kiwi. The stretch of beach between the mini sandpit at Te Maika and the end of Red Rock Bay (nearly to Whangaumu) should be an off-leash area year round. In the summer, it is nearly impossible to find a location north of whangarei to exercise dogs, and this area, which is a tidal walk and not a swimming beach is ideally suited.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-64	Wooley's bay is a wonderful place to walk dogs, with swimmers infrequently there and it generally being a quiet, out of the way spot popular for conscientious dog owners. To have it as an off leash option would be to enhance the life of coastal dog owners, as there are currently no designated dog exercise areas on the coast.	Beach	Woolleys Bay	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-65	Taurikura beach is highly family oriented, has public toilets and regularly sees family groups with high numbers of children enjoying swimming and sunbathing and other social beach activities. In the past off leash dogs have been problematic, not only on the beach, but by accessing surrounding properties. We personally had 4 chickens attacked on our beachside property and killed by off leash dogs. Additionally, the fenced farm paddock opposite the beach has cattle which are at risk from unsecured dogs. The surrounding bush area on mt manaia has high numbers of kiwi in residence, which are often heard calling close to Taurikura street properties.	Beach	Taurikura Bay Beach	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-66	Allow families to walk their dogs in a safe place away from kiwi bird areas	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-67	It's great off leash experience for the dogs in the 15 years I have been at Langs I have never seen an issue	Beach	Langs Beach	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-68	shit all on the beach no one picks it up dogs out of control chasing small kid and in you private space take them back to the farm	Beach	Langs Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-69	Over Xmas and all public holidays, there are increasing vehicles and people/kids on the beach. Add dogs off the leash and the beach becomes quite congested and dogs react differently to other dogs. Can dogs be restricted before 7 am and after 7 pm on all holidays?	Beach	Langs Beach	on-leash	see area 2			more restrictive
Pin-70	This area is not a Doc zone but currently has a sign (maybe put up by a farm?) at the beginning of the track (Whananaki walkway) that says no dogs. This area has dogs living on it and to not allow any dogs, even on a leash, doesn't make much sense. It is a sparsely populated walkway, with livestock, and would be great to allow dogs on a leash, particularly as the track is the only way to access a number of beaches.	Walkway/shared path	Whananaki Coastal Walkway	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-71	One of the few places where we can walk our dog off leash without risk of him getting into traffic, going into people's yards or disturbing the kiwi areas.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-72	We have been enjoying Langs beach with our dogs for 20+ years. The current peak summer restrictions are fine (off beach from 9am - 5pm, mid December - end of January) otherwise off leash. We've never seen a problem, Dotterels are left alone, everyone enjoys the beach. Can we please preserve the status quo (stay the same).	Beach	Langs Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-73	Can we please keep the current off leash rules at Langs Beach. The restrictions over peak summer are fine, off leash otherwise.	Beach	Langs Beach	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-74	It would be great to develop some on-leash walking tracks in this area or linking up to the Coronation Reserve or Pukenui Forest. There are very few areas in summer to walk dogs where there is sufficient shade especially if they are not allowed on the beaches.	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-75	All the tracks along the coast should allow dog on lease, they are great exercise areas and under utilised by people. The Matapouri to Whale bay is a great example.	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-76	Whale bay is a great confined area for exercise. The tracks to it should be dog on lead and the beach itself dog off lead in the non peek summer months.	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-77	This area is used regularly for off leash walks as there are hardly ever other beach users.	Beach	Woolleys Bay	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-78	Native bird area, also dog owners don't control their dogs so people walking and running have to deal with rouge dogs. This rule should stay as it is.	Park/Reserve	Parihaka Reserve & tracks	status quo				
Pin-79	Native bird area, also dog owners don't control their dogs so people walking and running have to deal with rouge dogs. This rule should stay as it is.	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic Reserve	status quo				
Pin-80	Keep it the same, there is no need for dogs to be in town.		City Centre	status quo				
Pin-81	Allowing dogs in town will: - create more foot traffic for shops and cafes - provide additional options for spaces where people can walk their dogs, which might reduce the amount of people bringing dogs to bush areas where dogs are not always allowed - provide more oversight for people to keep their dogs on-leash (a lot of people keep them off-leash in the bush because nobody sees them and it can cause stress for a) other dogs not used to socialise and/or b) people who are afraid of dogs. - reduce the numbers of kilometres travelled, some people have to jump in their cars to take their dogs to spaces where they can walk them		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-82	Dogs are allowed off lead here which I love (and so does my dog) however your signage states no dogs allowed. It's very confusing and gets non dog owners who don't know better upset with us dog owners who are in fact doing what they're allowed to do!	Beach	Ocean Beach - main beach	non access location specific issue				
Pin-83	This little tucked-away grassy area gets used by local dogs already and it would be neat to formalise that in the rules.	Park/Reserve	Moody Ave Reserve	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-84	There is no problem with dogs off the leash at Langs Beach. Let's keep Langs Beach free for dogs to have a run around and a swim.	Beach	Langs Beach	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-85	Kauri mountain beach is the only long beach in the area where responsible dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. I'm aware that there are native birds nesting on the dunes, therefore an on leash bylaw would be much appreciated by dog owners and will keep our native birds safe	Beach	Kauri Mountain	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		

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Pin-86	We need a place to take dogs on bush walks	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-87	I would like the current access rule that allows dogs off leash at Waipu Cove to stay the same. My observation is that owners value and respect the opportunity to bring their dogs to the beach, other beach users are keen to stop and chat and the dogs are uniformly joyful in their appreciation!	Beach	Waipu Cove Beach	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-89	its a large, long beach that usually has very few people perfect for an off leash dog beach.	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-90	As this area is surrounded by DOC land, and Ocean Beach Rd is winding with no footpaths in both directions, I would like dogs to be able to walk on Urquharts Bay beach when tide permits. Cars ignore the 30 km/hr speed limit on Urquharts Bay Rd in their rush to get to the car park at the end. No footpaths and narrow areas means an uncomfortable time for pedestrians. When it is windy or wet it is difficult to hear vehicles coming from behind.	Beach	Urquharts Bay Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-91	A great place for dogs off the leash. Not a huge tourist spot and dog owners are considerate of other beach goers and other dogs + dog owners. It's a YES for me for those living in the area and near the coast	Beach	Rockells Bay	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-92	this would be a great place to visit with your dog.		Matakohe/Limestone Island	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-93	Would love to be able to bring our small dog in to the CBD on a summer evening. Active patrols in the area checking for dogs ensuring they are on leads		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-94	Esplanade has sufficient signage at all access point to have dogs on leash and pick up poop which is really helpful. However, numerous locals feel this does not apply to them. Have had plastic bags containing poop thrown into our garden bordering the reserve. Have had dogs off a leash run into our living room. Have had numerous culprits having their dogs off a leash simply state that there is no need to have their dog on a lead (this despite official Council signage where they have accessed the reserve). From the esplanade it is possible for dogs off a leash to directly access the beach where local birds are soon chased. In summary; the guilty few cannot be managed by both local residents bordering the reserve or by Council themselves. Photos show dog off a leash, owners taking pictures of us as we took pictures of their dog, bicycles, golf carts (pedestrian access only clearly stated on signage kindly erected by Council) pedestrian access gates should be placed at all entrances	Park/Reserve	One Tree Point Foreshore Reserve (Marsden Yacht Club to Pyle Road)	status quo				
Pin-95	Would be great to have more dogs on leash walks in Whangarei heads as so many beautiful walking tracks but none available to dogs on leashes		Whangarei Heads	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-96	Would be really nice to have 1 beach on the Tutukaka Coast available during summer to take dogs. Regardless of the time of day. Even if it is on leash.		Tutukaka Coast	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-97	There is NO designated year round off leash dog exercise area in the whole of the Tutukaka Coast. We must retain this walk from over the dunes from school to Whangaumu bay as off leash year round for our dogs. There are no birds, its tidal and few beach goers. This is so vital to have somewhere to walk/run our dogs without it bothering anyone...please!	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-98	The section of the beach, all the way along to oceans below the high tide mark and not in the sand dunes should be off leash.	Beach	Kauri Mountain	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-100	This is a redundant piece of land. An old quarry with old tracks that could easily be turned into a walking site for dogs, and possibly mountain bikes.		Takahiwai old quarry	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-101	Maintain as is. People walking along here, minding their own business continually get subject to abuse from adjacent residents (a very small minority) encroaching into the reserve. The result has been there a number of recreation reserve users now avoid the area due to fears of being yelled at, or filmed without consent. The problems here are encroachment and privatisation of the reserve. Please spend no more public money funding new seawall in this area, this is a buyer beware problem and this cliff should be left to its own devices to erode naturally. However as an alternative, The top of the current seawall provide space for a formalised walkway, and would not take much work. This may help solve a number of problems. Cliff could be stabilised and planted out.	Park/Reserve	One Tree Point Foreshore Reserve (Marsden Yacht Club to	status quo				
Pin-102	This is a common off leash area already. Well used by fishermen in Dogwalkers from the local area as well bounded and fenced, and could easily be turned into an off leash park. This needs to be resourced with poo bags and a rubbish bin.	Park/Reserve	Blacksmith's Creek	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-103	Poo bag dispenser and compost bin required.	Beach	Ruakaka Beach at Surf	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-104	Full trail should be accessible. dogs with avian aversion training under full voice or lead control if significant populations of native fauna exist.	Walkway/shared path	Cullen Brynderwyn	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-106	Why not		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-107	Ruakaka Beach South of the Surf Club and Bream Bay Drive board walk is not heavily populated for 10 months of the year. Locals walk their dogs first thing each morning, everyone knows and is respectful of each other and their animals. Any dogs that are not socialized and cause issues are not welcome, they are the minority. It is often outsiders who have unsocialized animals and who also do not pick up after their animals. Why should the locals be penalized for visitors who could not care less about our area, my wish is that South of the boardwalk is an off lead area.	Beach	Ruakaka Beach South of Surf Club	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-108	Dogs love frolicking on the beach and as long as owners responsibly manage them and pick up their waste, the beach is a great place for all to play.	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-110	The sports fields and public walking paths seem to be an invitation to roaming animals and owners who have no care for laws. Many of the dog owners leave their dogs off the leash which then is unsafe or scary for public when an unknown dog rushes up to them. I would like to see a compound that is larger than the one at Riverside where owners can walk and run their dogs without taking them through the public grounds. It would have to be sited away from the Rec area so the dogs are not brought to the same site with the same old problems. It is not wise to walk without watching every footstep on the Tikipunga Recreation grounds unless you want to inadvertently step in dog poo. I don't believe as a ratepayer we should have to accept this. I can't wait for someone to invent something that electronically connects dog excrement to the dog owner, who should then face the consequences - which would have to be creative enough to discourage reoffending.	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-111	This is a lovely beach for walking dogs and allowing them to swim. I understand the need to protect wildlife but people who allow unleashed dogs will do so anyway (there are no patrols/compliance management). Responsible pet owners should be allowed to walk their dog on a leash.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		

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Pin-113	Hard to walk across town with a dog.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-114	This would be a great place for people to be able to take their dogs off lease	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-116	Dogs should be able to go on both of Bland Bay beaches the same as other beaches in Whangaruru.	Beach	Bland Bay beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-117	Town center should allow dog on leash to encourage more people to visit cafe / shops At the minute , Whangarei is very dog unfriendly and puts responsible owners off.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-118	Walk way from matapuari to whale bay would be good on leash exercise area.	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-119	Change it. Kauri Mountain beach is long, spacious, with very few swimmers, no crowds, even in summer. Dogs have space to be well away from other users. Yes wildlife are a concern but if signage keeps dogs off dunes (as at other northland beaches), and dog access is prohibited for the few months of the year that are dotterel breeding season then we should be able to co-exist. A hot summer is anticipated. Driving from Whangarei Heads to Ruakaka so my dog can run and swim off leash is not great for the environment or budget.	Beach	Kauri Mountain Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-120	It would be nice over the school/public holidays that dogs are on the leash between 9.00 and 5.00 on the Pataua North Beach and Pataua Estuary Beach. So many of us have grandchildren or small children and unfortunately not all dogs are compliant. We have had a couple of situations where the owners have been quite away from their dog(s) and not being able to control them. The consequence is kids getting quite frightened and not wanting to head back to the beach. I admit not all dogs are like this but the situation of unleashed dogs has become worse over the years.	Beach	Pataua Estuary/North Beach	less summer access				more restrictive
Pin-121	Kauri Mountain Beach is spacious, usually quiet, and the sensitive areas are distinct (eg dunes are set back a long way from the water's edge). It would be good to see it have the same dog access rules as other beaches.	Beach	Kauri Mountain	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-122	Currently Dogs on a lead. I lead the native plant restoration of Puke Kopipi, we began this kaupapa in 2013, trees are growing now and Puke Kopipi is becoming more of a habitat where kiwi will soon if not already be found. In 5 years time, it may require Dogs Prohibited but for now , it is a walkway and obviously people like the opportunity to be able to take their dog, some tend to be off the lead on the way up which is not ideal together with leaving dog poo on the track. Adjacent is Ngunguru Sports Complex with fields and a golf course where dogs are prohibited. I think the by law could be reviewed at Puke Kopipi in 5 years time.	Park/Reserve	Puke Kopipi/ Ngunguru Sports Complex	status quo				
Pin-123	I think Mt. Aubrey (up and over the mountain) and the Reotahi coastal walk (from Little Munro Bay to Reotahi Bay) should be Dogs on-leash. Also, the coastal walk from Norfolk Avenue to Stuart Road (through the Reotahi Reserve) should be Dogs off-leash.	Walkway/shared path	Mt Aubrey Walkway /Reotahi	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-127	I particularly enjoy taking my 3 dogs walking off leash at waro lake. I wish other people would pick up the poo though and I think the council should do more education and impose fines to those that don't, also dog waste bins would be helpful as quite often the rubbish bins are full to overflowing. The pot holes in the road to the lake are atrocious.	Park/Reserve	Lake Waro	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-128	Hello - I live on Tawhara Bay (Whananaki). At present, we are the only full-time residents on this bay, all the other homes are holiday homes. I would like to request that no changes be made to the current rules. The only access to the beach is via a footpath (Watkins Powell track) from Otamure Bay. This footpath is on DoC land and dogs are prohibited on the path and the surrounding bush area. This effectively prohibits dogs from accessing the beach and from what I have observed, this restriction works. Further restrictions are unnecessary and would just add to the sense that we are all over-regulated. I really hope that you will be able to leave the current rules in place. Thank you for your consideration. Please leave the current rules as they are. There are already some restrictions on dogs on this beach and the restrictions work.	Beach	Tawhara Bay Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-129	The walk from school to wellingtons is a low tide walk which is the only place on the coast where we can safely walk our dog off the lead without worry of interacting with kiwi, roads or gardens. There are also very few if any seabirds here being a rocky shore. It is well used by locals and respected. We always have our dog on a lead over the small spit at the start of the walk at school and almost all people I see there daily do the same.	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-130	On the weekend's I take my dog for a walk and breakfast at a cafe...usually at the town basin because that is the only place i know for sure we can do this weekend ritual. I think it would open up a lot of much needed business in the CBD...cause heaven's knows they need it. As it stands I visit the CBD rarely...before and after work there's no time during the week and so on the weekends it would be nice to browse through the CBD, dog in tow. To be fair to dogs, i know dogs that behave better than the behaviour of some humans in the CBD.		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-131	This is a large open space accessible to many people living in close proximity to it. I understand that often times it can be busy here (Saturday and Sunday Sports) but when it's not why not allow dogs to be here on and off leash? Responsible and sensible dog owners would be able to read the situation i.e packed sports field means go somewhere else. No responsible and sensible dog owner would knowingly put the fate of their dog at risk. Some dogs do fine in crowds, others don't, a responsible and sensible dog owner would know their dog and be aware of situations that may arise. In the mornings the park is empty, it's a useable space...why not use it!	Sports Parks	Kensington Sports Park	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-132	It would be nice to take dogs on any of these tracks. I'd feel safer having my dog with me. Even if it was just one track. I'm not sure what my ever increasing dog registration fees are paying for...but i wish some of it would contribute to the upkeep of one of these tracks for the use of dogs on leashes.	Park/Reserve	Parihaka Reserve & tracks	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-133	It's connected to the loop walk, makes sense that this is an on-leash area too		City Centre	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-134	Along the bike track...from town to kamo should be all on leash	Walkway/shared path	Kamo Shared Path	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-136	I personally love this place to walk my dog. Generally i keep him on leash but from time to time if no one's around ill let him off. It would be great to see more dog poo bins around this area as i have found that the normal bins are often overflowing and rarely emptied.	Park/Reserve	Lake Waro	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-138	I like this space to take my dog from time to time. A dog poo bin here would be much appreciated	Sports Parks	Onerahi - Alamein Ave	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-139	There aren't many places one can take a dog off leash in Tiki let alone in Whangarei. It's nice to be able to have a large open space in which to throw a ball far. I wish there were more spaces available like this.	Sports Parks	Tikipunga Sports Park	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-140	This is a great place to let dogs off leash. It just needs fencing across the street front..The children collecting balls is a supervised activity and fencing makes it safer because roaming dogs are excluded.for dog walkers with a strong hunt drive, walking off lead is rare to save the risk to kiwi. I love walking with the dog on Hatea river but this is appropriately on lead and works well	Park/Reserve	Nixon Street Park	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	

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Pin-143	This is a well established dog friendly walking beach for the Parua Bay community that doesn't require using a car. Birds don't often frequent the areas where dogs walk on this beach. There are very few places in the area that dogs can run off leash and socialise with other dogs	Beach	Parua Bay Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-144	This is a well established dog friendly walking beach for the local community that doesn't require using a car. Birds don't often frequent the areas where dogs walk on this beach. There are very few places in the area that dogs can run off leash and socialise with other dogs	Beach	Pataua Estuary/North Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-145	No Changes to existing rules in Matapouri beach area. As a permanent resident that walks my dog on the beach twice a day I find them adequate and balanced for the area. I would like the current rule of dogs off a leash to stay. To continue with the existing time period and summer hours restrictions that are in place. The current signage about Dog/Animal Restrictions is lost in amongst all the other coastal information posted. There are always a good number of people(visitors) that flout the dog restriction periods over the summer. Improvements can be made with signage for the above at all of the 7 common walkway entrances with a visible, simple uncomplicated message on the summer restrictions. I have lived here 8 years and have only once seen a security guard out to monitor, and even he did not understand the restrictions.	Beach	Matapouri Beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-146	The dogs need to be on leash along the grass reserve immediately in front of private homes and there needs to be signs so dog walkers know. We often have our young grandchildren visiting and some irresponsible dog owners allow dogs to run all around our property and up on our deck, even on occasion inside our home through a ranch slider. Sometimes as many as three dogs and one person, none of the dogs on a leash, the owner not even carrying a leash, and not controlling them or picking up after them. We have no problem with 90 percent of local responsible owners who regularly enjoy walking their dogs and are generally respectful of people's property.	Park/Reserve	One Tree Point Foreshore Reserve (Marsden Yacht Club to Pyle Road)	status quo				
Pin-147	we are the only beach with a total dog ban. we have no exercise area for dogs unless we travel to Whangarei. the Dotterels are unable to nest on the beach due to large seas over the last 3 years and are now nesting in the paddock by the stream at the north end of the beach we are the only beach with a total dog ban in the district.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-149	Bland Bay beach is the only beach in the district with a total dog ban. dotterels are not nesting on the beach for the last 3 years due to erosion and regular high tides. they are nesting in the paddocks. there is no dog exercise area.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-150	Pukenui Forest is one of the few remaining native forest areas in the Whangarei city. It is home to kiwi that were specifically released here by the Pukenui Forest Trust - people that are actively looking after the native biodiversity in this forest. Dogs are known to be one of the biggest killers of kiwi. It would be irresponsible to allow dogs here. Allowing 'dogs on a leash' would ultimately lead to dogs off a leash since people can be incredibly irresponsible and will follow the lead of others. Please don't allow dogs in Pukenui.	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Western Hills	status quo				
Pin-152	As a resident of Matapouri I would like to see dogs access on more Council and DOC land. Current DOC Restrictions and bylaws only lets dogs on the beach (this access is restricted further in summer). In summer during 9am and 5pm there is no public land I am able to walk my dog on. I am a responsible dog owner that has my dog on a lead. My dog is also Kiwi Aversion trained. In summer there is simply no where in Matapouri where I can walk my dog between 9 - 5pm. I love the bush in the Northland but find it soooo restrictive compared to other parts of the country. In Wanaka dogs are able to walk on lead on nearly all council land. It seems that owners like myself who keep our dog on a lead and have them Kiwi Aversion Trained have no benefit from going to this effort. So why bother?	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-153	Please change this area to red, as you map looks like you can take dogs here. Along the beach. Red needs to go all the way to water line. The Whananaki Landcare and locals are working hard to protect this area of beach. It has always been no dog area and we want to keep it this way. Thanks	Beach	Otamure Bay Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-154	Currently prohibited, We would like it to stay that way. Please make the red go all the way to water edge. As it looks like you can walk your dog around the point. The Whananaki Landcare group have been trapping and protection the nesting bids as best we can. Dotterel's and oyster catchers nest in this area.	Beach	Whananaki Sandspit	status quo				
Pin-155	Currently Dogs on leash is good up to the Wharf. Please remove the yellow after that and all around the Motutara Reserve. We have a good number of nesting birds in this area including penguins. Please remove the yellow on the two paper roads, as they are not formed and can not be accessed. There is a DOC walking track which states no dogs. Thanks	Beach	Whananaki North - Motutara	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-156	Please extend the prohibited area along the road reserve around the point North. And change the orange Controlled area Permit to a Red Dogs prohibited. We have the support of the neighbouring Land owners to the North and South of this beach, see Attached. One Land owner already has a QE11 covenant. Nesting bird and trapping by the Whananaki Landcare group.	Beach	Tauwhara Bay/Mourees Bay	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-157	Currently this is working well.	Park/Reserve	Whananaki North Boatramp	status quo				
Pin-158	Currently on leash dogs. This is good and allows walkers to walk to Sandy bay with dogs on leash. Please could signage reflect dog on a leash. It would also be good to be able to walk dogs on a leash and access the large ocean beach at this end a long way from the nesting birds at the sand spit. This has traditional been a good area for dogs to access the beach, as it is not to busy out of season.		Whananaki South road	status quo				
Pin-159	Hi, we have many different types of shore birds eg blue herons, spoonbills, godwits and dotterel and many others and it is disappointing to see some dog owners allowing there dogs to freely run up and down the beach chasing the the birds away while they are feeding and looking after their young.	Park/Reserve	One Tree Point Foreshore Reserve	on-leash	see area 2			

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Pin-160	Matapouri Kaiitiaki Project (landcare group) and local Tutukaka Landcare as well as local hapu have worked for years to exclude dogs from the entire Whale Bay headland/beach/bush area. It's significant North Island Brown Kiwi habitat and pied shag, little blue penguin not to mention shorebird habitat. No dogs allowed. Simple. No dogs in this part of the region. There use to be and still is a significant problem with people and there dogs, dogs wondering. Just keep them out and choose a different beach to have there dogs off the leash/ on the leash ideally. Extensive trapping has been occurring within the Whale Bay headland for years now. Dogs are a huge threat to Kiwi and other native fauna. Let's make this area a sanctuary for our native flora and fauna. Don't undermine everyone's conservation efforts and let's keep dogs out.	Park/Reserve	Matapouri/Whale Bay beach and tracks	Less access	see area 2			
Pin-161	Doesn't make sense for dogs to be in such short supply of ground and shorebirds inhabit this area. Shorebird habitat and dogs don't mix. NZ Dotteral nest here and dogs should stay on the main beach on a leash. People are already disturb this duneland and it's a joke WDC! No dogs in Whale bay and headland tracks, NO DOGS IN Te Wairoa dunes /Estuary! Thanks	Beach	Matapouri Estuary	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-162	pin not dropped - general feedback comments only available for analysis	General		more access		walking tracks		
Pin-163	This is historically the nesting area for dotterels since i first came here in 1958. Since then the numbers have declined rapidly especially recently. its time to close this end of the beach off completely to dogs over the summer breeding season and enforce it.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach -	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-164	Although the northern end of Tauwhara Bay is currently a 'dog on-leash area', people ignore the rule. The area has Little blue penguins and dotterels etc. so we would be keen on a total ban in view of the above. A total ban is much easier to manage. It's a beautiful secluded beach with little access to the public so the perfect area for birds to be as little disturbed as possible. Ideally, the whole headland (358 Rockell Rd) around to the Moureeses Bay non-perennial stream on the southern end of Moureeses (GF73+V5V Whananaki or -35.4852648, 174.4529239) should be either a prohibited area or an on-leash area as well due to the presence of Little Blue Penguins.	Beach	Tauwhara Bay Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-165	Actively enforce the existing prohibited dog area from Tip Road to Waipu Cove at all times. This bylaw is currently flouted ruining the beach experience for others.	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip	status quo				
Pin-166	Great location for dogs off lesh, plenty of grass space either side of the track for dogs to run. Great visibility to see surroundings and if needed call back dog onto lead.	Park/Reserve	Totara Parklands	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-167	Provide some actual enforcement of the no dogs rule. Too many dogs south of tip road and in the refuge. The current policy of 'education' is not working	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip	status quo				
Pin-168	No dogs south of the racecourse. Too many dogs being taken into refuge on North side of Ruakaka River mouth	Beach	Ruakaka Beach south of Marsden	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-169	no signage here to indicate where dogs are permitted. No signage to indicate there is a wildlife refuge at the river mouth , or where the refuge starts. Surfers leave their dogs unattended while they surf.	Beach	Ruakaka Beach south of Marsden	non access location specific issue				
Pin-171	This is an appropriate area for dogs to be off leash. It should remain this way.	Park/Reserve	Barge Showgrounds	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-172	We know that the kiwi released in Pukenui Forest use this area of bush. Please do not allow dogs, one of the biggest killers of kiwi, in this area.	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	status quo				
Pin-173	This is a beautiful, popular beach, with lots of conservation effort happening here. It would be a shame to see dogs running around upsetting the native wildlife and interrupting people's peaceful beach experience.	Beach	Matapouri Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-174	This is a DOC-managed campground (with public access to the beach) but should be a 'dogs prohibited' zone. It's too small a beach to have dogs on or off a leash here, plus has brown teal/pateke and other native birds that are already disturbed enough by humans. Let's not allow dogs to disturb them further.	Beach	Otamure Bay Beach	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-175	WDC it sounds like there needs to be more enforcement of the rules if you're going to ask for the public's opinion on dogs. Dogs on leads should be allowed here. Due to the presence of dotterels, they should not be allowed off a leash.	Beach	Bland Bay Beach	on-leash				
Pin-176	Agree with others that this should be a dogs on leash beach.	Beach	Waipu Cove	on-leash	see area 2			
Pin-177	There are a lot of people that walk their dogs along Russell RD and foot path area is limited. I think it would be great for people to be able to go for a walk up the track with their dog on a leash.	Park/Reserve	Coronation Scenic	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-178	I think it would be nice for residence of Russell RD to have somewhere to walk their dogs other than along the road side where foot path is limited. I do believe dogs should be kept on their leads though to look after any wild life that lives within the surrounding native forest	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-179	I dont see any harm if people walk with their dogs on a leash through native bush. if people obey and respect the rules then native wild life shouldnt be affected.	Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest/Wester	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-180	This is a 'no dogs at all' beach. But if a dog is on the beach on a leash, what's the problem? So I'd like this beach to allow dogs on a leash. I can find no information at all on the WDC website as to why a dog is a problem if it's on a leash.	Beach	Kauri Mountain	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-181	Retain on beach rules around Matapouri which work well and currently provide social opportunity for people as well as exercise opportunity for humans and dogs. Open up on leash access to Matapouri bush tracks as it uses to be. Dogs causing issues in this area are not the registered dogs on leads of responsible owners in the area. They are unregistered roaming dogs. Banning on leash dogs limits exercise for humans and in busy summer periods pushes humans onto the roads to walk which have no safe pedestrian access. For example I can only walk my dog on the beach in the morning in summer or over the road between Matapouri and Woolleys or Sandy Bay. I know I take my life (and his) into my own hands every time I do it but need the exercise and need to exercise my dog and I am prohibited from taking him on the bush track which would avoid the road. The rule is flouted by those who choose not to comply anyway so why not police an on leash rule and achieve all objectives.	Beach	Matapouri Beach	on-leash		see Area 1 and/or 2		
Pin-182	Extend the prohibited dog area to remove dogs from the sensitive bird breeding area of the beach all year round.	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip	Prohibited	see area 2			
Pin-183	Stop dogs coming onto the beach at Tip road and turning south. This part of the beach should be dog free all year due to the wildlife and people on the beach. Make sure people know about the rules and penalties. Patrol the area.	Beach	Uretiti Beach south of Tip	status quo				
Pin-184	this is a great little area - fenced off from golf course, and great for dogs to run around in.	Park/Reserve	Tikipunga Library Reserve,	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	

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Pin-185	this is a great area for dogs to run around and have fun - can't do any harm here!	Park/Reserve	Totara Parklands - Wairau Drive	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Pin-186	This would be a great off leash area for dogs to run about.	Walkway/shared path	Hatea River Walkway	off-leash			location specific see	
Pin-187	This beach is predominantly used by dog owners all year round. We are a very responsible group and I dont see where there is any value in making dog owners keep the dog on a leash across the beginning to half the remote coastal beach walk. During summer dog owners are restricted in early morning and evening. In winter, there are very few visitors or non-locals who use the beach. What would be the point other than to be restrictive on local people and dogs on their local beach??	Beach	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beach	off-leash			location specific see Area 1/2	
Stakeholder-01	SOS: Wants to see on-leash access in CBD. Is supportive of mix of horses and dogs on Ruakaka off-leash beach.		City Centre	on-leash			tracks and beaches	
Stakeholder-03	SOS: Whangarei needs more large off-leash areas	General		off-leash			tracks and beaches	general

Type	Name/Item/Location	Existing Rule	summary of feedback received
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Bland Bay/Whangaruru beaches*	mixed	15-mxd
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Bream Bay - ALL beach areas from Northport to Waipu Cove*	mixed	19 - mixed
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Langs Beach	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach mixed (8)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Mangaiti Reserve - Whananaki North - Brookers Bay/Woon-leashshed Bay	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Matapouri main beach area	Reserve default/beach STS	No change (4)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Matapouri Estuary Reserve - boat launching access reserve area and foreshore area	Reserve default/beach STS	Foreshore prohibited (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Moureeses Bay - Whananaki North	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Nook Road Reserve (Munro Beach)	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Oakura Beach (road reserve)	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Ocean Beach main Reserve area and carparking/toilet facilities (all grass and pine area) and beach - from southern headland to rocky outcrop (no change in area)	Reserve default/beach STS	No change (2)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	One Tree Point Foreshore Reserve (Marsden Yacht Club to Pyle Road)	Reserve default/beach STS	Reserve on-leash (3) Foreshore prohibited (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	One Tree Point/Marsden Bay Beach	prohibited	Beach off-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Parua Bay Village - Kiteone Wetland Reserve	Reserve default/beach STS	No change (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Pataua North	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach mixed (4)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Rockell Bay - Whananaki North	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach mixed (3)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Sandy Bay - beach and grass area	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Tamaterau Reserve (main reserve with Toilets)	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach mixed (3)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Taurikura Beach	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Whananaki North Boatramp Reserve	Reserve default/beach STS	Reserve on-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Whananaki Sandspit	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach prohibited (1) Beach off-leash (1)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Whangaruru Harbour - Tuparehuia Bay	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach prohibited (1) Beach on-leash (2)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Woolleys Bay	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach on-leash (3) Beach off-leash (3)
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Waikaraka Beach Road	Reserve default/beach STS	Beach and Reserve off-leash
Beach Park/Reserve & Beach	Waipu Cove Beach (Reserve is DOC controlled)	Beach STS	Beach mixed (11)
Beach/Foreshore only	Urquharts Bay Beach (road reserve) from beginning of Urquharts Bay Road to Callope Lane	default	1 - off-leash
Beach/Foreshore only	Ngunguru to Whangaumu Bay beaches	default	13 - off-leash
Beach/Foreshore only	Kauri Mountain Beach - from rocky outcrop (existing starting point) to Awarua Rock	prohibited	12 - on-leash/off-leash
Beach/Foreshore only	Moututara Reserve - Whananaki North	new	1 - prohibited
Beach/Foreshore only	Otamure Bay Beach	prohibited	2 - prohibited
Beach/Foreshore only	Tauwhara Bay Beach	prohibited	2 - prohibited 1 - on-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	AH Reed Park: (McKinnon Track, Canopy Walk, Alexander Track)	prohibited	6 - on-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Coronation Scenic Reserve	'bush reserve'	3 - prohibited 9 - on-leash/off-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Hatea River Walkway	on-leash	1 - off-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Kioreroa Road wetlands including Limeburners Creek Walkway	prohibited	1 - on-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Mt Aubrey - Reotahi Walkway (Beach Road to Bay View Road)	default	1 - on-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	One Tree Point - Blacksmith's Creek Walkway	default	1 - off-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Parihaka Reserve (Dobby Track, Drummond Track, Ross Track, Mackesey Track)	prohibited	10 - on-leash/off-leash 2 - prohibited
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Puke Kopipi - Ngunguru (part of Ngunguru Sports Complex)	default	1 - on-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Reotahi - Norfon-leashk Ave - walkway behind reserve	default	1 - off-leash
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Whale Bay Reserve - all walkways to Whale Bay Beach, Matapouri Beach and Ringer Road connections. <i>Note: the track just above pebbly beach and back to the beach is DOC prohibited.</i>	'bush reserve'	7 - mixed
Bush or Coastal Walkway	Whananaki Coastal Walkway	default	3 - on-leash
Other	Whau Valley Dam - water asset	'bush reserve'	1 - on-leash
Other	City Centre (including Town Basin and Pūhahi Park)	prohibited	66 - on-leash 7 - prohibited
Other	Glenbervie Forest	NA	1 - on-leash
Other	Takahiwai Quarry	NA	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve	Abbey Caves	default	2 - prohibited
Park/Reserve	Barge Showgrounds (excluding wetlands)	off-leash	7 - mxd
Park/Reserve	Hikurangi - Lake Waro	off-leash	3 - off-leash 1 - on-leash
Park/Reserve	Kamo - Hodges Park	off-leash	1 - on-leash
Park/Reserve	Kensington - Moody Ave Reserve	default	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve	Otagarei - William Jones Reserve	off-leash	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve	Pukenui Forest including Western Hills	prohibited	9 - mxd
Park/Reserve	Raumanga Valley Scenic Reserve	off-leash	3 - no change
Park/Reserve	Wairau Drive Reserve (Totara Parklands)	default	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve	Western Hills Drive - Whangārei Quarry Gardens	prohibited	1 - on-leash
Park/Reserve	Whangarei Falls Reserve area	default	1 - on-leash
Park/Reserve	Tikipunga - Tikipunga Library Reserve, Paramount Parade	default	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve - playground	Kensington - Nixon Street Park	off-leash	1 - on-leash/1 off-leash
Park/Reserve - playground	Tarewa Park	off-leash	2 - mxd
Park/Reserve - playground	The Avenues - Mander Park	off-leash	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve - playground	Tikipunga - Korau Road Reserve	default	1 - off-leash
Park/Reserve - playground	Totara Parklands - Wairau Drive/Harrison Drive (includes the Tikipunga shared path)	default	5 - mxd
Park/Reserve - playground	Whangarei Central - Mair Park (including Deveron Reserve)	off-leash	4 - off-leash
Shared paths	Hatea Loop Shared Path	default	2 - on-leash 1 - prohibited
Shared paths	Te Kamo Shared Path	default	1 - on-leash
Shared paths	Tikipunga Shared Path (Ngunguru Road to Gillingham Road)	default	1 - on-leash
Sports Park	Kensington Park	prohibited	5 - on-leash/off-leash
Sports park	Hikurangi Sports Park	default	1 - on-leash
Sports park	Onerahi - Alamein Ave	default	1 - on-leash
Sports park	Otaika Sportspark	off-leash	3 - mxd
Sports park	Tikipunga Sports Park	prohibited	8 - mxd
Sports park	William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island - Sports Fields	default	1 - on-leash

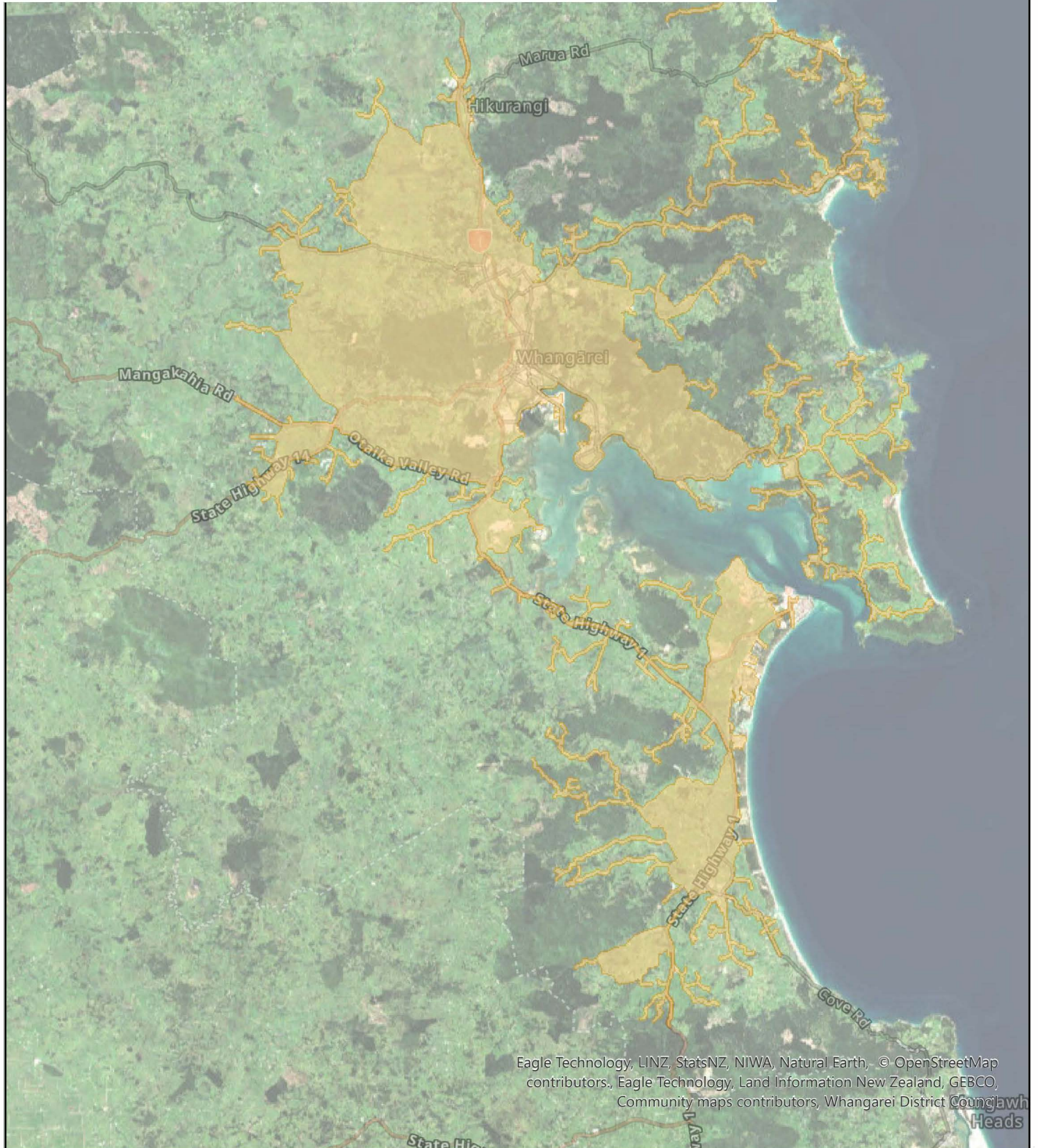
* These two areas cover multiple beach areas and the feedback and associated issues and options are discussed in more detail in the report.

These maps are indicative of the maps that will be presented via a GIS tool at the Briefing.



Please note that these maps do not include off-leash access to beaches.

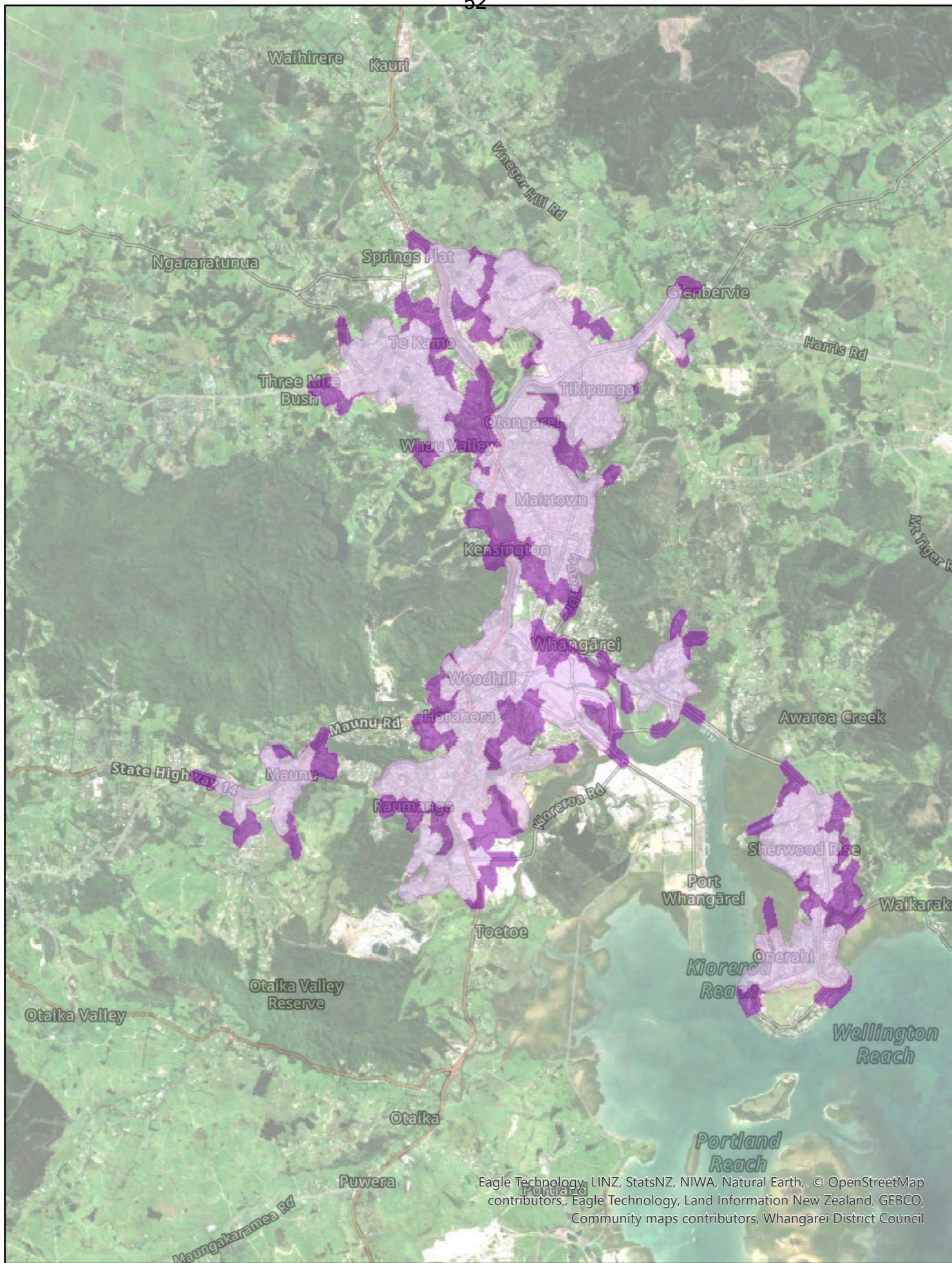
Page 1 shows the areas covered that can access a dog off-leash area within a 10-minute drive.

Pages 2 and 3 show off-leash areas that are accessible within a 10-minute (light purple) or 15-minute (dark purple) walk.



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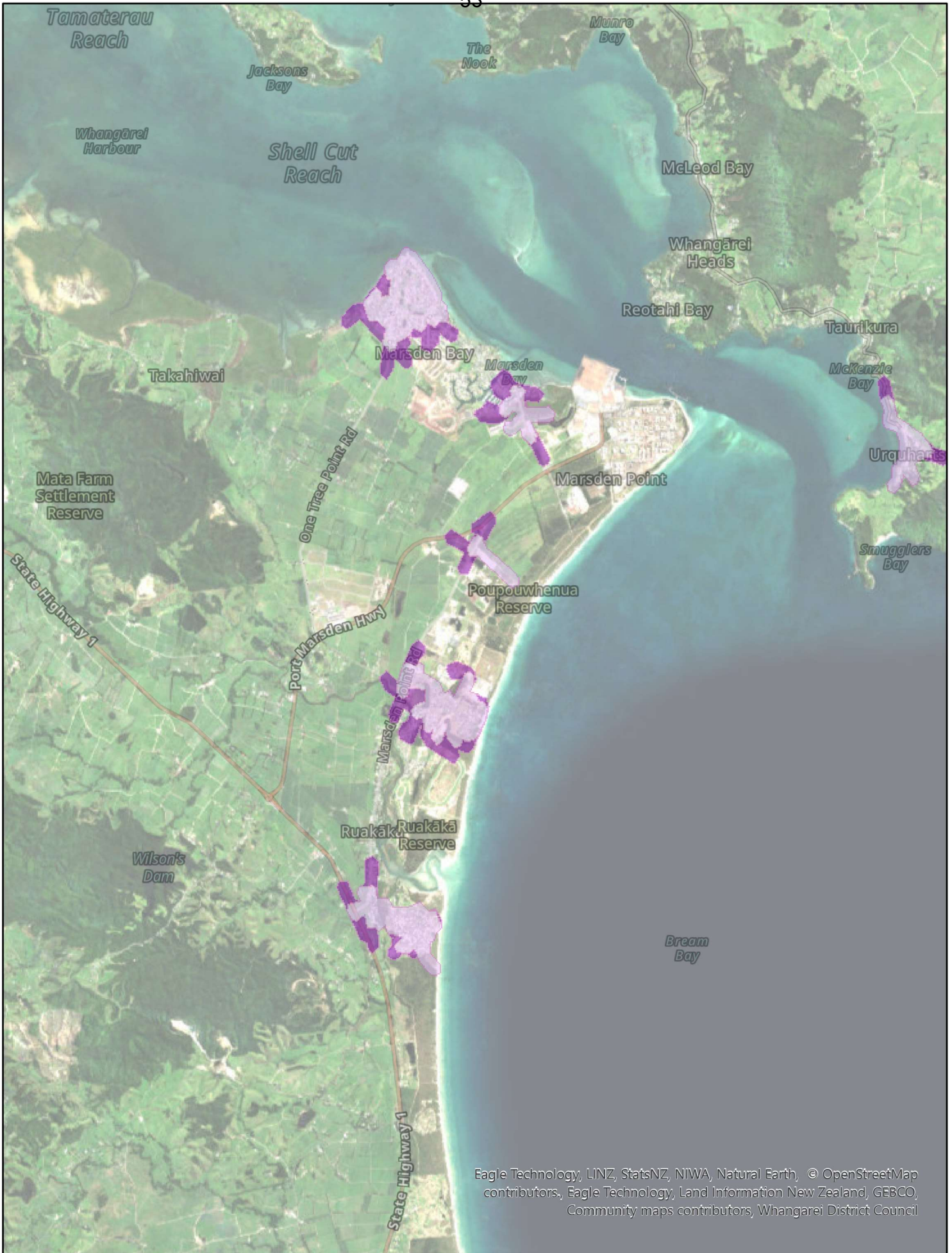
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2.2 Dog Management Policy and Bylaw review – findings and issues and options

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	29 November 2023
Reporting officer:	Shireen Munday (consultant)

1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To provide Council with the findings and associated issues and options of the review of the Dog Management Bylaw 2013 (the Bylaw) and the Dog Policy 2013 (the Policy), in addition to the dog access rule provisions that have already been presented to Council for discussion and direction.

The report will be supported by a presentation to aid the discussion during the meeting.

2 Background / Horopaki

This report expands on the background information provided to Council at the 29 November Briefing regarding the review process undertaken for the Dog Policy and Bylaw (DPB), which provided an overview of the research and analysis completed and the engagement undertaken.

This report covers all remaining elements necessary to conclude presenting the findings and associated issues and options of the review process for discussion and direction, and will inform the development of a draft Policy and Bylaw to be presented to Council.

3 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

3.1 Scope of review

This review covered the following:

- A review of the Dog Management Policy 2013 and its policy approaches, including the statutorily required elements of a Policy on Dogs as well as the elective elements of the Policy.
- A review of the Dog Management Bylaw 2013, including analysis of legal requirements for both the bylaw making process and the content of the bylaw.

The following aspects are out of scope of this review:

- management and welfare of other animals (including stock and cats)
- matters covered by the Animals Bylaw
- public nuisance matters that do not concern dogs
- matters that are provided for directly in the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act)
- non regulatory measures Council could consider adopting to address or mitigate some of the problems identified.

Where appropriate in this report, reference will be however made to matters already provided for in the Act or potential non-regulatory measures to support understanding.

3.2 Key questions for the review

This review is informed by the statutory requirements in the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The following key questions guided the review of the policy and bylaw:

- is the current policy meeting the legislative requirements?
- does the policy have clearly stated goals or objectives?
- is the current form of the policy the most appropriate approach?
- what was the original intent of the bylaw and is it meeting that intent?
- is the problem that the bylaw set out to address still a problem? If so, is a bylaw still the best approach to addressing that problem?
- if the bylaw is still required, what provisions should it contain (both existing and new provisions)?
- is the bylaw form still appropriate?
- are there any implications under the Bill of Rights Act 1990?

3.3 Methodology

Various research and engagement methods were used to inform the review process.

Research: Staff conducted research and analysis on all aspects of the DPB content, including a review of customer requests, annual Dog Policy reports, and an environmental scan of approaches for dog management taken by other territorial authorities in New Zealand. A scan of Council's applicable strategies, plans and policies was also undertaken.

Stakeholder interviews: Interviews and workshops were held with internal staff and contractors from Animal Management, Health and Bylaws, Community Safety, Legal and Parks. This included feedback from Animal Management Officers with the responsibility on administering and enforcing the DPB.

Public engagement: Council received over 600 items of feedback during the engagement undertaken in June and July 2023 which was designed to understand public perceptions on the current DPB.

3.4 Regulatory context

3.4.1 Dog Control Act 1996

The Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) provides a legislative framework to ensure the care and control of dogs. Under section 10 of the Act, councils must adopt a policy on dogs and give effect to that policy by making a bylaw.

A policy must:

- state the dog access rules (as per the 29 November Briefing)
- specify the nature and application of bylaws
- state whether dogs classified as menacing dogs must be neutered or not and any associated criteria.

A policy may include policy approaches on the following:

- fees or proposed fees
- owner education programmes
- dog obedience courses
- the classification of owners
- the disqualification of owners

- the issuing of infringement notices
- any other matters Council sees fit.

The policy must have regard to:

- the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally
- the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults
- the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs
- the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

A bylaw may include:

- dog access rules
- minimum standards for dog accommodation
- limits on the number of dogs per house
- requiring dogs to be tied up overnight
- requiring owners to immediately pick up dog faeces
- requiring bitches to be confined
- impounding dogs in breach of the bylaw
- requiring repeat offender not under control dogs to be neutered
- any other matters Council sees fit.

3.4.2 The current DPB

Council adopted the current Policy and Bylaw in 2013.

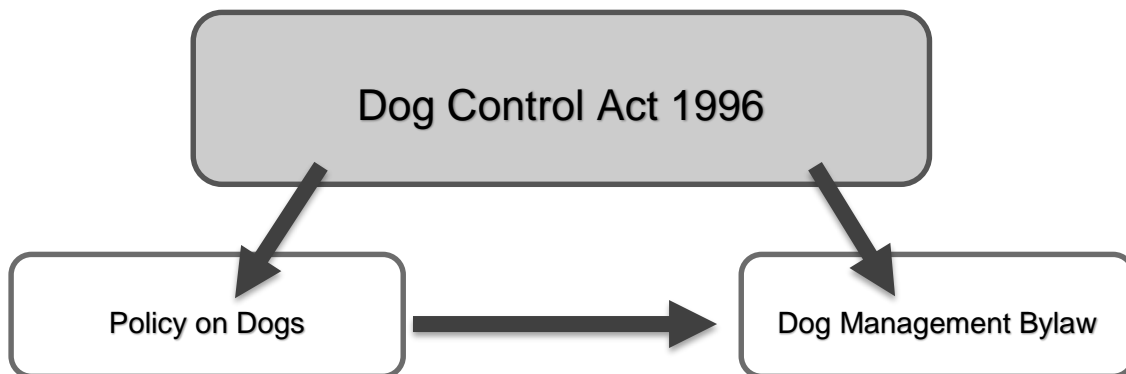
The Bylaw operates to give effect to the Policy by:

- regulating the public places where a dog may be taken by its owner and the means of control of the dog (dog access rules)
- requiring a dog to be under control at all times
- requiring dog owners to provide adequate shelter for their dog(s)
- providing for the control of wandering dogs (including on private property)
- requiring the owner of any dog that defecates in any public place or premise other than that occupied the owner to immediately remove the faeces
- restricting infected dogs and / or female dogs in season from being taken into any public place
- requiring dog owners to prevent their dog(s) from becoming a nuisance or injurious to health
- requiring owners to remove faeces from public places
- making it an offence for someone to cause a dog to become unmanageable.

The Act and the DPB combined provide the regulatory framework to support the needs of dogs and their owners as well as the needs of the wider community and wildlife.

The DPB are enforced by Animal Management Officers. Under the Act every person who breaches the Bylaw or commits an offence is liable to a penalty under the Act and the LGA. The Act also includes infringement offences for matters provided for in the Act, such as someone not meeting the requirement to microchip their dog.

Figure 1 – Relationship between dog management regulations



3.4.3 Other legislation related to dogs

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 ensures that the owners of animals and persons in charge of animals attend properly to welfare of those animals. This requires owners to ensure that the physical health and behavioural needs of the animals are met in accordance with good practise and scientific knowledge. The Animal Welfare Act 1999 includes a code of welfare (dogs) to assist dog owners.

The Wildlife Act 1953 includes provisions that apply to dogs specifically as well as other animals and was discussed as part of the previous report to Council.

3.5 Engagement feedback

3.5.1 Overview of feedback received

The engagement approach and a summary of the overall feedback received is detailed in the previous Briefing report for this review. Over 600 items of feedback were received in total.

The online submission form provided submitters with 5 specific topics, as well as the opportunity to make additional general comments. One of the topics was about the dog access rules covered in the previous Briefing report. The other 4 topics were:

- managing menacing dogs
- picking up of dog faeces
- number of dogs on properties
- requiring uncontrolled dogs to be neutered.

These topics were provided as they relate specifically to existing or potential DPB elements. This provided a total of 6 topics for submission analysis, the above four, plus dog access rules and also general comments, which were then further analysed and grouped.

Respondents were able to self-select which topics they wanted to comment on. Across all four of these specific questions, a large proportion of the commentary did not relate to the topic. While it is not unusual for survey responses to not clearly align with the question asked, staff acknowledge that due to the technical nature of the issues, the topics and associated questions could have been formulated in a more targeted manner to obtain more accurate responses.

Feedback received through other channels, such as emails or feedback provided at the drop-in sessions, was summarised across the 6 topics as applicable.

Attachment A provides the commentary provided under the four specific topics provided.

In addition to the four topics, respondents could also provide general feedback. Across all the feedback formats received, this resulted in 184 items of 'general feedback', which is provided in **Attachment B**.

3.5.2 Feedback analysis – policy and bylaw related feedback

Outside of the specific responses to the four topics raised, the majority of feedback received relates to matters that cannot be addressed through a Policy or Bylaw.

This section provides the details of the feedback received that Council could consider for addressing through this review process. The following section (3.5.3) will summarise the remaining feedback received. Staff from the Health and Bylaws Department will be available at the Briefing to respond to any questions relating to this.

For each of the four topic options, as well as other relevant matters derived from the general feedback, a table with a summary of feedback, followed by staff comments, is provided.

Managing menacing dogs

Table 1

# of comments (127 total)	Topic	Summary of feedback
77	Not related to menacing dogs	Submissions discussed wandering, roaming, aggressive or dangerous dogs or dog attacks, these comments are included in the overview in section 3.5.3.
10	Classification of menacing dogs	Generally, these comments relate to opposition of the classification process for menacing dogs, with opposition against the types of breeds that must be classified as menacing and the process Council undertakes to determine whether a dog is menacing or not.
1	Muzzling of menacing dogs	The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) submission requests that the Policy includes information on the requirement under the Act that menacing dogs must be muzzled in public places.
38	'Stricter rules'	These comments range from requesting all menacing dogs to be removed from the owner, euthanized, having to undergo compulsory training funded by Council and mandatory neutering to increased or stricter imposition of fines for owners.
1	Funding	The funding of managing menacing dogs should be funded through general rates.

Staff comments

The classification of menacing dogs is largely governed by the Act; however, Council does have some areas of discretion around this that could be addressed in the Policy. This is further discussed in section 3.7.

The information request from MPI can be accommodated via the 'related information' sections proposed for the Policy and Bylaw.

The requests for stricter rules are outside the scope of the available Policy or Bylaw provisions, as these are regulated by the Act.

Other matters raised are operational in nature or relate to the funding of the services which are discussed in section 3.7 of this report.

Picking up of dog faeces

Table 2

# of comments (132 total)	Topic	Summary of feedback
118	Picking up of dog faeces	The feedback provided is that dog faeces in public places continue to be a problem in various locations in the District and support for rules, fines, and enforcement to support people to pick up after their dogs. Two submitters commented that they should not be required to pick up faeces as this is a natural product.
14	Provision of dog waste bins and bags	Submitters are requesting bins and the provision of dog poo bags by Council in various locations in the District.

Staff comments

The Bylaw already contains a provision for the picking up of dog faeces and the feedback indicates that this provision should be retained.

The requests for the provision of dog poo bags and bins relate to operational and funding matters which are discussed in section 3.7 of this report.

Number of dogs on properties

Table 3

# of comments (84 total)	Topic	Summary of feedback
13	Opposed to setting limits on the number of dogs	The submitters considered that limiting the number of dogs would not ensure appropriate care for dogs or eliminate nuisance issues and would not consider the size and location of the property.
17	Various	The feedback did not stipulate a clear indication of requesting a limit on dogs but talked about related issues such as 'if dogs are appropriately cared for then no limit is required' or 'some owners should be prohibited from owning any dogs'. Other issues raised included that Kainga Ora should ban tenants from owning dogs and that dog breeding should be banned.
54	Support a limit on the number of dogs	Submitters requested limits ranging from 1 to 4 dogs and some also commented that different numbers should apply depending on whether the property would be urban or rural.

Staff comments

The feedback provided indicates a mix of comments and that a 'one size fits all' approach across the District has the potential to create conflict. While inclusion of such an element to the Bylaw can be considered as it is clearly provided for in the Act, consideration of

administration and enforcement costs as well as a transitional regime would be required. This is further discussed in section 3.8.

Requiring uncontrolled dogs to be neutered

Table 4

# of comments (109 total)	Topic	Summary of feedback
61	Support the neutering uncontrolled dogs	Firm support for neutering of uncontrolled, including wandering, dogs.
25	All dogs should be neutered	These submitters considered all dogs should be neutered.
4	Euthanasia	All uncontrolled dogs should be immediately euthanised
9	Funding	Submitters support neutering of dogs but want to see funding programmes in place to support this.
4	Opposed to neutering	Comments ranged from a lacking definition of 'uncontrolled' to a preference for training programmes for dogs and owners instead of neutering.

Staff comments

The feedback provided shows strong support for the neutering of uncontrolled dogs as a portion of those submitters who commented on this topic. This can be provided for in the Bylaw and is further discussed in section 3.8.

Mandatory de-sexing of all dogs and euthanasia for uncontrolled dogs are, or would need to be, regulated by the Act.

The requests for funding support for de-sexing programmes are discussed in section 3.7 of this report.

Other relevant matters raised in submissions

Table 5

# of comments	Topic	Summary of feedback
25	Owner education	Comments regarding this ranged from providing education programmes to support good dog ownership to compulsory training programmes for 'bad' dog owners and their dogs.
74	Changes to registration fees/funding of dog control activities	Most of this commentary focused on the view that good dog owners are being punished for bad dog owner behaviours and the related links to the dog registration fees. Submitters want to see reductions for good dog owners (often via a Responsible Dog Owner Certificate programme provided by Council) and to be incentivised to be good dog owners. Reductions in registration fees for the elderly were also requested.
176	Improved Levels of Service	The comments under this topic have strong links to the comments made regarding registration fees. Submitters

		consider that Council should provide a higher level of service to responsible dog owners and should generally be more dog friendly. Better or more clear information should be provided as well as education programmes and improvements to the enforcement systems and approaches. Much of this should be funded through general rates. Requests for improvement to the existing dog park and additional dog parks were also made.
40	Improve signage, communications and information	11 submitters made requests for improvements to signage at specific locations. The remaining submitters asked for general improvements for signs, communications and information provisions of Council to support better compliance and understanding of dog owners.
24	Dog welfare	These submitters raised concerns about dog welfare issues including dogs having sufficient water, food, shelter, exercise and socialisation. Concern about the number of dogs on chains all day was also raised and observed instances of abuse or neglect of dogs by their owners.

Staff comments

All the five above matters raised in submissions could potentially also be addressed entirely or partially through Policy provisions and are therefore included in section 3.7 for discussion.

3.5.3 Feedback analysis – other feedback

Table 6 below summarises and groups the range of other feedback received that is outside of the scope of the Policy and Bylaw review.

Table 6

# of comments	Topic	Summary of feedback
47	Bad dog owners	Bad dog owners should be restricted from owning dogs.
10	Return of impounded dogs	Dogs should not be returned to owners after impounding, ranging from not at all to requiring owners to undergo training programmes.
44	Stricter rules	These comments ranged from 'just stricter rules in general', to increased infringements to stricter rules for certain issues.
27	Increase fines	Submitters are generally wanting to see higher 'fines' to act as a deterrent for irresponsible dog owners.
96	Improved enforcement	These comments all relate to enforcement related issues and requests for improvements to the enforcement activities of Council, and this includes the comments relating to roaming, barking and nuisance dogs as well as a range of other issues. Often these issues relate to dogs on private property as opposed to being in a public place and include lack of fencing or supervision.
51	Roaming dogs	
18	Barking dogs	
15	Nuisance dogs	
18	Improved enforcement approaches	Submitters requested an improvement to the training and understanding of Animal Management Officers as well as improvements to systems and approaches to

		ensure a more consistent and improved standard of dog control activities in the District.
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Staff comments

The first 4 topics of the above table are not matters that can be addressed by Council. The Act provides the regulatory framework for these matters, including probationary and disqualification powers in relation to dog owners and infringement offence amounts.

The five remaining topics are generally outside the scope of a Policy or Bylaw. The Health and Bylaws Team have been provided with this feedback for their information and will be available at the meeting to discuss any questions on this section.

3.6 Findings

The overall key findings of the review are:

1. Dog management in the District is required because:
 - the DPB ensures dogs are integrated into the District and have adequate space to be exercised while minimising the problems caused by dogs
 - dog related complaints, as reported to Council annually, remain of a scale and nature that rely on the provisions of the Bylaw to address.
2. The Policy and Bylaw largely meet their intent under the Act but could be improved because:
 - the Policy contains elements that duplicate provisions in the Act
 - the Policy's statutory content elements lack clarity
 - the Bylaw contains elements that duplicate provisions in the Act
 - the Bylaw contains clauses that are lacking in clarity and certainty for enforcement purposes.

3.6.1 Is the current Policy meeting the legislative requirements?

The requirements of section 10 of the Act are summarised in 3.4.1 of this report, which lists the components that must be included in the Policy.

Staff consider the current Policy covers these three requirement elements. However, improvements to the expression of these are appropriate.

3.6.2 Does the Policy have clearly stated goals or objectives?

The Policy does not clearly provide a section with goals or objectives, but in the introduction section it makes the following statements:

- *Council's aim is for people of all ages to feel safe in our District during any interaction with dogs and Council has for example designated sufficient and appropriate locations where dog owners can exercise their pets. This can be achieved through active enforcement and by improving the skill and knowledge of dog owners.*
- *While there is focus in the Dog Control Act on minimising danger, distress and nuisance from dogs in the community through appropriate policy, it is believed that there is equal benefit in implementing policy that acknowledges and encourages good dog ownership.*
- *Council also acknowledges that it can participate in a wider role in respect to the welfare of dogs, the protection of wildlife and in particular, education of the public in respect to these issues.*

It is considered that these statements largely represent the aims of the 2013 Policy.

3.6.3 Is the current form of the Policy the most appropriate approach?

The current Policy form is not the most appropriate for the following reasons:

- it does not provide clearly articulated goals or objectives that inform the policy approach
- it contains elements that duplicate provisions in the Act
- while the three required statutory content elements of the Policy are present, they lack clarity and certainty
- some content is operational in nature and/or explains procedural elements that are documented elsewhere.

A possible Policy content and approach is outlined in section 3.7 and addresses the above matters as well as issues raised elsewhere in this report.

3.6.4 What was the original intent of the bylaw and is it meeting that intent?

The current Bylaw 'scope' states that the purpose of the Bylaw is to 'set standards of control that must be observed by dog owners'.

While at a high level the intent of the bylaw is being met, there is an opportunity to improve a range of areas in the Bylaw to better meet the stated intent and for the purpose of the Bylaw to be more clearly articulated.

3.6.5 Is the problem that the bylaw set out to address still a problem? If so, is a bylaw still the best approach to addressing that problem?

The Act sets out to ensure the care and control of dogs which is outlined in the Policy and implemented in the Bylaw. As has been highlighted in this report, problems and issues with dogs still exist.

The Bylaw is still the best approach to addressing those problems caused by dogs that are able to be provided for in a bylaw and to provide support to the objectives of the Policy and the intent of the Act. The Bylaw provides enforcement powers to encourage responsible dog ownership and to minimise harm and danger caused by dogs.

3.6.6 If the bylaw is still required, what provisions should it contain (both existing and new provisions)?

The dog management framework requires a bylaw to give effect to the Policy. Section 3.4.1 of this report outlines the nine matters that may be provided for in a bylaw under section 20 of the Act. Additionally, a council may make a bylaw 'for any other purpose that is necessary or desirable to further the control of dogs'.

The current Bylaw contains eight substantive clauses, of which four are specifically provided for in section 20 of the Act. The remaining four could be classified as being included 'for any other purpose' but repeat existing provisions in the Act or lack sufficient clarity to be able to be relied on for enforcement purposes.

The Bylaw does not currently include provisions for:

- limits on the number of dogs per house
- dogs to be tied up overnight
- impounding dogs in breach of the bylaw
- requiring repeat offending not-under-control dogs to be neutered

The potential draft Bylaw content and approach is outlined in section 3.8 and addresses each of the relevant matters individually.

3.6.7 is the bylaw form still appropriate?

The current Bylaw form is lacking. It does not follow the Whangarei District Council template format for bylaws, does not use a 'plain English' approach, and repeats the dog access rule provisions of the Policy, which have been identified in the previous report as lacking in clarity. There is an opportunity to provide greater understanding and transparency for both staff and the community by also including 'related information' content.

3.6.8 Are there any implications under the Bill of Rights Act 1990

Under the LGA a bylaw review must consider whether a bylaw has any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA). A bylaw cannot be inconsistent with this Act.

A dog management bylaw could potentially limit the freedom of movement under section 18 of NZBORA. The current Bylaw identifies public places in the District where dogs are prohibited or allowed on- and off-leash. Staff consider the existing Bylaw limits the freedom of movements for dog owners, however this limit is considered justifiable given the approach adopted in the Policy which for people of all ages to feel safe in our District and which the Bylaw gives effect to.

While some public spaces may be prohibited for dogs due to environmental protection and safety for children and to minimise the harm between dogs and other people, there are many places within the District where dogs are allowed to be.

3.7 Issues and options - possible Policy content

The review process has included a review of other local authorities' approaches to their policies on dogs. This indicates a more modern best practice approach for such policies is to provide an overall framework approach detailing the objectives of the policies, what Council's general approach is to meet those objectives and also what Council's expectations of dog owners are. The Policy should also provide clearer linkages to the Bylaw.

3.7.1 Required content

Within the above framework, Council must include the following:

- the dog access rules
- the nature and application of bylaws
- state whether dogs classified as menacing dogs must be neutered or not and any associated criteria.

The dog access rules were discussed at the previous briefing and staff will have received Council's feedback and direction to draft this element of the new Policy. The nature and application of the Bylaw is primarily explanatory in nature, rather than setting an actual policy direction. Both elements will be included in the draft Policy to be presented to a future Council Briefing for consideration.

Staff consider that some changes to the current Policy content on the classification of menacing dogs is required. Based on feedback and discussions with the relevant staff, as well as the engagement feedback received, the following changes are proposed:

1. Providing for the exclusion of American Staffordshire Terriers (which are acknowledged to look like American Pitbull Terriers) from being classified as menacing subject to sufficient evidence being provided.
2. Clarifying Council's position that all menacing dogs must be neutered but providing for a deferral of the neutering requirement if the dog is subject to enforcement proceedings or where an objection to the classification is lodged.

3.7.2 Elective content

Existing content proposed to be removed

Table 7 below lists those elements of the existing Policy that staff consider are not necessary or are duplicated in the Act and should be removed.

Table 7

Policy Section	Act s10 reference	Overview and staff recommendations
Introduction	NA	Proposed to be replaced with a more clearly articulated set of goals and objectives.
Control and care of dogs on private property	NA	Summarises/repeats elements of s14 and s52A of the Act. Recommend removing - Not required.
Wandering dogs	NA	Outlines Council's approach to wandering dogs. Is operational in nature and could be inconsistent with any changes to level of service agreements with Council's contractor. Summarises/repeats elements of S52-52A of the Act regarding impounding. Recommend removing - Not required.
Impounding	NA	Explains where the pound is, how impounding fees are set and outlines requirements of the Act regarding pounds. Recommend removing - Not required as these matters are established through other public processes.
Hearing procedure	NA	Outlines a 'general description' of a procedure to hear objections under the Act and provides relevant references to sections of the Act. Is potentially inconsistent with any specific procedures that the Committee wishes to establish. Potential for conflict between the Policy and the Committee's preferred processes (and potentially their Terms of Reference). Recommend removing.
Issuing of infringement notices	10(3)(f)(vi)	Largely outlines Council's operational approaches to the issuing of infringements; where it may apply discretion in issuing infringements, whether to prosecute infringements and that it may cancel an infringement. Recommend removing.

Existing content discussed in feedback

Three existing elements of the Policy were raised as issues in submissions. None of the elements are compulsory and can be addressed and provided for through other decision-making mechanisms of Council, even if not included in the Policy. They are operational and funding related matters and would predominantly be addressed through the annual budget setting and fees and charges processes.

Fees

While this is a specific matter that Council can consider including in the Policy, it is not recommended to retain this policy content in the current format.

The Act received Royal Assent in 1996 and it is assumed that the inclusion of fees relating to dogs in a Policy on Dogs was the most appropriate mechanism for the setting of fees at that time. However, the LGA provides for fee setting mechanisms through the Annual and Long-Term Plan processes, including the associated Revenue and Finance Policy mechanisms.

Related to these processes, fees are set every year through the fees and charges process of Council. Setting specific fees in the Policy would limit Council's ability to review and make changes to the Revenue and Finance Policy and the annual budget setting process.

An option for consideration is for Council to set a policy direction on registration fee reductions for certain categories of dogs (or owners), noting this would limit Council's flexibility in addressing these matters on an annual basis as it does with most other fee related matters.

This would remove the current prescriptive nature of the Policy wording, but allows for Council to confirm its preferred approach for certain dogs.

A draft section that represents Council's current discounted fee approach, but which excludes the current specific factors that should be addressed through other mechanisms, is provided below to aid discussion.

7. Fees and charges relating to dogs

1. *Section 37 of the Act sets out what Council may set fees for in relation to its dog control activities. Council's ability to set and collect fees is reviewed through the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes under the LGA.*
2. *Dog registration fees will be set through the processes outlined in 7.1 and in accordance with the following provisions:*
 - a) *Fees for neutered dogs will be set at a lower rate than standard registration fee*
 - b) *Fees for working dogs (excluding disability assist dogs) will be set at a lower rate than the standard registration fee*
 - c) *Fees for disability assist dogs as defined in Schedule 5 of the Dog Control Act will not be charged*
 - d) *Fees for the first registration of puppies will be charged on a pro-rata monthly rate.*

As outlined in section 3.5.2 of this report (Table 5), submitters requested a discount on registration fees for owners who had obtained 'Responsible Dog Owner' certification.

In addition to the existing discount categories above, Council may wish to consider providing further discounts to dog owners who have obtained a responsible dog owner license as is provided for in other councils.

However, any such addition would require additional funding to develop, implement and administer such a license system.

Defecations & signs

The Policy currently outlines Council's aspirational level of service regarding dog waste bins and signs in key high pedestrian areas. The provision of dog waste bins and associated budgeting issues were outlined in the previous Briefing report. Outside of the impact of this review on the regulatory signs budget, the Health and Bylaws Department includes an annual amount for signs that is established as part of the Annual or Long-Term Plan process.

Potential content discussed in feedback

Four other matters were raised in feedback that relate to potential Policy content:

1. Dog welfare
2. Communications and information
3. Owner education programmes/responsible dog owner licenses

4. Funding to support voluntary neutering programmes/activities that promote good dog ownership.

As with the previous section, Council may wish to consider the inclusion of one or more of the above matters as a clear policy direction in the Policy to provide for certainty on these matters over the ten-year period the Policy will be in place. However, by not including them this does not limit Council's ability to provide funding as per the other processes already mentioned.

The feedback on communications and information will inform the implementation process of the new Policy and Bylaw, which will include revised information on Council's website as well as an engagement plan to update the community on the new Policy and Bylaw. These elements will be covered within existing operational budgets.

3.8 Issues and options - possible Bylaw content

The Act does not provide for 'required' content for a Bylaw. However, Council must give effect to a Policy adopted under section 20. A key aspect of giving effect to the Policy is to provide for the enforcement of the dog access rules contained in the Policy.

Existing content proposed to be removed

Table 8 below lists those elements of the existing Bylaw that staff consider are not necessary, or are duplicated in the Act and should be removed.

Table 8

Bylaw section	Act s10 reference	Overview and recommendations
Shelter	20(1)(e)	Is a specific matter provided for in s20 but also largely duplicates the provisions of s5 of the Act as well as the Code of Welfare for dogs. Recommend removing.
Control of dogs wandering including on private property	NA	Duplicates the provisions of ss52 and 52A. Not required. Recommend removing.
Dogs becoming a nuisance or injurious to health	NA	Is provided for in s5 as well as other sections in the Act. Not required. Recommend removing.
Causing dogs to become unmanageable	NA	This is provided for in various sections of the Act but also lack certainty for enforcement purposes in any case. Recommend removing.

Existing content to be retained

The current Bylaw provisions relating to:

- dog access rules
- picking up of dog faeces
- dogs on heat and diseased dogs in public places,

are all proposed to be retained, but substantially reworded for clarity and transparency purposes.

New content for consideration

1. Neutering of uncontrolled dogs

Based on the review process, including the feedback received, staff consider it would be appropriate to include a new set of clauses in the Bylaw that would allow Council to require

dogs that have been not kept under control on more than one occasion within a 12-month period to be neutered. This would include an associated objection clause.

This inclusion would provide Animal Management Officers with the ability to issue infringement notices under the Bylaw if owners do not comply with a request for neutering and therefore provides another regulatory mechanism for Council to deal with problem dogs.

2. Review of classification of a menacing dog

It is suggested that a clause is included in the Bylaw to allow an owner of a dog that has been classified as menacing to have that classification reviewed after a year. This would support dog owners in engaging in activities towards responsible dog ownership to be eligible to apply.

3. Temporary changes to dog access rules

Current best practice approaches include provisions in Bylaws that allow for temporary changes to dog access rules to be made. This can accommodate dog training activities on land that is normally not accessible for dogs (e.g. sports parks) or to allow for restrictions on dogs where vulnerable wildlife has been recently identified.

Number of dogs on properties

An element of a Dog Bylaw that is often incorporated by councils across New Zealand is a limit on the number of dogs that can held on a property. Often this restriction is contained to a defined urban area of a District.

The outcome of the internal review is that staff do not support the inclusion of this matter in the Bylaw due to associated issues with enforcement and community expectations. As outlined in section 3.5.2 of this report, the feedback received, even from those who supported a limit on dogs, was mixed in terms of how such a limit should be applied.

Other elective elements of a bylaw

The two remaining elective elements of a bylaw are:

- dogs to be tied up at night
- impounding dogs in breach of the bylaw

These elements are not contained in the current Bylaw. The outcome of the internal review is that neither are required to be included in the Bylaw. While some feedback on concerns about dog welfare was received, staff consider that an educational approach is better suited to these types of issues rather than a regulatory infringement approach.

Staff further consider that the provisions of the Act regarding impounding of dogs are sufficiently broad and a specific clause in the Bylaw is therefore not required.

3.9 Statutory consultation process

Staff are seeking direction on Council's preferred approach for the statutory consultation element of the review process, now scheduled for approximately April 2024. The Act requires that a Policy and Bylaw must be consulted on in accordance with the requirements of section 83 of the LGA.

As was outlined to Council in an overview report on bylaw processes in May 2023, for statutory consultations, the LGA includes requirements to allow people to present their views on the subject of the consultation "in a manner that enables spoken or NZ Sign Language".

In the past, Council has met this requirement by holding hearings in Council chambers after written submissions have closed. This followed other legislative approaches (predominantly

the RMA) where people would attend a hearing to ‘speak’ to their written submission. A written submission is not a prerequisite for presenting an oral submission under the LGA.

A formal Council hearing may not be the most conducive format for many people to be able to present their views. Anecdotally, its formality and process can be intimidating. Furthermore, changes in practices in the wake of Covid-19 have given rise to a range of alternative methods for Elected Members to “hear” submitters, such as phone calls and online meetings.

There are a range of possible ways to “hear” people, such as drop-in days or ‘chat with a Councillor’ sessions. Each process may use one or more methods depending on the topic and the wider context.

The May 2023 Briefing item provided that prior to consultation for each bylaw under review, staff will ask Council to identify a group of Elected Members to form a ‘bylaw hearing panel’ with the delegated authority to ‘hear’ submitters, deliberate on matters raised in submissions and then make a recommendation back to Council on the final proposed bylaw. This is standard process across many councils in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Given the nature of a dog Policy and Bylaw review, staff are seeking initial feedback on Council’s preferences for how to meet the statutory requirements of the LGA to hear submitters’ views via spoken or NZ Sign Language, deliberate on matters raised in submissions and make a recommendation back to Council.

4 Next steps

The original project timeline proposed for this review process anticipated the adoption of a Statement of Proposal for consultation at the December 2023 Council meeting for consultation to start in early February 2024 and conclude in early March 2024 to avoid conflict with the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan consultation process.

There have been some challenges regarding the Briefing dates scheduled for this to be achieved, with the Briefing originally scheduled for 31 October 2023 being deferred due to the need to prioritise LTP discussions. This has had a flow on effect for the review timeline.

A revised schedule has now been established to accommodate this, with the scheduled adoption of the final Policy and Bylaw now moved to the July 2024 Council meeting. This does mean the original timeline has had to be moved out but there are no notable consequences as a result of this, the review must be concluded before 2025.

An item is now scheduled to be presented at a Briefing in February 2024 that will include a draft Bylaw and Policy based on the feedback and direction received at this and the previous meeting.

5 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Attachment A – Feedback on four topics provided

Attachment B – General feedback

Receipt #	managing menacing dogs
DPB-2	Rules should be much stricter, victims should be able to seek remedy to suit their context much more easily.
DPB-5	Control of menacing dogs benefits the whole community as such be funded via general rates rather than solely by people who register their dogs.
DPB-7	Fence height restrictions need to be put in place for properties where there is known menacing dog/s.... Owners of these dogs need to be triple fined and / or charged if their dog gets out of the property and a photo of it (with details) is taken by a member of the public, then handed into council Animal Control... If a dog is found to be menacing and is picked up by Animal Control, out on the streets, the dog should be
DPB-11	My dog is not a menacing dog. I should not have to pay more registration or be listed as having a certain dog breed. Again my dogs are the best trained. Gentle well behaved dogs and do not deserve the label that society has given them and that the council accepts and supports. It is the humans that create bad dogs
DPB-14	Dog control are not quick enough to remove wandering dogs on the street. Particularly in Hikurangi
DPB-15	Roaming dogs are a huge concern to me when out walking my own, on lead dogs. Reporting and having something actioned, should be more common and outcomes be made public to set a standard.
DPB-17	Not all dogs taken by the pound are not menacing. A large amount of them are family pets that don't fit menacing. There should be another tier below this. Pound staff need thorough training and more accountability for applying the label above to some dogs. They are inconsistent very unhelpful and devoid of communication skills
DPB-21	Euthanise them
DPB-27	Absolutely appalling way this is managed. ANY one can make a allegations about a dog being menacing and the dog is taken away from their home with no proof of the incident and taken on ONE person's word. THE dog is then held for 48 hours in a cage and not allowed out to pee - breaking all animal welfare standards. THE allegation should be treated as such and dealt with as such UNTIL the dog is proven to have hurt etc. This law allows vulnerable people to have the only safety they have on the voice of ONE person - obviously this can be done maliciously and cruelly. The incident should be investigated before the animal removed and if proven menacing then see if rehabilitation is suitable. Currently the decision are made by people on the council who have no animal behavioral experience or qualifications, no animal psychological experience or qualifications and in whangarei are just random counsellors with no background in animals care. What if a woman is murdered because an abusive partner makes an allegation against her dog and the only protection she has is removed? The current legislation is flawed not only for the animals but for the humans who own them. The current animal management around this area is abhorrent, cruel and I know that the Animal Management Centre in Whangarei does not abide by
DPB-31	Any reoccurring roaming dogs to be neutered, dogs that have attacked cats/people/other dogs/stock multiple times to be neutered. Bigger fines for non microchipped dogs that are found roaming
DPB-35	Growling and constant barking are just unacceptable when owners take no remedial training or taking them for exercise. Not one neighbour is happy.
DPB-37	As a good dog owner who regards my dogs as part of the family it saddens me to see so many dogs so poorly cared for, chained up outside as an ornament and not loved. There are areas as a member of public I won't go due to roaming dogs that have attacked. When a phone call or co.plaint has been made to animal control it goes unanswered. The good owners are having to pay registration and receive little
DPB-40	Harsher penalties please - let's neuter them all, and use council funding
DPB-48	If by menacing dogs you mean aggressive dogs which are free then they need to be confiscated and impounded. Fine to owners and help by the spca to find a solution. If you have laws without being able to
DPB-49	I struggle with the need for evidence by way of photos video or corroborating witnesses before anything is done about dog attacks on stock or pets. If the pet/stock is injured and the owner saw the attack then that should be enough. I live in Hikurangi and we have a massive wandering dog problem. I know that dog control officers watch the Hika page comments/posts. That should be enough to pick up wandering dogs. We have a massive problem out here and essentially nothing is being done about it. 12 months of focus here would ensure most owners would make their properties secure or remove neglected dogs from our
DPB-51	I think a lot more effort should be put into picking these dogs up. And they should be returned to their owners until they have been assessed and neutered. And if they do not pass assessment they should sadly

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Receipt #	managing menacing dogs
DPB-52	On 10-May 2023 at 4:24pm I called 0800 932 463 to report a rushing dog (one of those mean ones that look like those used in dogfights). I left a voicemail but never received a response to my call. Please ensure that feedback to such calls is provided, even if no action is taken, so that it doesn't feel like nobody cares.
DPB-60	Matapouri bay has a roaming dog problem and Council needs to get the dog team more warrantable officer's trained and to occupy these areas more. More resources more staff... this needs to happen.
DPB-64	I would like to see the boundaries of public parks to be sufficiently fenced to prevent roaming dogs. On area of great concern is the NW corner of Tarewa park where it meets the pedestrian bridge to west end avenue. There is often large, un-neutered dogs roaming off the adjoining property putting park users (including the nearby children's playground) and people using that walking track at risk. The call out times for managing roaming or menacing dogs needs to be improved. There have been occasions where I have called about roaming dogs, only to be told that it could be a couple of hours before
DPB-67	It is obvious that certain areas of town are a no go for dog control officers. There are wandering, unregistered, dangerous dogs. They should be picked up and not returned to the owners unless all regulations are met.ie: contained area
DPB-68	Dogs should not be titled "dangerous" or "aggressive" just based on their breed. If there is suspicion of unwanted behavior an assessment should be done instead.
DPB-69	I think that requiring dogs who are classed as dangerous dogs, because of their breed to wear muzzles a
DPB-73	Menacing dogs should be put down period. If owners don't control them after one warning .
DPB-76	Fine the owners more money for mismanagement of their animals
DPB-78	Too many wandering dogs in Onerahi. Some menacing.
DPB-83	I have complained about a big menacing dog in Denby road Tikipunga, and nothing ever gets done. When it's owner walks it, it's not muzzled and it's very dangerous. If she lost hold of the leash we would be mincemeat. If there are complaints about dogs, it needs to be followed through. My elderly mother and myself with my dog were attacked out walking. The dog was caught by passers-by and saved us. Dog control did out it down and 8m very sad that had to happen but grateful for the help and
DPB-81	Would like to see more funding allocated to this area to enable consistent management and follow up of the dogs that have a history of aggressive behaviour.
DPB-84	Make desexing mandatory.
DPB-92	I often called about the same dog constantly rushing at me, entering my home and growling at myself and my small children leaving us to hide away. Yet I was asked for photo proof, I know many neighbours called about the same dogs and nothing was done without photo proof yet multiple people are reporting the same
DPB-87	This should be managed and owners prosecuted and fined for repeat offending
DPB-88	People need to b accountable for their own dogs
DPB-109	I have a dog who is always on his lead-up we come across so many roaming dogs in tikipunga
DPB-94	You see an awful lot of roaming dogs, and a number of them are scary. We need to have our footpaths safe for children and the elderly especially. Dogs should be secure behind a fence. Or on a chain with proof that they get time off the chain to run in a safe way.
DPB-110	We have experienced menacing dogs down our right of way and it took over a year before anything was resolved despite several people reporting them. We now have another situation next door, also reported and were told we would be informed after action was taken but we are still waiting 2 weeks later.

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Receipt #	managing menacing dogs
DPB-102	<p>Why is the dog register policy so under policed. All unregistered dogs should be impounded for a short period with the owner instructed to register their dog or have it put down.</p> <p>Why are more aggressive breeds of dog permitted. In some areas of town there seems to be many uncontrolled dogs. Time for the council to control this issue.</p> <p>Why is desexing dogs not compulsory with only a register breed permitted to breed dogs. This would reduce the number of unregistered and unpredictable cross breeds roaming the streets.</p> <p>Note there seems to be a socio economic issue with many uncontrolled dogs. Somehow the dog policy needs to ensure dog owners are able to fund their dog. That is, they must be able to afford registration, fencing, and good housing, as well as being responsible citizens. I know the socio economic issue is an elephant in the room, by why do we allow some people to put the communities at risk and expect the community to pay for the continual dog control through the very expensive dog registration. Owing a dog is</p>
DPB-106	Dogs should be monitored and under control of their owners at all times. If dogs pose an actual threat to the public, they should be controlled via their owners. Failure of the owners to accede to this should result in an immediate ban on that person being able to own a dog until such time as they can prove that they
DPB-108	I have experienced so many issues that now I do not leave the vehicle. I have watched them also chase endangered birds in and along the estuary (no go zone). They disturb the oyster catchers, terns and brown ducks. The owners of these dogs sometimes carry leads but do not use them.
DPB-114	<p>I have a lot of large dogs where I live that come rushing at you aggressively, and they are only separated by a low fence.</p> <p>They should be chained, contained at the rear of the property, or behind a high (1.8m) fence.</p>
DPB-117	<p>I am tired of seeing wandering dogs in Ruakaka. Some of them are dangerous.</p> <p>I have been involved in 2 incidents this year where these dogs have tried to attack people just walking.</p>
DPB-115	They should be removed, put to sleep. People have rights. Dogs do not. Aggressive dogs have been mistreated and trained by their owners to be that way. Aggressive dogs should not be tolerated or even
DPB-129	<p>I was walking back from the Raumanga falls on Dec 5th 2022 when I was attacked by two dogs from a house backing on to the reserve.</p> <p>I'm 77 and was holding my stick high in case of protecting myself. Another man there was on the phone to the Police. Four of five policeman came up from the street (one with a gun) and the dogs ran back to the house they came from. I walked to my car about 50 meters away, my heart beating, and sat to recover.</p> <p>Thank you to the police persons.</p>
DPB-119	This is a hard one as it is usually because of ill trained dogs that they do become menacing and it seems cruel to punish an animal that knows no better, but it doesn't work for communities if they feel unsafe or they feel they're pets are unsafe both on their own property and while walking. Although it seems a harsh line I do think that there should be less strikes for roaming, menacing dogs and they should be removed from the owners. Maybe a way to encourage better control could be a proof of care system where no dog would be returned to an owner if they were found roaming unless they could prove how they have remedied
DPB-122	<p>Our community is threatened with menacing dogs that rush at people while walking on public spaces, further dogs that continue to bark are an intrusion to neighbors</p> <p>There needs to be a warning system in place where a three strikes rule is put in place.</p>
DPB-123	Stricter fines and punishments for those who let their dogs wander/are aggressive. Maybe having requirements for the dog to return home (such as adequate fencing) could be considered, at their cost or subsidised (or potentially in lieu of paying the fee to get dogs back out of the pound).
DPB-133	I have 2 beautiful Goldies one aged 13 and half and SPCA adopted Goldie now going on to 3yrs and it is sad to say I feel to afraid now to walk them around the streets because of wandering and uncontrolled dogs on fence line and thru bad experience of my older one being attacked that came racing out of a property and loose dogs roaming and no- one to help. Dogs off leashes at parks etc very scary when racing upto you, I treasure my Girls and saw the effects and trauma after my Goldie got attacked. Also dangerous for

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Receipt #	managing menacing dogs
DPB-154	Education the owners!
DPB-130	Dogs that either 1) attack other dogs 2) attack people 3) have a history of aggressive behaviours or being picked up for roaming should be destroyed . At present the powers of the pound / dog control are limited and next to useless as roaming dogs can be uplifted , fine paid and get to do it all over again .
DPB-135	Unleashed dogs wondering all over the place. No owner control. Dog droppings everywhere and uncontrolled barking dogs,
DPB-136	I would like to see owners of menacing dogs in public places to face greater consequences, whether on or off leash. In my mind this is similiar to a personal assault or threatening situation.
DPB-138	If dog's attack other animals and humans, they should be put down.
DPB-148	Should be able to walk around footpaths, shared paths, neighbourhoods etc without getting even barked at if you are not on their property. Anything from this upwards is menacing. Potential dog owners should have to do a basic course before ownership/registration is allowed - even online - which commits them to not just purchasing, walking, vets, licensing etc but also means they can't leave them unattended and must train them re barking etc. Zero tolerance - 1 offence, dog is confiscated & put down. No second, 3rd
DPB-149	Huge changes could be made by proactively helping low income owners to build better fencing, offer desexing funding, and offer incentives, offering education. Teaching better ownership by punishment only does not work, and putting down ten to fifteen dogs a week at the pound could be reduced with effort. The
DPB-151	Menacing dogs are a HUGE problem in Whangarei. Living near Raumanga I'm too afraid to walk my dog or myself in my own neighborhood. Menacing dogs should be evaluated as reoffended. If the dog attacked someone or someone's animal they are given 1 chance in an evaluation. If they're shown to repeat the
DPB-164	They should not be allowed to remain with their owner if they can't be retrained they should be put down
DPB-155	WDC Animal Control keeps a record of reports on menacing and Rushing dogs.
DPB-160	Dogs that attack children, other dogs, people, or animals should go through a warning system depending on the severity of the injury. If the owners cannot control thier dog it should be taken away.
DPB-183	Why is it the good dog owners that register dogs and provide loving environments have to cover the owners of dogs that are irresponsible? It ignores me, it is the owners responsibility not the dog.
DPB-166	It would be good to have a means of reporting dogs that behave in a menacing way on the boundary of people's properties I.e. dogs running and jumping onto fences on the footpath boundary in an aggressive
DPB-172	Menacing dog owners should have one warning then have the dogs removed from their care
DPB-178	Dogs are dogs they do escape even the best enclosure or chains break. Dogs bark. Dogs that roam get picked up by animal control and then people get charged crazy amount of money. This is unfair and unreasonable. They charge to much for unregistered dogs \$300 ?? this is not right.
DPB-99	Any dog which has an aggressive tendency should be muzzled when in public areas to protect people and other dogs. Especially places like dog parks, I have seen many attacks and owners say 'yeah I know he/she can be aggressive' which is not fair on any other dog.
DPB-190	Dog fencing around the streets is pretty poor - world be great to see dog owners fence heir properties appropriately
DPB-194	Euthanize them
DPB-196	Remove and do not return to owners.
DPB-201	Dogs (owners)that have been warned about there bad behaviour will need to ware a muzzle before being allowed back in to these areas
DPB-203	These types of dogs need to be fully controlled it put down.

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DPB-210	My experience with WDC control for nuisance dogs has been far less than satisfactory. We have multiple nuisance dogs in Raumati Crescent, Onerahi. There are dogs that are left to bark all day and at times during the night as well. I have given up calling WDC about this because everytime I have called I have asked to be updated on the progress by WDC but despite WDC undertaking to update me, this simply does not occur. The barking continues so I presume nothing has been done by WDC to deal with this problem. Perhaps WDC needs to increase its resources so that it can investigate every call and update the caller accordingly. For me personally, failure to investigate and update me leaves me feeling extremely frustrated and angry and very disappointed in WDC. We also have a problem with dogs unleashed and left to roam. I
DPB-209	I have seen dogs attack at the dog park and imagine it is hard to police menacing dogs. I feel sad for dogs if their owners let them down and don't obey the rules. The dog should be seized and rehomed where possible not euthanized. Due to owning a menacing dog in the past where he was classed menacing but never actually injured the dog or has ever bit a dog in his life but because it was claimed he did he was instantly classed menacing and we couldn't ever take him to dog parks or in public in fear he would be seized.. Despite the allegations being false and based off a hateful neighbour who didnt like us calling the police on his adult son who was tormenting our dog over the fence endlessly to the point we had to move after months of nothing being
DPB-211	Compulsory dog training classes for the owners and a course on owning menacing dogs, eg exoectations, femcing requirements, signage, free access to the front door for service providers. Basically register the owners and make them accountable. Compulsory muzzles for outside the property. Education for the public
DPB-70	There needs to be harsher penalties for owners who repeatedly let their dogs roam the streets and/or attack other animals while roaming
DPB-212	Roaming dogs pounded. With a high fine for release. Aggressive dogs no questions euthanasia.
DPB-221	Much much more needs to be done in this space. I moved from Wellington 1 year ago and have had my leashed dogs attacked 3 times, dogs have run after us down the road twice, and almost every daily walk includes a person with their dog off leash and not under control. I was walking alone in tapia on the beach when three dogs rushed me out of the sand dunes and were very menacing snarling barking, I carefully backed away without eye contact etc but was a very risky situation. The current loose and menacing
DPB-223	Should be muzzled and on a leash in all public places
DPB-233	Putthem down
DPB-234	People in Northland are apparently regularly attacked by loose dogs in the area. Dogs like this are a serious problem, see the FB posts about them in Onerahi and Whangarei esp. This is ALL due to irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to roam loose. These owners need to be held accountable, to cover the medical costs or pound costs, even if that means to take it out of their benefits or forbidden to ever have a pet. When a dog is believed to be "menacing" or even "dangerous" BEFORE this status is slapped on said dog by Council, there needs to be an independent behaviour test done, by a professional dog behaviourist not affiliated with Council, whether this dog truly warrants such a lifelong title. I have seen way too often, that bias dog officers slap a lifelong status on a dog without clear evidence that the dog should even have this. Once this title is falsely attached to said dog, no council officer dares change that,
DPB-240	Dogs on leash will help and banning troublesome dogs should be an option
DPB-248	Please include an option that if a dog is classified as menacing then it has the opportunity after a year to be unclassified again. This gives the owner the opportunity to train and otherwise socialise it so it can no
DPB-251	More financial resources to be allocated to rehabilitation of "aggressive/menacing" dogs. They all deserve a second chance and it is usually not their fault but at the hand of their handlers.

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DPB-263	The Council may at any time declare that a dog is menacing and therefore subject to specific controls. A menacing dog could be defined as any dog that a dog control officer has determined has displayed behaviours within or outside the property of the owner. This will include any menacing behaviour such as aggressive barking against a fence or jumping up towards any person. Menacing dogs needs to be securely fenced within the owner's property such that they cannot jump the fence or escape. Any breach of the owner's property will result in the menacing dog being surrendered to the Council. It is the responsibility of the owner to control the menacing dog at all times. Any dog deemed menacing that is not registered will be immediately seized by the Council and may be
DPB-269	Dog registration as usual is penalizing responsible owners & ignored by the rest. Dogs roaming free every night are a danger to our dogs who are registered & restrained on our private property... loose dogs jump fences. Cause fights on the street and no one responds to calls for action to be taken.
DPB-274	Near Kamo high I have seen big dog breeds off lead roaming around. Being a dog owner I know when a dog is nervous and this one dog shows those signs. More people should have their fencing checked. Maybe wardens should drive near schools at the start or end of the day so children are protected. Owners
DPB-279	More dog control offers (if possible)
DPB-283	Need to charge owners and have them accountable and do time on what there dogs are doing
DPB-285	Insufficient support is provided. If an uncontrolled dog attacks another, and IF you can get assistance from animal control, it's not followed up and the owner of the dog gets away with it. If you are lucky enough for support to actually result in a fine and the dog being classified as menacing there's no follow up to make sure muzzles are being worn and the dog is sufficiently contained or controlled.
DPB-286	Animal management should put them down as the owners don't take responsibility for their dogs behaviour
DPB-294	You should clearly prove they are menacing dogs first, if someone doesn't like dogs they can too easily complain.
DPB-295	I don't believe the council deal with menacing dogs at all. Possibly this is due to funding, where the dogs are situated, fear etc. It's a waste of time really. I'm sure if I complained about dogs at a gang house
DPB-299	Criminal charges for repeat offenses where a dog has caused damage. Ledger of names of people who cannot own dogs and why.
DPB-302	Owners that are uncontrolled e.g those who have dogs that are not registered, safely contained and not chained, unable to be recalled, poorly kept and without ability to afford vet care, food and fines should have
DPB-303	Tougher penalties for Roaming dogs. No registration = no dog back. If you can't register your dog, how can you tend to its other needs.
DPB-306	Roaming dogs should be managed by dog control and taken away. If they are not registered they should be rehired or if they are registered the owners should be fined
DPB-311	Have had over 20 visits from a wandering dog who has killed livestock and chased pets on my property. Gets collected by animal control then released straight back to its owners to reoffend. I believe there needs to be stricter consequences for reoffending wandering dogs especially when they have killed and chased
DPB-326	Actually enforce the rules.
DPB-328	Owness is on the owners.. Dogs that repetetively cause problems.. may need to be euthenised and their owners be unable to own another.
DPB-331	Needs quicker action for catch of dogs as taking too long & in some circumstances small animals getting hurt.
DPB-332	It is totally unacceptable and very distressing to know we have 2 dog attacks on children per week. I think the only way we can help this ghastly situation is to euthanize any wandering dog which is not chipped

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DPB-334	The menacing dog section should address not just dogs that are menacing to people but dogs that are menacing to wildlife. I have 176ha at 713 Rockell Rd, Whananaki, and regularly find evidence of abandoned pig dogs. Two years ago we found two crushed North island Brown Kiwi, which DoC identified as killed by dogs. Proposal: i) Make it a requirement to report an unaccounted for hunting dog within 48 hours of going
DPB-335	Considering banning dangerous species, just like in other countries. However menacing dogs are often the result of irresponsible owners who don't provide adequate training to their animals. Facilitating training sessions about dog handling to owners at no costs or reduce costs would be a great option.
DPB-338	I think the council need greater ability to manage, threatening dogs or dogs who have caused harm including increased fines and/or removal of the dog.
DPB-340	Way too many stray dogs, really unsafe. Also people just letting their dogs free roam around the streets can be really frustrating
DPB-343	Menacing dogs should have to get training from a certified trainer and the obligation to be on lead and wear a muzzle in public until proven the opposite in a test
DPB-345	There are too many roaming dogs in Hikurangi every owner says their dog is friendly but the roaming dogs are always large and I can no longer walk my dog who is little in fact I don't even like my teenagers walking
DPB-347	The Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers' Assn canvassed our local community and discussed this at our recent meeting. We agreed that the current bylaws are appropriate and are consistent with other councils. They don't need changing provided they are adequately enforced.
DPB-351	More help for the owners who struggle to contain their dogs, the consequences of the dogs being collected are not incentive enough for these owners to put effort into containing the animal for future escapes.
DPB-353	Unkept wandering and mismanaged barking dogs can create huge instability for neighbouring homes. People who are keeping dogs in poor condition may inflict threats and intimidation on people who would like to see these animals in better condition but for fear of retaliation or abuse are afraid to speak out. Animals welfare often is hand in hand with barking and wandering so if a referral system to connect with the
DPB-356	Dogs are supposed to be 'under control' but this means they can be offleash and subject to voice control onlu. I have asked people to call their dog off when they rush at me or grandchildren but they just get angry.
DPB-357	Menacing dogs on private property is an issue - I live next door to three large dogs none of which are socialised as they bark at me and anyone else on neighbouring properties or walking in the street at every opportunity we are outside at the same time which is quite often in good weather. These dogs live mostly indoors most probably because of their unsocial behaviour. Fortunately they are contained in their property NOW but this was an issue in the past when I would come outside only to be greeted by a snarling dog.
DPB-365	Menacingly should be not allowed .
DPB-374	The current policy for the management of menacing dogs is adequate. However, following up on reports of menacing dogs is not. Follow up is often slow, inadequate and sometimes non-existent. We need to have confidence that menacing dogs will be sufficiently dealt with to enable us to enjoy public spaces without
DPB-375	More incentive for people if they have completed dog training maybe a discount on registration if they complete a course
DPB-382	Menacing dogs are menacing because their owners are unreliable. There needs to be stricter laws for owners who continue to let their dogs bark and get loose. As a dog owner my dogs are controlled and cared for, it is my responsibility so if I have to so should others. People who don't follow the rules should have so many strikes and if they can't comply then dogs should be removed. If you can not care for your
DPB-383	Something actually needs to be done about roaming dogs OWNERS not the dogs it's not their fault they're not looked after, I've seen the same dog posted on Facebook for wandering over 20 times and the dog
DPB-386	There needs to be harsher penalties for dogs that wander multiple times within a set timeframe or that are being a nuisance. Wandering dogs can be very intimidating for people and animals.
DPB-390	Make it mandatory in some built up areas that dogs must be on a lead and in some cases muzzled

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DPB-392	1 x bite rule. Any dog who shows aggressive behavior should be forced to wear a muzzle. If aggressive AND caught wandering, it should be immediately euthanized.
DPB-395	If a dogs can't be controlled they should be put down. There needs to be someone independent as a support person for the dog owners Tony Gill could do this 0274739543 , However a better description of menacing needs to be looked at.
DPB-398	There needs to be lots of dog control officers patrolling the streets, dog parks, Loop walkway and other popular dog areas, checking if dogs are registered and under control. There's too many people that are out walking their dogs that don't have them under control. Dogs on properties that continually bark and are aggressive when walking past should be dealt with. I've had very aggressive dogs bark furiously and pace
DPB-401	Increase Fine and euthanise
DPB-402	Is there any obligation for dogs that attack or have attacked other animals or people to be flagged to the authorities by vets or doctors?
DPB-403	Needs to be stricter punishment on people with aggressive dogs. My Labrador's have been attacked two to three times by dogs that were more than likely unregistered and not neutered
DPB-415	Responsible owners should not be made to pay for the irresponsible ones. Dog registration is just taxing the good owners to pay for the bad. Animal management should be paid by our extortionate rates, as non owners and good owners should not carry the cost of the constant offenders. Licence the owner, not the
DPB-416	There appears to be an increased number of menacing dogs in some areas of our community - i know this to be the case because my employment regularly takes me into all suburbs of Whangarei including Raumanga, Otaika, Otangarei, Onerahi and some areas of Tikipunga. The number of dogs roaming is massive. There appears to be very little in the way of Council dog management going on in these areas.
Email- 48	<i>SOS: MPI requests policy provisions regarding menacing dogs to include information on regulations regarding muzzle use.</i>
Email- 52	<i>SOS: Mandatory de-sexing of known breeds of menacing dogs. Mandatory dog training for owners of menacing dogs. Menacing dogs not to be returned if impounded unless neutered and owner has done</i>
Stakeholder	<i>SOS: Wants policy to include guidelines and assessment criteria for how to establish whether a dog is menacing, needs to establish the difference between a threat and a nuisance.</i>
DPB-405	Dogs should be controlled or contained at all times. I can currently only run 2.5km from my rural home in any direction before a dog gets out on the road and rushes at me, snarling and growling. I get that a lot of people feel the need to protect their property at the moment, but they shouldn't be putting pedestrians on public roads at risk. I also see off-leash dogs on Hatea Loop and Hatea Walkway regularly. Mostly well-behaved, but it's becoming a trigger for me after the territorial dogs out my way. A leash when out and a
DPB-408	I think if a person has multiple reports made about nuisance dogs, after a certain amount of phonecalls or visits, something more permanent should be done.

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DPB-2	It's organic. It can quite often help land ecosystems. Rules should be relaxed
DPB-11	My dog shits on the beach just like the horses and cows and birds. It's natural and I won't pick it up I will bury it. My dog shits in the bush or on a verge that is unmanaged then I will not pick it up. If it shits on a path or in town then I will as these are high traffic areas. If it is rural it will stay on the ground.
DPB-12	Not enough or any dog poop bins around our communities
DPB-14	We're obsessive clearers after our dog, but having to take bags of poo in the car where there are no bins makes it unpleasant so understand why others just leave it where it is. Providing more dog bins in areas where there are no bins would help to alleviate the problem of left waste
DPB-19	More bins at parks for example no bins at Totara parklands
DPB-20	While staying the obvious that it courtesy to pick up poo having disposal unit and backs like they do in both Queenstown and Dunedin may reduce the risk of the owners not picking it up
DPB-21	Must be done... health hazard
DPB-26	Needs to be a form of punishment either by fine for those caught not picking up after their dogs. And for dogs caught roaming onto neighbours property and leaving behind a mess
DPB-27	If your dog poos, you pick it up simple as that - or you are fined. If in nature bury it!
DPB-29	Please police the loop more on this. At the moment it is really disgusting and seems to be getting worse. Especially around the bascule bridge on both sides. Either more signs, bins or even fines.
DPB-32	Dog poop always needs to be picked up. I see too many who just leave it on the ground for others to stand on.
DPB-36	Burying it or placing it a bush, putting it in a plastic bag makes it harder for it to decompose. Or at least have a compostable bag
DPB-37	Absolutly. How many times have I handed another dog walker a bag because they were going to walk away and leave it. Surely there should be wardens doing patrols to target these poor owners as again us good owners get lumped in the same basket. Having wardens being proactive for example around the loop to give reminders and actively patrol on weekends and evenings would go a long way (they do t seem to work during the times of high use) In the high use times having proactive education, free poop bags at intervals in the high use areas. The dog poop bag bins around the loop are a great incentive for people to pick up the poop but only when they have been emptied and aren't overflowing. Of note I told a child off not too lo g ago for pooping by one of the trees in the town basin a couple of months ago and all the parents could do was laugh and said he couldn't hold it to the toilet which was just the other side of the cafes. I offered them a poop bag to pick it up and they told me to go f@#k myself and walked off. Not all the poop is dog poop and how often are we seeing plastics and rubbish billowing about and in the harbour itself, how many of those orange cones? At least dog poop disintegrates in the rain but I still agree it should be picked up.
DPB-42	The fines for should be made of say \$50 for each transgression.
DPB-48	Fine like parking tickets. Again if this is not enforced then not alot of point. Dog patrol officers around popular places ie Town Basin and ensure dog faeces are picked up or owners get a ticket, just like a parking ticket.
DPB-51	I think owners who fail to pick up their dogs poo should be fined for littering etc.
DPB-52	Dog faeces on berms or footpaths in the One Tree Point area has been increasing slightly over the last two years. At Ruakaka Beach there have been a number of instances lately where dog faeces are left behind in plastic bags on the beach or around the access ramp at the Surf Club.
DPB-59	If possible & the people are caught then fine them
DPB-60	In Palmerston North park's they have bins in the form of a plastic type bin in the shape of a sitting dog. You use to be able to lift the lid and it would be somewhere for people to put dog poo bags. The council then collected and serviced the bins. whangarei and the Tutukaka coastline needs this..... this would stop dog poo offenders and promote healthy policy.
DPB-66	It's a problem all over. I have not been on a walk where I haven't seen dog poo. Even the loop around the basin will sometimes have more then 2 poos on the walk way.
DPB-74	There is a large number of local dog owners at Matapouri that do not remove their dog faces from the area. They commonly leave bags of faeces when leaving the beach. There are a lot of dogs roaming free both night and day the majority are from local hapū or iwi owned properties.
DPB-76	Should be mandatory for all owners. Have more poo bag stations around popular dog spots
DPB-78	The bins along Beach Road are too far apart. People often have their dogs off leash and far from them, so they don't pick up. If they do pick it, it's a long way to find a bin in this popular dog walking area.
DPB-79	More bins are needed in popular areas.

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DPB-86	Quite a lot along the Kamo shared pathway. Perhaps install some bag dispensers and a couple more rubbish containers along the pathway. Particularly annoying to see it on the pathway. Or- maybe designate a few areas along the pathway as "relief" areas for dogs, and mulch those areas a little more frequently, or remove and replace the mulch, to help break down the faeces and keep odours down. We all know people are supposed to pick up after their dogs, but they don't. So maybe we need to figure out a way to deal with what is there. There are areas that are bare and just grow weeds, so maybe utilize those areas.
DPB-87	All owners should have to pick up dog poop. Fines for offending. Dog bags and bins should be accessible in dog friendly areas too.
DPB-88	Always
DPB-109	We always pick our up its not hard every one I believe should be doing it
DPB-94	Public places should be clean. Dog owners should pick up after there dogs.
DPB-95	More education needed around picking up. More poo tins on the Hatea loop.
DPB-96	Owners should always pick up their dogs faeces. Education should be given on why this is so important.
DPB-97	Providing bins for dog faeces bags to help improve compliance. Education around responsibilities of dog ownership and costs associated with it, especially negative potential aspects to children if worming etc. not done. Not writing all by-laws for the non compliant who largely ignore them.
DPB-106	All dog faeces should be immediately picked bup, bagged and disposed of responsibly by that dog's owner.
DPB-108	We are too far away to have any real policing.
DPB-114	A dog ranger on an ebike or scooter patrolling the Hatea loop for dogs off the lead or defecating. This would probably be self- funding, going by the excrement I see daily!
DPB-128	Regarding Hikurangi green fields space - between SH1, George Street and Park Street - no signage at George Street or Park Street entrance informing people what is or isn't allowed. This means that dogs roam freely and dog faeces are not picked up. There are no bins for residents to use which would be helpful if wanting people to pick up after their dogs.
DPB-115	Fines should be increased. When was the last time this was even enforced? Shit is the owners responsibility of owning a dog.
DPB-119	There should definitely be a harder line on this one. As a dog owner myself I feel strongly about not leaving a mess my dog has created in public spaces, it is unhygienic and creates a negative association towards both the dogs and the owners. Maybe one way to encourage cleaning up as well as a registration incentive would be to supply a certain amount of dog poop bags to owners, even a bag dispenser if they don't have one to make it even easier, when they register their dogs. There are some great, and cheap, biodegradable options out there.
DPB-123	I think that it wouldn't go amiss to have some dog poo dispensers in the more high traffic dog walking places such as the loop - it's always the people with bigger dogs that leave their poo right on the path, having some bags handy might help to manage this issue. Have seen them in other places in the Waikato and Coromandel area. I realise some people are ignorant and genuinely ignore the fact they should be picking it up, but if you run out of bags mid walk or genuinely forget them then this would be great.
DPB-133	I walk the loop regularly, so many do not cleanup, its even at times on the pathways. Also so many people allow their dogs off leash at parks etc. Yes some are well behaved but are allowed to run ahead of owners, and dog faeces just left.
DPB-161	Love the loop walk around tge town basin, but the amount of dog poo is too much. I would love a dog but to see them being pulled by the runner and pooing at the same time is upsetting.
DPB-135	Unleashed dogs wondering all over the place. No owner control. Dog droppings everywhere and uncontrolled barking dogs,
DPB-136	I would like to see dog owners allowing their dogs to defecate in public places to face greater responsibility in terms of littering
DPB-137	This is the responsibility of owners maybe some education on the subject is needed
DPB-138	If the owners don't pick up faeces, they shouldn't be allowed to have a dog.
DPB-141	I live in Ngunguru and I regularly see dog faeces on the footpaths and grass verges. A number of dog owners are refusing to clean up their dog's droppings. This is particularly a problem in Whaletail park where children gather to play.
DPB-143	All dog faeces should be picked up anywhere on public land. This is not always happening at present & more W.D.C. signage should be erected.

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DPB-148	Zero tolerance per menacing dogs. We should have more cameras around (for this, litter dropping & other anti-social behaviour). Any single offence = dog confiscated.
DPB-152	Owner's responsibility, could be potential for a fine if caught not cleaning it up but not sure how they could be enforced.
DPB-164	Compulsory or a fine especially in beach areas
DPB-160	\$200 fine for people who don't pick up thier dog crap
DPB-180	Poo bags need to be made freely available like every other Council and should be dispensed in public areas adjacent to dog access areas. Currently they are only at the one (!) dog park and at the marinas for the rich and famous. Registration fees should be used and ring fenced for dog infrastructure. Encouraging waste disposal would help the grumpy oldies in one Tree Point and encourage them to moan about something else.
DPB-162	This should be mandatory and fineable for irresponsible dog owners.
DPB-171	I pick up all my dog's faeces, but am appalled by others who don't! I even have cleaned up other people's dog's mess. Make sure there are plenty of bags and bins in all areas around the town.
DPB-175	We have a property at Teal Bay - there are a number of dog owners who do not pick up after their animals, which is awful for the rest of the community.
DPB-176	This should be compulsory, refer to France's enforcement policy.
DPB-178	more bins whangarei has grown in population but the bins are tiny and amount is same as it was in 1960... look at waikato district bins they we need more and often bins that have recycling bins too.
DPB-207	Please instal more rubbish bins along walking tracks where dogs are allowed
DPB-189	I would be very grateful for dog poo bags and bins at all parks where dogs are allowed off leash.
DPB-190	This is a must would it be possible to have more dog bags & bins around?
DPB-196	Essential especially in high use areas like the Loop at the Town Basin.
DPB-201	We are dog trainers and service dog trainers , so we always pick up free our dogs . I think most owners are good owners , If the facility's are there for dog owners maybe there should be a fine if caught not picking up after your dog
DPB-202	There should be bags provided by council in some areas, even for sale, as some people run out on the way. Ideally they should be funded (instead of funding ridiculously unnecessary new council buildings), and also enforce with signage for faeces picking in residential areas and around kids playgrounds.
DPB-209	This is my hate! Pick up your poo! More doggy doo stations would be handy but I even stepped in dog poo in the city centre last week, slipping over! Its gross and peoplw need to stop being lazy.
DPB-211	Availability of bags, like there is at some beaches for owners periodically on well known dogs walks. Somewhere to dispose them...
DPB-70	Not sure if there could ever be any way to control/regulate this. Too many people do not pick up after their dog
DPB-212	Instant fine for not picking up poop especially in public places. Community taking photo evidence should be evidence
DPB-218	Provide compostable doggy bag bins along busy walk ways and fine people who don't pick it up
DPB-220	Can we have some bins to put in dog poop bags like town basin and waipu cove.
DPB-221	This would largely be resolved by owners leashing dogs, and dogs not allowed to run free.
DPB-223	Mandatory - heavy fines imposed for not doing so especially in parks, reserves and beaches.
DPB-229	There hasn't been a single year in the past 5 years that i have been involved in sport at Otaika Sports Park where dog faeces isn't on the playing fields. I've also noticed that semi-responsible dog owners who frequent Otaika Sports Park have a tendency to place bags of dog faeces at the bottom of goal posts instead of taking it with them. Main uses of the park for sport are kids from ages 4 to 14. Kids train and play competitions there and sports clubs they belong to complain almost weekly about the terrible state the playing fields are with all the dog faeces in the playing area! It is a ridiculous to think that dog owners will leash their dogs with such a huge area for dogs to run around in and expect them to keep to the 'outside' the playing fields. There is no point having rules for dog owners at sports parks, if the council is not going to enforce it. Relying on the public to comply with rules that are never enforced lacks integrity. Whoever is reading this, ask yourself if you would send your son, daughter, niece, nephew out to play in dog faeces?
DPB-231	Would love to see poo bag dispensers around the town basin loop walk, there is always so much dog poo left behind and smeared into the concrete.
DPB-233	Fine people if u catch them

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DPB-234	I am a big dog owner and I am fed up with other dog owners (more often its the little dog owners who think their dogs poo is little and therefore doesn't need to be picked up?) who do not pick up after their dogs, it gives us responsible dog owners a bad name and I myself do not like to walk in dog poos either, for that matter. I am talking about parks and walks where people take their dogs, esp the beach road at Onerahi. It seems common place for people to dump their dog(s) out of their car and drive along while their dog does whatever it chooses. No sign of picking up poo with these owners. Or the owners who let their dog roam while they are on their iphones, not paying any attention to their dog. These kind of owners give real dog owners a bad name.
DPB-237	Fine people who do not pick these up. Even see them walking around the loop
DPB-242	I utterly sick of the neighbours dogs from 5 and 12 Dudley place dropping their crap under my letter box. I have picked it up and thrown in down both driveways and told the people but they laugh in my face practically. Calling the council and they say take a picture I havent a smart phone as I am an old lady and dont have one I have tried using an ipad my son has but its of no use cause I have a fence in the way. Also the neighbour at number 5 Dudley Plc is scary and he doesnt like me so waits until I drive out down town and he takes his dog passed my gate and lets it deficate all over the driveway and grass area. This has been going on for a while now...I know this guy also suffer scitsophrenia?! but what do I do, have called the dog people to drive around the street, but of course they never catch them. There is also another dog at the start of our street where the gate is left ajar all the time he also craps everywhere. I may have to sell up, cant stand it anymore, no help. E Heyrick The dog at 5 Dudley Place comes off his chain regularly or is 'let off' to do his job at my mailbox. This dog is out front in a kennel 'and' there is NO FENCE?!!!. This property has a big area at back where the dog could be put, but because the owner is paranoid with signs everywhere he parks his dog in front of the house. Please make a law that dog owners dogs must be in a fenced area. Also the dog at number 12 Dudley has no fence in front of the house either. These two dogs have been very stressful to me as they crap under my mailbox and I have a special needs son who gets the mail and also is picked up in the mornings by a van to go to his adult care centre and this filthy dog crap is right there to walk on. Please do something about this, as I am a rate payer!!! and number 5 is a rental of course
DPB-248	Dog faeces should be picked up.
DPB-249	Fine people who don't pick up dog poo have dog poo bins/bin accessible around the place like on the loop
DPB-251	To be enforced in public areas. Penalty if person is located with photographic evidence. Bags to be provided in public areas where dogs are allowed.
DPB-254	Maybe on the bins around the loop or areas that have dogs visit there should be a sticker highlighting that dog poop goes there. The more people see it the more likely they are to pick it up.
DPB-263	All dog owners are responsible for ensuring that any dog faeces deposited outside their property are picked up and deposited within an appropriate disposal space such as a rubbish bag, but not an on street general Council rubbish bin. If the owner has a dog walker, the owner still remains responsible for ensuring that all dog faeces are gathered and disposed of as detailed.
DPB-265	Poop bags available in all popular walking areas.
DPB-269	Ive sat for extended periods at the Cobham Oval... those staying there pick up after there dogs, its in their interest to do so. However, others walk through with dogs off lead & do not bother to clean up. If asked to the owners become abusive & aggressive. This is seen in most neighbourhood in our city. Again the responsible are penalized because of the ones who dont care.
DPB-271	Heavily utilised dog walking areas - the loop. Could have a dispenser for dog poop bags. Tauranga for example has them along their public walkways. Some spaces need more bins. On the side with new play park. No bin from bridge to next park (down by the boat sheds)
DPB-274	In my coat pocket I keep four dog bags for when I go out with my dog. I often come across faeces on berms and areas close to Three Mile Bush Road. Maybe at local parks they should have a dog bin for owners to get rid of their bag. A few more bins on the stretch of the loop walking from the cafes to the big bridge would be also great.
DPB-275	More doggie doo bins
DPB-276	All dog owners should pick up dog faeces when out in walks etc. Maybe supply dog poo bag stations at popular places
DPB-277	Fouling in public places should have a zero tolerance policy, with large fines for failing to pick up. We have young children, and the amount of dog faeces on footpaths, in parks, and other public places is disgusting. There needs to be high penalties and better policing of the policy.
DPB-279	Fines fir not picking up dog drops
DPB-282	People must be responsible for picking up doggy do. It's disgusting to not pick up.

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Picking up of dog faeces

Receipt #	picking up of dog faeces
DPB-283	Owners need to do this otherwise charged if the correct things like video or security footage is done
DPB-285	As above. A rule is a waste of time if it's not enforced. The amount of dog faeces in McLeod Bay has increased beyond measure and in some instances the situation is even worse in that the owner bags it then throws the bag on the path, playground or into the bush or sea!
DPB-286	As above
DPB-287	People using the Loop and other areas seem to need more reminders about picking up their dogs " deposits ". Perhaps some signs , as per Queenstown , might help them. Their signs mention " No Dog Poo Fairies ". If you do not know about those signs , or have not seen them , I am sure a quick call , or e-mail to their Council , would get a pic of the signs sent to you. Failing that , there is always the Australian approach. People have to carry " Dog Poo " bags with them or get an Instant Fine!! Not quite the approach you want to do .. but it could be a last resort.
DPB-289	Bag stations would be great like the corromandel
DPB-294	All dog poo should be picked up by it's owner. Unless on their own property.
DPB-297	Maybe the fines should be higher
DPB-298	Compulsory of course. Please introduce MORE bins at those places that are already dog friendly eg: Otaika sports park (one bin for the whole place!) , the loop, Barge Park. I think people would be more likely to pick up poop if they can dispose of it quickly. Some places we have visited with our dogs have the bags available too (Whitianga, Whangamata, all so dog friendly!)
DPB-299	Dog nappies when not on owners property.
DPB-302	There should be a fine for not picking up faeces from public areas. More bins and bags could be placed in public areas but that cost should be on dog owners not ratepayers and come out of the fines.
DPB-305	Dog crap around the area is shocking especially as its left on footpaths and walking areas for kids going to school and kindy to step in, sometimes the bags full of crap are left in the drains and grass verges. Dog crap is everywhere on our local beaches as well especially ocean beach. Perhaps photos of people that blatantly leave it there should be enough to prosecute the lazy.
DPB-323	The wetlands walking area. Would be nice to see more dog poos picked up. Whether it needs a bag dispenser and bin available to make sure this happens would be amazing. I'd like to hope it's not the rspca dog walkers not picking up poos.
DPB-325	I don't understand why people think its acceptable to walk away when their dog poops in a public area. I have 3 dogs that I regularly walk and always pick up poo. This is not socially acceptable in England which is where I originate from. There needs to be more education and penalties for walking dogs without a means to pick up poo. I've seen an extraordinary amount left at waro lake, the loop and tikipunga sports ground which is quite disgusting. No wonder people who don't have dogs are against them being in public spaces.
DPB-326	Provide faeces bins at popular dog walking locations.
DPB-328	Dog faeces should be picked up and disposed of by owner or buried off track.
DPB-329	There is an incredible amount of dog faeces on all areas that dogs are allowed. I'm sorry but this is a health hazard. I don't see any measures to enforce the picking up after your dog. How will this be enforced if dogs are allowed in public places? By the way I have nothing against dogs being in public places only of their faeces being left behind.
DPB-330	I like and appreciate that we have bins specifically for dog faeces around the Hatea Loop walk. I'd love to see more of them around the allocated dog exercise areas.
DPB-335	Well, there is poop all over Puriri Park road close to where we leave in Maunu. People walk on dog faeces all the time in our area. At times, we can get over 15 poops in less than 10 metres, even on the footpath, which is disgusting. Not sure what the solution is, but more and more thinking of reporting the specific houses involved directly to the Council. Again, unless warnings to individuals or households are issued, nothing will change.
DPB-338	A clearer description of the fact that failure to do so is a breach and will incur fines
DPB-343	In areas that are popular for people walking their dogs, it would be great to find more rubbish bins. Combined with poo bag dispensers would be amazing. Waimahanga Track (Beach Road end), Barge Park, Tikipunga Sport Ground from where people start walking on Ngunguru Rd Twin Coast Discovery Hwy, Onerahi Rugby Field, along the loop... Rubbish bins are found in most of the places but poo bag dispensers might be even more encouraging and giving owners the feeling of getting something in return for paying the annual rate.
DPB-345	There should be fines and also for those roaming dogs who crap all over other peoples properties make the owners responsible
DPB-347	The Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers' Assn canvassed our local community and discussed this at our recent meeting. We agreed that the current bylaws are appropriate and are consistent with other councils. They don't need changing provided they are adequately enforced.

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Picking up of dog faeces

Receipt #	picking up of dog faeces
DPB-351	Dog faeces should be collected and discarded in all public areas, particularly the loop. The amount of poo on the walking paths due to high volume of dog walkers is appalling.
DPB-356	Owners must pickup dog faeces - I though this was already mandatory?
DPB-359	We need more bins for dog faeces that are regularly serviced by waste management. Our beach, Darcy's Bay, and Wharf Road, Parua Bay, are used by many dog owners as off-leash exercise areas. The piles of dog faeces build up! We went through a period where peiod were putting them in plastic bags and leaving them at the base of pohutukawa trees or hanging from branches which was particularly foul. That phase seems to be over for now, but will come again. The beach is also used by parents of small children because the beach has a gentle incline, and is sheltered in most conditions. Making sure both uses are compatible is vital as our community grows.
DPB-365	At all times
DPB-367	We often find fresh faeces in front of our property on the grassy reserve area and on our property too.
DPB-373	Collection of faeces should be mandatory on beaches, paths, and public places. Plastic packets of dog faeces should be taken home for disposal or disposed of in a purpose-made bin, not left under trees or on side of paths.
DPB-375	Being a responsible dog owner this drives me mad so i imagine it does to non dog owners. I often pick up others poop, maybe poop bags around on a dispenser I know they have these in other places around nz and Australia beaches and people use them. Along with education hopefully it will become second nature
DPB-381	Please put some bag stations around the loop and other shared pathways. You can get stations that dispense on bag at a time (Tauranga district council has them). I think a lot more people would clean up after their dog if they have access to bags. And owners do forget sometimes
DPB-382	The dog faeces around our area (Onerahi) are from manly wandering dogs so the only way to control this is to stop wandering dogs. You will always get a few owners who forget poo bags but generally people who walk their dogs pick up the poo.
DPB-390	More signs and doggy poo bins
DPB-395	Dog owners required to pick up their dogs farces. Small dog owner's still need to pick up.
DPB-397	This doesn't seem to be enforced anywhere....
DPB-398	There should be poop bag dispensers around the Loop walk. They have them out at Waipu Cove beach. There is so much dog shit around the Loop some days, it's disgusting and embarrassing for Whangarei.
DPB-399	More bins at parks etc would help with this
DPB-401	Increase Fines
Email- 28	<i>SOS: Problems with dog faeces on Ruakaka Beach. People are not disposing of it properly/picking it up. Significant concern.</i>
Email- 52	<i>SOS: More enforcement to support picking up of dog faeces and enforce instant fines.</i>
Other - 03	<i>SOS: Dog poo on Lake Waro walkway</i>
DPB-413	The council should provided more bins and dog baggies around popular areas that dogs are exercised ie the townbasin loop, waimahanga track. There isn't enough bins along the tracks to dispose of waste and baggies are sometimes forgotten.

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Number of ⁸⁵dogs on properties

Receipt #	# of dogs on properties
DPB-2	That is no ones business! Rules should be relaxed
DPB-7	Kaianga Ora in particular need to ban their tenants from having dogs on their properties, (Private property landlords can) as many of these tenants can prove transient, often leaving their dog/s behind when vacating.... Not caring for their dog/s (because their own personal struggles prevent them)..... and having spoken to Kaianga Ora several times in the past, I have been made aware of the fact that many of the departments inspection officers are to scared to enter into alot of their properties to inspect, due to aggressive dog/s behind the gate.... In regards to property owners, have as many dogs as you like, as long as your fences are high enough for them not to escape.
DPB-11	I imagine in town there shld be some limitations... but more on who shld actually own dogs and how well they look after them. If u cld police this we would have less animal cruelty and less unwanted and roaming dogs.
DPB-21	Should be no more than one
DPB-26	There should be no more than 3 dogs on a residential property otherwise it becomes a nuisance hearing more than 3 dogs barking all the time
DPB-27	Laws are way to wide for this it needs to be individual and specific.
DPB-28	Numbers of dogs allowed on urban and town properties should be limited. Owning 3 dogs or more is acceptable on rural properties with space & working environment. Owning 3 or more dogs in urban areas is unnecessary. When 1 barks, they all join in disturbing surrounding properties and other dogs. It is natural for dogs to bark but 3 or more is unfair on neighbours. How much faeces is generated by 3 or more dogs and where do owners dispose of this? Dogs may be contained by a fence but if they have access to the gate or fence, 3 or more dogs together can be frightening for people walking past if the dogs all bark & jump at the fence. Dogs need space and 3 or more on a normal urban home of half a section is not large enough.
DPB-35	There are two. Should be no more than one in urban areas.
DPB-37	In town I think 2 is a good number unless you have an exemption such as puppies or working dogs. The same for cats.
DPB-40	Let's set a limit with a sinking lid policy over ten years - same with cats, start gently
DPB-48	2 or 3 is plenty , different for rural properties where there is more space and working dogs should be exempt. Breeding kennels special license.
DPB-51	There should be a limit based on block size of how many dogs someone is allowed to keep. Our neighbors had 5 dogs on a small block and when I complained to council they said there was no restrictions on how many dogs someone can keep.
DPB-59	Two - unless you have a responsible dog owners license
DPB-63	There shouldn't be a limit as long as they can be cared for, but backyard breeding shouldn't be allowed
DPB-76	unless dogs are desexed and registered they shouldn't have any
DPB-77	Just anyone should not be allowed pets. At the very least proper fencing and shelter should be made a law.
DPB-80	I think dog owners should have one dog and if you own the dog you have to put it in a dog daycare until you arrive home...lots of dogs in onerahi are left unattended and the owners go to work and leave their dogs bark all day at home.the dogs bored by themselves or the dogs get loose and cause havoc...some owners don't take their dogs anywhere leave them tied up at home even on weekends..isn't this cruelty....I don't own a dog and I don't mind dogs but I work so I choose not to own one. so I hear the constant barking and eventually dogs roaming and trying to work around my property is frustrating when your getting barked at constantly through the fence nuisance..hopefully this gets sorted for the dogs that need stable care.
DPB-79	This should be dependent on the size and location of the property and not be a one rule fits all approach.
DPB-81	No change necessary. Again funding for property checks could be improved
DPB-87	Why should there be a limit if dogs are looked after, contained and not causing issues to anyone else?
DPB-94	Hard one.. I know somepeople that have more than 1 and there well trained, well cared for dogs. But alot of the time that is not the case. Maybe there should be an add on with resignation, eg you applied to have more than 2 and prove your a good response able owner or business. With the right care, training etc. If not then your not allowed more.
DPB-106	There should be no limit on the number of dogs on properties, but every dog should be neutered, chipped, registered and cared for to the best health of that dog. No antisocial behaviour of the dogs nor the owners should be acceptable. Failure of the owners to accede to this should result in an immediate ban on that person being able to own a dog until such time as they can prove that they have a more responsible attitude.

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Number of dogs on properties

Receipt #	# of dogs on properties
DPB-123	I think people should have as many dogs as they can reasonably care for - if they aren't being a nuisance to neighbours, barking etc, then leave them be. If people have the space, the funds and time for more animals, so be it. Shouldn't be a higher fee for registrations as deterrent for having more than 3 dogs if people want - cause people will be doing this anyway regardless of what council says. And they probably are paying for none of their registrations!
DPB-124	Only 2 dogs per property. Must be desexed. If not desexed dogs will be taken away and owners be banned to have any dogs for a period.
DPB-135	Unleashed dogs wondering all over the place. No owner control. Dog droppings everywhere and uncontrolled barking dogs,
DPB-138	One per household.
DPB-148	Ideally none but one only if you must. Too often they play up on each other ie one barks and then the whole neighbourhood is barking. Exactly like that in Commins Rd, Tainui, Harbour View, Hadley, Hinemoa bowl in Onerahi. More than one at any property is even worse,
DPB-149	Urban areas need to continue with a reasonable limit.
DPB-151	3 dogs for residential. 5-10 for farms/working dogs. A person cannot respectfully provide the essential care for more than 10 working dogs.
DPB-152	1-2 dogs max in urban areas. Require a special permit to have additional dogs ie for breeding.
DPB-164	Max of 3 unless you are a farmer. In town 2 unless you have a permit for more. I did census in Raumanga some properties have 5 or 6 and they were all chained and not well looked after
DPB-155	No more than 2 dogs per property without a special licence.
DPB-160	2 within city limits
DPB-183	I think 4 dogs on a property is manageable only if the owner can afford vet, registration and love to those dogs, but also unless it is a sanctuary that provides animal care
DPB-176	This should be limited in town, as a dog owner, I feel having 3 or more dogs are noisy, smelly and inconsiderate.
DPB-178	any more than 3 dogs then they require a permit. Exempt if is a "working" farm. Permit requires to show how they maintain their kennels etc... also will help with monitoring the like of puppy farming and hoarding you could also share this information on SPCA data base.
DPB-184	One dog per property, controlled on the owners site.
DPB-186	max 3 dogs per property
DPB-188	I have a neighbor with 12 dogs. I would like to see people have to be registered to own an animal and a special registration for more than 3 dogs in a property. Mostly because the owners fail to exercise dogs when there are too many in the property in their belief that they exercise themselves. This habit creates dogs that are not really socialised and therefore unable to be walked in public areas.
DPB-194	One only please
DPB-196	Two max terrible treatment to dogs to have them on small properties. They get very unhappy and bark.
DPB-203	Properties should have a reasonable amount of dogs based on property size and working dog use.
DPB-209	With the exception of farms or working dogs, yup. Definitely a limit to four.
DPB-221	Breeding should be banned unless a specific licence and only for breeds council approves. Dogs should be removed and sterilised to prevent future problems.
DPB-223	Should be limited to two for each property
DPB-234	As long as the dog owner clearly proves that they can properly feed, shelter and exercise their dogs, and that their dogs are not a problem for the neighbors or neighborhood (barking, or going onto other people's property), I do not have a problem with how many dogs an owner can have.
DPB-237	Two per property only
DPB-248	Please do not restrict the number of dogs on properties. So long as they are well cared for and not a nuisance eg through barking, it is up to the owner to make a decision on how many dogs they would like to have.
DPB-249	If more than 3 dogs it would depend on size of property and size of dog but should more be about if they live in suitable environment and if owners are taking good care of them or not
DPB-251	Implement Auckland's Responsible Dog Owner Licence to reduce fees. Discount if multiple dogs are registered to one address.

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Number of ⁸⁷dogs on properties

Receipt #	# of dogs on properties
DPB-263	In a residential area there can only be two dogs residing there at any one time. Should a dog give birth to puppies the puppies can only remain on the property for three months. After three months the number of dogs must be reduced to two dogs only. Owners need to be encouraged to have their dogs sterilised. Any roaming dog, male or female, can be seized by Dog Control Officers and held at the cost of the owner for 5 days. At the end of 5 days the animal may be euthanised and the owner invoiced. Rural properties may have up to 5 working dogs and one pet dog at any one time. Dog breeders must be registered and their properties inspected twice a year at their cost. Any unregistered breeding facilities will be immediately closed, the dogs removed and the breeder invoiced for any costs.
DPB-265	I think there should be a size of property to dog ratio. If it is a small property with limited area or space for a dog to run around limit to 1 big/med dog or 2 small dogs. Property has a decent backyard for dogs, 2 big/med dogs or 4 small dogs or 1 big/med dog and 3 small dogs. Lifestyle blocks total of 6 dogs. Farms as many as needed.
DPB-276	As long as dogs are well kept and not a nuisance to anyone outside the property in rural suburban areas I don't see a problem in having 3 + dogs
DPB-279	If owner is rural there should be 5 max urban a max of 2
DPB-283	No more than three in a urban property unless they are registered breeders
DPB-286	One only
DPB-294	This should be assed on a case by case basis but 2 per owner is enough.
DPB-297	Maximum of three per property
DPB-299	Zero in residential high density areas.
DPB-302	Excluding working dogs in rural areas then limit of dogs should be relative to the size of dog and space and facilities they have.
DPB-306	There should be a limit of 2 dogs on properties in town. Rural properties should be allowed more if kept under control
DPB-308	In u an areas, limit to 2 dogs, and can go up to 3 with a special licence when there is a genuine reason to have. For general residential and medium density zones, the limit should be 1 medium dog or 2 small dogs. There sections at so small, 350 Or 400 m2, having mor ethan 1 dog creates negative effects for all neighbours and interferes with peaceful enjoyment of property.
DPB-328	2 large.. 3 small
DPB-341	There used to be a limit on the number of dogs you could have on one property, with a minimum number then when over that a permit was required. With the average size of residential sections getting smaller I think there needs to be a return to being allowed a set number at one property. We currently live next door to about 17 dogs which the person breeds and although we are on big sections (1000sqm) I still think this is too many to house in one place. They are well looked after but do bark as being in a group that is what dogs do. I would like to see it set back to a limit of 2 dogs at one property with permits required for any more. This would mean that dogs have a fair chance to be themselves and as they need regular enrichment with toys and exercise gives them more options to do this. Most other councils in NZ have a limit of 2 dogs with permits required for more. The current law in Whangarei of not restricting numbers is not ideal for animal welfare. I believe that the pack instinct of dogs automatically takes over and if a group of 7 or so dogs is together with no human control they will quickly revert to pack mentality which causes issues with barking and fighting. Please lets review this bylaw and do some research on what other councils have set in place as it's done for a reason. The whole dog management bylaw 2013 needs to be reviewed.
DPB-347	The Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers' Assn canvassed our local community and discussed this at our recent meeting. We agreed that the current bylaws are appropriate and are consistent with other councils. They don't need changing provided they are adequately enforced.
DPB-351	There should certainly be a limit of maximum 3 dogs per property. Exceeding this number increases the likeliness that the dogs become a nuisance to the neighbouring properties due to barking, digging, smell, etc, lower welfare standards due to too many animals in an urban property and attempted escapes per household from too many animals to contain.
DPB-353	2. In urban areas this number should be 2. For situations where more are kept desexing and annual permit exemptions should be required. For people wishing to breed dogs they should require a licence and all breeding animals should have a dna profile in a registered system. Particularly so dogs that are not desexed can have their pups traced home if the animals are stolen and used as backyard breeders.

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Number of dogs on properties

Receipt #	# of dogs on properties
DPB-357	There needs to be a limit on how many dogs to a property - so someone can quite easily have 10 dogs on a residential town property no question - this must be changed or reviewed.
DPB-365	Two unless licence
DPB-378	There should be a limit of 2 as the number of pet dogs that can be on a property
DPB-382	If you can not look after one dog properly then you shouldn't have any. Register the owners as well as the dog. Animal Control and SPCA need more power to help with dogs in uncaring environments. I have used both these organisations to help with dogs not being cared for and I know they do what they can but it's still not enough and animal shouldn't be left at property if the owners continue to belligerent .
DPB-385	Considering rescues are overflowing please allow dog owners to own more then 2 dogs if they're good owners. We need more adopters.
DPB-388	2 maximum
DPB-390	Registering the owners and not the dog may stop that!
DPB-392	Dogs hunt in packs. Aggressive traits can be evoked much easier when 2 or more dogs feed off each other. In the city, I don't see tye need for more than 1 dog per property.
DPB-393	This should be limited to three registered, desexed dogs unless permission sought from Council. It should also be a requirement that all dogs kept on State/Kaingā Ora Housing are desexed, registered and microchipped.
DPB-395	If you can look after as many dogs you shouldn't have a limit. You dog/s shouldn't disturb your neighbours by noise or smell. We don't have number of children per property. You could have five dogs and still be quieter than a one dog household.
DPB-399	2 max
DPB-401	Unless working dogs - Urban - 1 per property Rural - 1 per property
DPB-402	In town 2 dogs only. Farms or lifestyle blocks should be as required.
Email- 52	<i>SOS: Number of dogs on properties to be 2 max.</i>
Email- 55	<i>SOS: Limit dog numbers to 2 max</i>
DPB-410	If a person is known to not look after one dog properly, they shouldn't be allowed to get more dogs.
DPB-413	Unless the dogs are used for working stock, hunting or other jobs, there is no reason for people to have excessive numbers of dogs. A limit should be applied depending on where the animals are located ie. town or rural, and what housing is available to them. If there is a large number of dogs on the property the owner should be required to have dog welfare assessed, this may help reduce the instance of puppy farming.

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Uncontrolled dogs to be neutered

Receipt #	uncontrolled dogs to be neutered
DPB-2	There is no formal definition of an 'uncontrolled dog', as such I don't support this, because it can be used with nefarious intent.
DPB-7	ABSOLUTELY!!! ALL dogs must be neutered.
DPB-14	This is an excellent approach and I think all wandering dogs should be automatically castrated
DPB-26	Dogs impounded or caught wondering that aren't neutered should be taken and fixed straight away and then the bill given to the registered or unregistered owner if able to be found and chased up by the courts if not paid.
DPB-27	Yes they should be.
DPB-31	If a dog has multiple complaints against it then it's needs to be neutered. Also the council needs to look into back yard breeding, letting dogs get pregnant multiple times. Licenses for dog breeding.
DPB-32	It is impossible to count the amount of dogs and puppies that are constantly given away or trying to find new homes or are dumped and it's ridiculous that people are still able to backyard breed at all. I wish I could save them all but there's no point when nothing will change. I think desexing needs to be free to be honest because something needs to change!
DPB-37	Yes, unless there is a specific reason such as a breeding working dog and again the same for cats.
DPB-40	Absolutely, and council to pay like desex funding for cats - halve the problem in two years
DPB-42	ALL dogs need to be desexed, microchipped unless you are a registered breeder. Need stricter bylaws/fines for dogs not desexed.
DPB-48	If you mean roaming dogs then yes, to be neutered or stop being uncontrolled. Not on a chain though, this is cruelty and needs to be forbidden.
DPB-49	Absolutely. Just do it
DPB-51	Any dog caught roaming shouldn't be require neutering before being returned to the owner. We have enough unwanted dogs and puppies for adoption. I think neutering should be mandatory for all dogs other than registered breeding dogs.
DPB-59	10000%
DPB-63	All dogs that are primarily pets should be required to be spayed/neutered
DPB-64	I fully support the requirement for uncontrolled dogs to be neutered.
DPB-67	Any dog that us uncontrolled and not registered needs to be removed from property until this us done. It should also be the dog owner that is registered to care for an animal.
DPB-76	Make a better desexing program for our community with insentives to desex and make it affordable!
DPB-77	All dogs should be required to be neutered and spayed.
DPB-79	All dogs should be neutered unless the are registered and licensed for breeding.
DPB-83	Their are groups that help people with costs of neutering their dogs so there is no excuse except they don't want to. We are getting too many staffis and pit bull dogs.
DPB-81	Definitely should be a criteria that all un neutered dogs found wandering should be neutered at a discounted fee for the owner before being returned to the owner.
DPB-84	All dogs should be neutered, too mat unwanted dogs as it is.
DPB-87	Acceptable for repeat offenders.
DPB-88	Need noore uncontrolled dogs
DPB-94	Dogs should be neutered. Simple We don't need more dogs roaming. Maybe have a better discount for neutered dogs and a higher fee for unneutered. So it encourages people to neuter. I've personally always neutered my dogs i keep.. We don't need to be breeding more dogs when shelters are full of unwanted dogs and puppies.
DPB-96	We have a problem with too many unwanted dogs. Neutering any dogs found wandering and taken to the pound would help alleviate these numbers.
DPB-97	Teaching people they are required to have their dog controlled! Most people seem to think it's the dogs right to roam (based off experience in vet practice). Neutering certainly will help but good luck enforcing that.
DPB-102	No, all dogs need to be neutered other than those used for breeding. I have a rescue dog, but in adopting the dog I ensured the dog would be a good pet and compatible to my life style. Unfortunately the pounds are full of dogs that are not suitable for adoption and needing to be put down. It's time we addressed this problem and showed some respect for our doggy friends.

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Receipt #	uncontrolled dogs to be neutered
DPB-106	There should be no uncontrolled dogs in an ideal scenario. If any dogs are found wandering, they should be returned to their owners asap. If no responsible owner can be located, the dogs should be neutered and a foster found for them.
DPB-119	I think this is a great idea, I feel it should also be the same for cats in this area, this would be similar to the way Wellington city council manages roaming animals and it has proved successful, it may also encourage owners to not let their dogs wander in case they get neutered while they're out roaming.
DPB-133	I feel all dogs should be registered if they are being used for breeding, so many uncontroled dogs not neutered, as much as its nice for people to adopt so many homeless abused puppies and dogs so many are roaming and going to maybe the wrong homes. Dogs off the fence line also would be a great idea. A person found neglected a dogs care etc should be banned for life.
DPB-130	Unless dogs are with registered breeders all should be neutered , better still if the dog is uncontrolled ie dangerous , have a history of dangerous behaviour , should be destroyed . Certainly there can be one off events for a dog to be lose , investigation can determine if this is an unusual event or a regular event and the dogs home situation can guide this .
DPB-135	Unleashed dogs wondering all over the place. No owner control. Dog droppings everywhere and uncontrolled barking dogs,
DPB-137	Any dog picked up by the pound should be neutered before being returned to owner
DPB-138	No neutering, put them down.
DPB-146	Yes! This!
DPB-148	100% should be put down never mind neutered
DPB-149	I am having to drop everything to book in last minute desexing for the owners who can afford both pound fees and desexing on short notice. The dogs are not being released until a prepaid booked desexing app is done which is nearly impossible as all clinics are booked in advance. Local clinics are priced too high for a lot of residents, particularly residents who will have multiple large breed mixes. Because our clinic is a low cost community spey neuter clinic, we are the first choice. We would prefer to see a desexing agreement done with a reasonable time limit of three months as of impound date, which gives owners better chances at having funds and a better success rate at desexing dogs. Again, teaching ownership by punishment only may work now on a basic level, but it results in a lot of euthanasia and no positive change in the community.
DPB-151	Dogs found roaming more then 3 times should be neutered without consent.
DPB-155	Wandering dogs impounded and not returned to owner without registering and neutering.
DPB-160	Netured after 2 years mandatory for unlicensed breeders.
DPB-183	All animals should be neutered, and only pedigree animals should have one litter then be required to be neutered
DPB-166	Sounds like a good idea
DPB-171	Any dog roaming around unattended should be neutered and owners questioned as to whether they are fit to own pets!
DPB-172	Uncontrolled dogs should definitely be neutered so they can not be used to breed more menacing dogs which is what these owners are well known for
DPB-176	I think the Council needs to subsidize dog neutering to reduce roaming dogs, refer to New Orleans, USA policy.
DPB-178	how do you define "uncontrolled" dog if it gets out if enclosure are couple of time ?? you need clear definitions on how you would label something uncontrolled !!! Dogs do get of there enclosure now and again. they do bark doesn't make them "uncontrolled"
DPB-99	Dogs who aren't neutered tend to be more aggressive, if the dog is not going to be used for breeding then they should be neutered
DPB-184	All uncontroled dogs should be captured, neutered, and not returned to the BB area
DPB-188	All dogs should be desexed. Especially male dogs. It is cheaper to desex the males and it is the males primarily that roam. Unless the owners can provide a written reason from a vet that their animal should remain entire. Breeding without a license has to cease for nz's animal welfare to stand any chance of being brought under control.
DPB-196	Yes .

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Receipt #	uncontrolled dogs to be neutered
DPB-202	More affordable and 6 monthly desexing campaigns should be done and in different parts of Whāngarei. Some people's circumstances change and they already own their dogs, also, if a dog is picked up by animal control and is found to not be neutered and its a common offender there should be a plan in place to get the owners to desex the dog.
DPB-209	100% all dogs should be anyway. And chipped and registered.
DPB-211	What do you mean uncontrolled dogs? Subjective question... Perhaps menacing dogs, dogs that have strikes against them for harming.
DPB-221	Yes absolutely. But actually uncontrolled that regularly leave the property dogs should be removed from the current owner as irresponsible ownership. Nurturing / spaying should be a requirement of dog ownership from 6 months of age, unless council approved breeding options. Particularly dangerous breeds, sure there are no bad dogs, but nearly everyone is a poor owner, certain breeds simply cannot be allowed with poor owners.
DPB-223	All dogs should be neutered
DPB-231	Any dog that is found to be roaming should have to be neutered if not already. There should be room for error of course as mistakes happen. But for the people who just don't care, they should have their dog neutered. I also think that any and all dog breeders should have to be registered.
DPB-234	There should not be ANY "uncontrolled" dogs. Anywhere. I personally feel that all dogs need to be fixed. There would be less unwanted dogs in pounds and shelters if more dogs were fixed early on. Mine always are fixed. regardless.
DPB-236	This should be mandatory
DPB-237	This should be mandatory but needs to be subsidised as poor people cannot afford the costs
DPB-248	Probably a good idea.
DPB-249	Agree, and just like there is a bylaw for neutering and microchipping cats. Same for dogs unless you have a breeding license. 2 years for males(new vet recommendations) and 6-8 months for females to be desexed
DPB-251	Legal requirement for ALL dog owners to neuter their dogs.
DPB-263	All uncontrolled dogs must be neutered. Any uncontrolled dog discovered by a dog control officer either outside the owner's property or having been viewed to have been outside the property will be subject to acquisition by the Council and held for 5 days. The owner must pay all costs the Council expends in acquiring, caring for and, if necessary euthanising any such dog. Any owner (or anyone on the property) where an uncontrolled dog once lived will not be permitted to own a dog for 5 years following any action by the Council against the control of dogs including menacing dogs.
DPB-271	Yes
DPB-274	My spoodle has had the snip and it helped him calm down through his early years. It would reduce unwanted puppies. It would reduce the number of scary dogs.
DPB-276	Any dog that is being a nuisance and escaping in search for bitches on heat should be neutered
DPB-279	All dog should be neutered
DPB-283	Yes but owners need to be charged for the cost if it can be proven
DPB-285	I suggest a '1-strike' type rule. If your dog is discovered uncontrolled or wandering off the property it resides at it should be an instant desex penalty at the owners cost. This will help reduce unwanted puppies and unwanted roaming dogs on private property. This is particularly important in a kiwi recovery area.
DPB-286	Definitely
DPB-294	If it's a been the through a clear war wing process then fine.
DPB-295	All dogs should be neutered unless breeding. Stiffer fines and ensuring they are paid. But these are all things that will go in the too hard basket and once again the responsible owners pay for the rest.
DPB-297	Maybe if it's neutered it won't wander
DPB-299	Dispatchment would be easier and cheaper.

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Receipt #	uncontrolled dogs to be neutered
DPB-302	All dogs found wandering, uncontrolled and/or unregistered should be neutered if not already and the owner made liable for the cost or find the dog another home. Fine owners who have puppy litters and who are not registered breeders. Limit registered breeders to a fixed number from their dogs - breeders should not be selling their puppies from the boot of their car at Ōkara e.g as local Schnauzer breeder does regularly.
DPB-304	This should be mandated, us responsible owners are the ones punished for those who don't give a shit, it's becoming so expensive and people just can't afford these horrendous registration fees and we get nothing for it
DPB-308	Shoot them, don't bother with neutering.
DPB-322	For the sake of the growing abused dogs ending up in rescues I strongly would support all uncontrolled, unregistered dogs should be neutered before returning to there owners. I would support the funding of this replace the fine for releasing the dog from the pound, or at least be incorporated in to the cost.
DPB-325	The rescue orgs are at crisis and receive little or no help from the government. It seems that there is a whole portion of the population keeping unneutered dogs and cats, letting them breed and then throwing them on the streets. Its terrible reading the stories on Facebook from BOI animal rescue. Restrict the number of dogs kept if they are not neutered or registered and enforce this. I don't agree with animal control picking up dogs and euthanising them useless owners need to be banned from keeping animals.
DPB-328	All dogs apart from registered breeders should be neutered
DPB-330	Why just neuter uncontrolled dogs? Fine their owners and rehome/rehouse/uplift the dogs from their owners. If people are so irresponsible as to be unable to control their dogs then they shouldn't be allowed them.
DPB-331	Think unless registered breeder all dogs be neutered. Uncontrolled dogs if picked up should be neutured on 2nd pick up @ Owners cost when/if they pay to get dog released.
DPB-335	This is common sense really. Uncontrolled dogs can be dangerous and inflict severe injuries when anxious and/or lacking of training and social contact. Owning a dog is not a right, it is a privilege and it comes with responsibilities. Tougher sanctions should be considered when comes to roaming an uncontrolled dogs. A zero tolerance policy should be enforced.
DPB-340	If all owners who do not have intentions to breed should have their dogs spayed as this means that we can stop such extreme uncontrolled breeding. But it is also really expensive
DPB-343	Yes absolutely! Every dog should be neutered unless they are pedigree dogs and being bred responsibly. A voucher or some sort of little advantage for neutered dogs would maybe be encouraging for owners.
DPB-347	The Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers' Assn canvassed our local community and discussed this at our recent meeting. We agreed that the current bylaws are appropriate and are consistent with other councils. They don't need changing provided they are adequately enforced.
DPB-351	All dogs that have been picked up by animal control due to wandering should be neutered if they are repeat offenders (warning to owners after first offence to neuter their dog or it will be done for them if the dog is picked up again, following offenses will incur the cost of neutering and this will be done before the dog is released back to the owner). All registered dogs should all be fixed as a part of their registration requirements to alleviate the excessive number of unwanted or backyard pups being born.
DPB-353	All dogs unless exempt should be neutered.
DPB-357	Given my feedback overall would neutering these dogs remedy the issue or is it that they have never been socialised so everyone outside of their immediate humans is a threat?
DPB-359	This would be a humane step to help reduce the number of uncontrolled dogs. I support this approach.
DPB-365	All dogs should be neutered unless lienced breeder.
DPB-375	I would like all roaming dogs that are picked up by animal control to be neutered. Being a foster mum it breaks my heart of all the unwanted puppies

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Receipt #	uncontrolled dogs to be neutered
DPB-378	Per Companion Animals, in May 2020 there were 851,000 dogs in NZ and now 3 years later the dog population is estimated at over 1,000,000 dogs in NZ. 90% of the rescued puppies that come to Auckland are from Northland which includes Whangarei. An undesexed dog can give birth to 5-13 pups per litter and have have 2-3 litters per year. Great work has been done by the Whangarei District Council with mandatory desexing of cats - mandatory desexing of dogs is also needed to be passed by the Council.
DPB-382	If an animal has to be microchipped and registered then they should have to be neutered if there not owned by registered breeders. We have people in our area who have bitches producing 2/3 times a year, they wander and the pups get out, these are not responsible owners.
DPB-383	If a roaming dog is found undesexed the owners should by law have to get it neutered. There is far too many unwanted puppies that don't deserve to be dumped or euthanised because of careless owners. Shelters and rescues are already struggling we can't save them all and it breaks our hearts to have to euthanise so many healthy dogs and puppies
DPB-385	Desexing of all dogs should be mandatory. Please create more free desexing clinics that go into the community.
DPB-386	Need a policy like Northland has for cats. By six months need to be micro chipped & netured unless have applied for a breeding license. Too many unwanted dogs and cats in Northland. SPCA and rescues are overrun. I work at just one rescue and there are atleast 80 adult cats needing homes. No need to breed cats/dogs should all be netured. This would go a long way to sorting our all the unwanted and dumped animals. WDC to put funding/discounted pricing into neturing animals <6 months old.
DPB-390	Must be made mandatory for the health of the dog and the society in which it finds itself maybe more desexing clinics around Whangarei at reduced rates
DPB-392	All dogs not under control should be neutered, to prevent owners from repeating mistakes and breeding up larger numbers of uncontrollable dogs.
DPB-393	All dogs should be neutered, but any dogs found wandering should be neutered, with cost paid by owner before dog is returned.
DPB-395	If a dog is uncontrolled the owner should have training to them and with the dog too. No to neutered. Training instead
DPB-396	All dogs should be neutered or have a special breeding licence. Same as cats. There is no medical need for an entire bitch or dog.
DPB-398	Any dog that is unregistered, that has been caught by the pound or is uncontrolled should be neutered, no questions asked.
DPB-399	Yes please
DPB-401	Definitely support this
DPB-403	Need to inforce this better
DPB-413	If an entire male is caught roaming more than twice, the owner should be required to have the dog neutered at their own expense. On that note, neutering needs to be accessible and affordable for people who want to do the right thing and get their animal de-sexed to prevent un-wanted litters of puppies.

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General feedback

Receipt #	General feedback
Dot -27	Dogs are a problem on Murdoch Crescent for Kindergarten and school kids
DPB-2	There is a reason why dogs are considered 'a man's best friend'. We should be encouraging positive experiences with the general public. As it stands, policy forces owners to hide them, lock them up, and reinforces that dogs invoke a negative experience. Council is partially to blame for managing dogs proliferating in the community.
DPB-5	Given animal control is user pays why penalise good owners who have no contact with animal control with a dog registration fee that exceeds the cost of the services they get. The only value I get for registering two dogs is two tags, a couple of dollars worth, if that. Regarding the costs of dealing with roaming and nuisance dogs the whole community benefits from the control of those animals. Why is the cost of providing those services borne by owners who register their dogs, surely a fairer way to fund animal control that benefits all members of the community is via general rates
DPB-7	As a ratepayer resident here in Whangarei, I find it devastating that I do not feel safe to go for a walk in and around my local area, due to the roaming dog situation..... EVERYDAY, up to SEVERAL TIMES, on each page, social media local community pages tell the stories of rushings, attacks, and roaming dogs here in Whangarei.... The situation is well out of control and new rules and regulations need to be imposed with urgency!..... When I and clearly MANY other residents DON'T feel safe to take a walk outside our gates due to roaming dogs within our communities there is something seriously wrong about that!
DPB-9	I object strongly to my Dog rego form's being sent by mail with all my details... including my Date of Birth!! So unnecessary to have mailing address/post box address/ DOB/ email and phone number! Great information collection for those robbing letter boxes which is frequently done out WHeads. And yes I did complain to WDC who sent me to Amourguard who didn't want to know about it.. and referred me back to WDC. An unresolved roundabout! Hopefully this year it won't happen??!
DPB-16	I object to funding the dog pound with my registration fee - the pound should be funded via general rates and charges for any dog impounded paid by the owner of said dog whether registered or not. Please stop charging owners of all dogs regardless.
DPB-18	I have a 9yo small dog (4kg), and getting exercise for her is hard for me as I have cranial nerve damage, and am in constant pain around my head. I can't risk jarring my head because of the increase in pain, so I need my dog to walk and run freely off lead so that I can walk slowly. Even thinking about what to put here is very hard work. She is well trained, and comes to me every time I call to her. She is trained to stay on footpaths, and rarely if ever needs to be on a lead. Most passers by love to pat her, especially children - she is the gentlest dog you could imagine. I have a seated e-scooter so I can catch up to her if needed, and put her in the basket on the back when larger dogs are around. Yet I was told by a female council security officer (I think it was) to have her on a lead at all times. Obviously I can have her off-lead at the dog parks, but there are always larger dogs at those, and they always run towards her and frighten her. So that is not an option. There are other areas too, but they are not flat enough for me on my e-scooter. There is no-where I am allowed to take her where she can run around safely. I believe this is a problem for all small dog 'owners', even able bodied ones. I believe that there needs to be some flexibility for well behaved non-threatening smaller dogs that are well controlled off lead, especially for physically handicapped owners. Best wishes

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DPB-27	<p>The current system is inefficient, unfair, biased and does not protect animals at all nor the decent owners who own them, I would prefer my money goes on hunting down the dog rings and the people who abuse or make their dogs menacing. I am totally unsure where my money goes for dog registration when I live rurally and i get absolutely nothing for the money and see no good being done with it. Again the WHOLE NZ Animal Management and Welfare System is unmanaged, unaccountable and people don't even know where the dog registration money goes. So I believe the whole system needs an overhaul, it should not be managed by local council as there is no govt or public oversight. IT is dependent purely on the focus that individual council have on animal care and management and unfortunately in most cases that is little and they don't actually care about animals, the workers might but the management and council people involved do not. Again - there is people who no nothing about animals or a total biased view making the rules. Source it out - investigate the allegations, manage the humans - they are the issue not the dogs. A country's true worth is proven by how they treat animals - we fail abysmally :(</p>
DPB-28	<p>Getting anything done about persistently barking dogs is difficult. Filming the dogs actually barking (required for evidence) is problematic when the owner is on the property and you live in a neighbourhood that would not treat an informant to authorities favourably.</p>
DPB-32	<p>The amount of roaming dogs is absolutely horrendous! Every single day I will see dogs roaming posted on Facebook. I have not ever been able to walk my dog due to other roaming dogs, and I have payed dog registration every single year for no reason because my dog can't even walk anywhere without being rushed or having terrible dog owners thinking their dogs don't have to go on a leash. My road alone has at least 3 dogs that roam daily, I've seen one dog rush at an elderly gentleman and his small dog and he was only able to save his dog because he picked it up. I took my dog to puppy school and everything, she is desexed, I've tried to be the best owner possible but she can't even have walks due to others! I'm terrified my children will be attacked, especially my toddler, I'm terrified if I'm attacked. I keep my cats indoors only but I really worry about all the other cats who don't have loving owners.</p>
DPB-34	<p>I believe the following measures should be instituted: Require chipping and registering all dogs. Require desexing dogs not used for breeding purposes. Breeders should be required to register and premises inspected for animal safety beforehand. All dogs should require annual registration. This registration cost should be a minimum to cover the cost of administering the database. Fines should be incurred for capturing and holding wandering animals, with the fines doubling each time until 5 times. After which the owner is barred from owning and registering any dog for at least one year. Any owner found to have wandering dogs 5 or more times in a 2 year period will likewise be prevented from owning a dogs for at least a year. Increase the penalties for any repeat offender.</p>

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DPB-37	As a irresponsible dog owner I feel let down that more isn't done for dog welfare. It is the owners who need to be held accountable as the dog is only doing what it has been taught. Owners who do t take the time.e to care for their animal and use them as status symbols or chained up garden ornaments should be targeted and educated. With proper education owners will learn and animal welfare will improve. I feel that responsible registration paying owners are an easy target yet nothing gets done for the unregistered dogs such as home visits. To rent house is difficult for pet owners and yet there are state houses where dogs and cats galour roam and nothing gets done. These are your problem dogs and having a proactive approach would reduce so many issues. When it comes to walking dogs again we are so restricted because of the irresponsible owners who give us all a bad name. When it comes to dog attacks we need to look at the route causes, poor dog ownership and management is huge but la k of education is another. Having school community programmes to help educate people in dog behaviour and re ognising the warning signs would also go a long way to reducing incidents. Somewhere along the way over the years this has been lost and people / children don't have the nouse we once had to understand the obvious body language and signs dogs give us to show they aren't happy or comfortable with a situation. We don't need more restrictions we need better education and enforcement for those who actually break the law / rules. We need the good owners to be rewarded for being good owners, whether that's cheaper registration or access to more areas to walk and enjoy our dogs and the great outdoors. Better access and more availability to kiwi aversion courses would be a bonus, with kiwi now becoming so common as they come down from western hills and whangarei heads into peoples gardens we need more to ensure their safety. A contained dog in a fully fenced section needs that extra training to reduce the chance of incidents. Surprisingly cats can also be kiwi averted but that's another battle (along with neutering, chipping, restrictions on how many a household cam have and containment)
DPB-43	I think the price of registration is ridiculous. If dogs are microchipped and desexed price should be right down then people might actually want to desex and microchip their dogs. I see price has gone up again this year. With cost of living to this is just getting beyond ridiculous it feels like you're punishing the good dog owners.
DPB-46	If you want more people to register Dogs then drop the price. Cost of living crisis and once again councils and GOVT screw the ass out of people
DPB-47	The dog control act is draconian in specific areas and warrants urgent amendment. However there appears little political will to make such amendments.
DPB-48	Pet dogs are here to stay however much some folks don't like them. Rather than have a blanket ban in places because there might be a vulnerable kiwi about, there needs to be designated play areas for families and dogs. The current playpark in Whangarei is not adequate, some owners take their big unneutered dogs in there to bully smaller dogs and their owners; they think it's funny. The park needs to be bigger and admission with a swipe card for registered dogs only. This can be issued at time of registration. There could also be one park for small dogs and another for big dogs. It needs to have a warden patrolling because not everyone is a responsible dog owner sadly.
DPB-49	See above about wandering dogs in Hika. Maybe get together with Lions to help people secure their properties for their animals. It is often very difficult to get officers out here when they are needed.
DPB-60	Listen to people and act promptly. Promote conservation efforts in and around the district.
DPB-64	I would like to see WDC move towards using a different system for registration tags. Ideally one that is less wasteful (such as permanent numbers) but at minimum, one that has more user/disability friendly tags. The current ones are hard to un-clip and re-clip of they need to be moved to a different collar.
DPB-65	More education (by dog professionals) in schools for children in how to approach dogs, what to do if an off lead dog approaches them etc.
DPB-66	On numerous walks and hikes we see dogs off leash in areas where they are supposed to be on leashes. Pukenui forest walk, kauri mountain beach, the basin.
DPB-67	I would like a metal tag that stays with the dog it's whole life. Same number, same tag.
DPB-68	A reassessment should be done on the explanation and expectation on what a "dangerous dog" is. It is extremely disheartening and stressful to be told your dog is dangerous purely based on their breed.

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DPB-75	Due to the overwhelming amount of stray dogs with rescues overflowing, there needs to be stricter laws on breeding dogs. All dogs over the age of 1 year should be desexed otherwise you can be fined, those who wish to breed their dogs should have to register them on a website along with their vet records (vaccinations etc,) to ensure they are being properly cared for and not over bred. There is massive issue with the amount of dogs reproducing.
DPB-77	If this means hiring staff to enforce lead laws please do it.
DPB-79	Most dog owners behave responsibly at a times. Owners who persistently break the rules should be banned from owning a dog.
DPB-87	Responsible dog owners need access to parks, beaches and cafes etc. We are all rate payers and pay our expensive dog registrations. We should not be penalized for the actions of the irresponsible dog owners who do not pay registration and allow roaming and fouling. Find a way to Crack down on those people and do not discriminate against the law abiding caring dog owners.
DPB-90	I think it would be beneficial to change the way we handle dog regos. The tags that are currently used end up getting lost often anyway, and is quite wasteful. Why can't we have a number that's specific to each dog and doesn't change.
DPB-102	I suggest dog management, not just in Whangarei but nation wide, is not taken seriously and does not address the real issues. It's not the dogs at fault, it's the irresponsible owners. I suggest the majority of owners are responsible, but unfortunately those who do not act responsibly are putting others at risk and using up valuable council resources. It's time to address the issue at its route cause with all dogs being registered and dogs removed from irresponsible owners. No dog that is considered unsafe should be kept as a pet. All questionable breeds should be removed and destroyed. It's time to take a hard line with dog ownership being considered a privilege. I should not have to worry about the safety of my dog when I take it for a walk!
DPB-103	All dogs, on leash, everywhere. Menacing dogs, zero chance, put down. Fouling to be a much higher penalty.
DPB-106	It should be a minimum requirement that all dogs are treated as loved whanau members. Dogs are not to blame for behaviour and antisocial issues. It is the owners' responsibility to ensure this, and any punishment of dogs should be via their owners. It is clear that there are some people who are incapable of the level of social responsibility required to own a dog, and these people should be barred from dog ownership.
DPB-108	People bring their dogs (1-4) at a time and let them loose in the full knowledge that it will take at least an hour for animal control to get out here and do anything about it. They are too far away from their owners to be under effective control. I have been chased, jumped on and if I say anything I get abused. They never pick up their faces and in summer it's frustrating watching more animals than people at times.
DPB-116	Barking and nuisance dogs seem to be increasing in many suburbs around Whangarei as more people buy small and large dogs. All too often these dogs are allowed to bark frequently and often for long periods of time. All too often complaining to Dog Control Services does not yield positive outcomes for those neighbours who have to put up with the barking dog's. I strongly urge to WDC to consider making it mandatory for all dog owners living in suburbs to have there dogs fitted with a high frequency device to stops the offending dog from barking. This is a humane , safe and inexpensive means of controlling barking dogs.
DPB-118	What happened to the Gold Card discount. I know a lot of older folk who really look after their dogs and really appreciated the help, Thanks Jan
DPB-119	Something that, as a dog owner, has been bothering me for quite some time is registration fees. I get that they are necessary to fund animal control but often it seems that responsible dog owners are the majority of those who do register their dogs and they don't actually receive anything for it. If there were more incentives to register dogs, the rises that we've been seeing in registration fees wouldn't feel like we're being punished for doing the right thing. It may also encourage those who are less likely to register their dogs to do so. Incentives such as a poop bags, or a bag of dog food or even free puppy/dog training may be a way to do it.

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General feedback

DPB-120	<p>Dog Attacks.</p> <p>There are various types of dog attack: Dog on wildlife, dog on livestock, dog on pets (including dog on dog), dog on human.</p> <p>I've experienced a dog on livestock attack, so I feel qualified to to comment on that one. I felt violated and unsafe. Council's policies and procedures contributed to that. Until council is willing to prosecute to a far greater extent (around 1% of dog attacks in the last 5 years isn't good enough), then the problem will continue. I know that prosecution is risky and expensive, but homeowners will simply arm themselves or invest in menacing dogs of their own, and that leads to serious problems.</p>
DPB-122	<p>We need stronger policing of dogs on beaches during dog curfew hours</p>
DPB-123	<p>We responsible dog owners seem to foot the bills that pay for the actions of the many irresponsible dog owners in our district. What do we get for the \$90 we pay every year? Particularly rural people, who don't get to take their dogs hardly anywhere, some people's dog's probably never leave their property! Would love to have a bit more flexibility / freedom for dogs that ARE registered (not that I'm saying police it, that'd be a pain). I think there should be greater incentive for dogs to be desexed as the fee difference is pitiful. I understand there are some dog only exercise areas but most of the other areas are there as parks etc for people anyway, letting dogs in there is just a bonus. More places you can take your dog would mean people getting out and about more, exercising which is great for the human and the dog!</p>
DPB-124	<p>Roaming dogs. Taking a walk isnt relaxing anymore. To many dogs just roaming and then charge you. I fear to take my dog out for a walk. My dog is on lead, Those dogs are free to attack. How pay my Vet bill. The mental scares on both me and my dog. Think its time to take those dogs off the streets and put them down.</p> <p>Rescue groups are run over with unwanted dogs. Time to step up welfare rules. If you cant take care of your dog , you lose that dog. If they cant pay dog registration fees then they wouldnt not be able to pay a vet bill.</p> <p>Desexing off all dogs a must.</p> <p>Northland is over run by unwanted dogs and puppies.</p>
DPB-130	<p>All dogs irrespective of size should , when outside of their property be on a leash . Fences should be of a height to contain the dog and any dog runs should be of a size that enables the dog to have some room as small pens , no exercise certainly makes for a sad situation .</p> <p>Maybe the owners need to be licensed as certainly they are the main dogs bad behaviour</p>
DPB-131	<p>The WDC bylaw prohibits dogs in the CBD . This is not policed.</p> <p>Dogs are visible daily, and many are off leash.</p> <p>It seems pointless to have a bylaw that is not administered.</p> <p>Especially in a very public place.</p>

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DPB-132	<p>There are constantly dogs who are left all day that either bark or just whine. Does dog control call at the home (or ask caller if they could have their number (confidentially) and call at their home to hear the whining and find out where it is coming from and see what the situation is - Follow up by asking the neighbours for any further complaints .Dog control to then follow up 2/3 days time with the person who complained . (Armourguard could ask "dog walkers who advertise, for their business cards to hand out to people whose dogs are not getting regular walks and leave card in their letter box (woofles retreat bus is a great service,) Part of registration to be information as to a) what housing the dog will have, b) is it fenced, c) is their fresh water, d) and fresh food each day, e) who will be exercising it - f) check the property first like SPCA do .</p> <p>Extra discount on registration fees for proven good dog owners</p> <p>With regards to exercise areas. As dogs are not allowed on beaches during summer except for ruakaka - (this is too far for most people to travel in the heat with a dog with the added expense of petrol. Also tourists cant keep their dog in a caravan while at the beach. .</p> <p>As a member of the dog park committee, Whangarei was promised in the 10 year plan there would be at least 3 more dog parks. That was 13 years ago and nothing has changed. Main Complaints are the dave culham drive dogpark is too small, it needs a separate area attached with gate at each end for smaller dogs, (lower dog trough for smaller dogs and shade and seating area and more dog bins with bags) . Put another fenced area as dog park on the built up mound by Pohe Island car park. The parking is already there, it needs a track up the side from the parking area to get to the top of the hill. Needs instant large shady trees (not pohutukawa which take too long to grow) (they still don't give shade 13 years later at the dave culham drive dog park. Weeping willow trees are one good example for the wet area quick growing .Albizia trees quick growing with good shade .Talk to me (ex dog park committee)or spokesperson for dog park -Tony Gill about the needs for these dog parks. People who live outside of central area, need a dog park in their suburb. The Onerahi sports fields in Alamein have have leased WDC paddocks alongside the one sports field - entrance off cartwright road/commins which is leased to the Parahaki pony club for grazing. I regularly walk my dog in that area most days of the week and there is very rarely a horse in the paddock (at the most through the year 1 or 2 horses) when is the lease up? - can these horses go elsewhere. or at least one paddock could be used for a dog park. This is a waste of a good sized paddock which would be perfect size and area for a dog park. (close to Onerahi citizens, good parking etc). Please check this area out. - with 13000 plus dogs it is time to put in new dog parks and extend the old one. Another area could be Pah road reserve (temporary if need be but no maori whare will be going here for some time. There are lots of sports fields, entertainment provided for the youth but there is only one dog park and one small area that is temporary The promise to provide at least 3 more dog parks hasn't happened yet we have over 13000 dogs (more than sporting codes) but only one off</p>
DPB-134	<p>I am a dog owner myself and can't even safely take my dog for a walk around the block due to the number of uncontrolled dogs which can rush out at you or in front of a car etc.</p> <p>There is a need for stricter controls to protect the dogs as well. As mentioned by others, there needs to be stronger rules around who can breed, the number of dogs allowed, where they live, HOW they live i.e. not on chains all day, fully fenced property and yes the height of fences does help.</p> <p>Having a dog is a life time commitment and should be taken seriously with that in mind, there are far too many in the system and on the streets that are not being looked after. If people are not trying their best to be responsible for their dogs, they should not be allowed to have them.</p>
DPB-135	<p>Unleashed dogs wondering all over the place. No owner control. Dog droppings everywhere and uncontrolled barking dogs,</p>
DPB-138	<p>If rules aren't enforced, why waste time making the rules.</p>
DPB-141	<p>Many dogs in the Ngunguru area are not on a leash. This can mean that a dog can defecate unnoticed by the owner. It can also be intimidating for pedestrians and dog owners who have their own dog on a leash and under control.</p> <p>Ngunguru seems to be a "free for all" dog area where anything goes.</p>
DPB-142	<p>I believe similar to Auckland City Council there should be a discount or a scheme for responsible owners (RDOL) which encourages owners to be apart of this group and be responsible owners to ensure they get a discount at registration time. I also believe reviewing pricing for puppy's to align with the desexing suggestions around when's appropriate to do so, so that say puppy's who are 3 months old who are being registered don't have to pay the full amount as they shouldn't be de-sexed yet.</p>
DPB-145	<p>Can we please have a couple new dog parks the one in riverside is used so much. It would be good to have another one in each suburb. Dog parks are amazing and we need more.</p>

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DPB-148	Dog ownership should be a privilege, not a right, & potential owners should be tested before being allowed to own one/register one. Like driving a car. Some may be put off from owning once they realise the amount of work, money & responsibility that comes with it and that is how it should be.
DPB-149	There are quite a few accidental dog fights in public areas where one owner will have leashed dogs, while the other doesn't. This is particularly damaging because the leashed dogs are more vulnerable. I witnessed one myself on Monday morning, two small leashed dogs versus one large unleashed dog, it was horrific to witness. There needs to be something in place to enforce leashes outside of dog free range zones.
DPB-151	Many Whangarei dog owners are awful dog owners. There needs to be better restriction on who can have animals. I propose a third party animal liscence which is given freely to each owner. Infringements can be recorded against the liscence and privileges awarded to dogs with higher tiers of the liscence. Eg: Being allowed in town.
DPB-160	People who breed dogs should have a license to sell dogs to get rid if backyard breeders.
DPB-166	Dog control should be available after hours.
DPB-172	I think the registration fees are too much and more people would register their dogs if the fees were less. It is especially unfair that the difference between a neutered dogs registration and an unneutered dog is very minimal
DPB-174	Dog registration costs are way too high for literally nothing gained to the dog owner. Unless they use a dog park. If you want dogs registered lower the fee.
DPB-177	Price of yearly registration!! It's outrageous!!
DPB-178	This was very poorly written online survey, there needs to be tick box question and also area to write feedback. It seems just your interest in unruly uncontrolled dogs. No feedback and how we feel about the cost of registering a dog ?? how animal control carry out there duties or not carry out there duties.
DPB-179	There is a cultural shift. Owners are treating dogs like children. They forget these are animals. I have seen a dog at a table in a cafe, another one in a swing at children's playground, roaming free at sports events in the weekend (children's soccer or football games) and even at drop off at school. Owners fail to recognise that not everyone is comfortable around dogs - children, people with dementia, neurodivergent or with mobility issues.
DPB-186	All dogs should be neutered & chipped. All properties with dogs require secure fencing & a notice stating there are dogs on the property. The number of dogs on any property should be limited to 3. Greater protection & access should be given to Dog Control. Greater fines & penalties for irresponsible owners. All dogs should be on a lead unless in a specified off lead area. Why are we attempting to make NZ predator Free by 2050 if we are still allowing dogs to wonder free where there is wildlife that we are trying to protect.
DPB-187	Please don't use this dog Policy and bylaw to charge those of us who abide by the rules for our dogs as an excuse to charge us more money for registration. Also please don't take away allowing us to walk out dogs on a leash around the town basin loop. I've never seen the presence of a dog officer around the loop checking those off a leash spot checking..
DPB-193	Registration fees
DPB-199	Please consider making dog registration more affordable. It's extremely expensive and for those who don't live in town and cannot make use of dog parks or on-leash areas it feels like a waste of money.
DPB-202	Dog registration is too expensive. And it benefits every citizen as it helps identify roaming dogs, etc. If my dog is an indoor door, why do I have to pay so many fees? The average dog owner will just not pay it every year due to the high registration fees, it should be case by case. Depending on size (measured by weight), breed, and typer of household and intended activities of the dog as well as a quick assesment of the risk to wonder.
DPB-208	Maybe as an incentive for people to register their dogs, give away a free leash or a reward for those who have been registering their dogs over the years. Regular bits of information of what is considered good dog ownership and consideration to others would be good messages to deliver via Council socials.
DPB-221	Tai Tokerau has a serious dog problem, every time I walk my dogs I am fearful of being attacked. It is ridiculous that I am constantly at risk. The dog rules are not the issue, the people don't follow them now, so what is going to change with new rules?

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DPB-222	A good start would be effective enforcement of existing rules - which are already reasonably restrictive. Some additional powers around identification of problematic animals may be useful. That's about it - people who allow their dogs to roam do so in the knowledge that they will be unlucky if the animal is picked up.
DPB-224	Increase in fees and no discount for pensioners,
DPB-234	<p>Dog parks: the used dog park by the bridge needs to be MUCH larger.</p> <p>Take examples from the Tauranga and Whanganui Dog parks, they are real dog parks that allow for exercising dogs without other dogs being a problem, because there is space to move around. Real space.</p> <p>Surely Whangarei has enough room to create a much larger dog park?</p> <p>ALSO, how about using our Dog Fees (which are not cheap) to give adequate information on Where one can actually exercise their dogs? Where are the paths and hikes in Northland where people can safely take their dogs? Instead of only telling us where we can not have dogs, how about encouraging where we can ?</p>
DPB-235	<p>I would like Whangarei council to offer discounts to responsible dog owners. Horowhenua District Council do this already, below is a copy of a post on social media from them just recently:</p> <p>Dog registration is coming up. Note that holding a Canine Good Citizen qualification (Foundation and upwards) qualifies you for the responsible dog owner discount.</p> <p>Here is the wording from the HDC Dog Control Bylaws 2015</p> <p>"4. Education Council recognises the importance of education to promote awareness: · In owners, of their responsibilities as dog owners; and · In the public, of safety around dogs, and · and will recognize dogs that achieve Canine Good Citizen certification"</p> <p>The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program is a certification that recognizes well-behaved dogs and promotes responsible ownership. It assesses a dog's obedience and social skills through a standardized test, evaluating their behavior in everyday situations. Passing the CGC test demonstrates a dog's good manners and socialization, opening up opportunities for therapy work, sports, and meeting certain requirements.</p> <p>If WDC gave a discount on dog registration to the owners who go out of their way to educate their dogs, this could encourage more people to do so.</p>
DPB-243	The Pohe island dog park is a great facility, but I have concerns regarding potential contamination coming through from the old landfill. In particular the areas that remain wet like the 'mud hole' are very foul smelling, and leave an odd residue on dogs / people. In addition this resource is being so well utilised that it may be beneficial to establish a secondary site. Perhaps with a small and large dog area, so those that have anxious dogs can help them socialise in a slightly less stressful environment.
DPB-245	I would like to see you actually get out of your office and see what is happening in our community. Also, take into account the comments on Facebook as they are as relevant as someone filling in this form. If you want real feedback, reading those comments are going to be more beneficial than just waiting for people to fill in this online form. The issue people have is that every year it feels like the council hike up costs in every facet of life, whether it be dog rego or rates, and yet as payers we don't seem to get much out of it. There are a lot of restrictions for dogs and not much to show for the amount we pay. If you want to charge so much, then start offering more and trusting dog owners or punish those who aren't following the rules
DPB-247	<p>FEES: Ever heard of the famous highway robber Dick Turpin? It seems that he has miraculously morphed into a councillor or bureaucrat within and making decisions regarding the cost of the licence.</p> <p>I would like you to sit back and take those tinted glasses off and look at the situation from the ratepayers side, exorbitant local rates and a dog licence fee that to be honest leaves me bewildered as to how you came to such a figure.</p> <p>Every day we watch the local and district councils and even government waste (and I mean waste) a stupid amount of money...FFS just do the basics and do them well. You may argue that it's necessary, possibly is, but just look at the current economic climate and ask yourself it's really viable to charge this much and please i beg you to give an honest answer and if you have any sense of normality and grey matter you will understand my rant.</p>
DPB-248	Can you tighten up the requirements on owners to ensure their dogs have sufficient, food, water, shelter, exercise and socialisation? Their mental health should be cared for as well as their physical health.

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DPB-250	Too many regulations silently emerging but intentionally limiting dog ownership. The risk is there will be no where to exercise dogs off lead which will be a catalyst of future disregarding of rules altogether. This is due to a very small group of poor owners who do need regulating and loud anti-dog lobbyists.
DPB-251	More serious/severe punishment for people who abuse/neglect dogs. Permission for reputable rescues to uplift abused/neglected dogs.
DPB-254	Fee's for keeping dogs should not have gone up. What's the point in charging the good people more money when people who dont register their dogs dont get fined? I would have upped the fines if a dog was found and not registered before charging the masses. I get you have to pay wages and the people who do a job no one wants to do but there has to be something in it for the people who are abiding the rules. Even if its a discount after having them registered for 3 years.
DPB-255	Wandering animals
DPB-258	Dog restrictions on family areas is not fair as most ppl see dogs as their family. It makes whangarei very unfriendly
DPB-259	dog registration fees- you say that "The fee structure is designed to reward good dog ownership. You can reduce your fees by neutering or spaying your dog (desexing)" i have had dogs in the WDC rohe for around 30 years, i follow all Council suggestions about good dog control(register, micro chip, control...), have never had any complaints or reasons for the Council to talk to me about dogs and still get charged more every year to register my dog because my it isn't de sexed- if you didn't subsidise farmers dogs(who most likely claim registration as a tax write off) maybe you would have more in the kitty to do the work!
DPB-262	Dog registration fees. Why are the fees so expensive? Why can't they be on a sliding scale based on the age of the dog? An older dog is less active. Why can't the location of the dog be taken into consideration? e.g located on a lifestyle property and fully fenced. Why am I paying for services like the dog park etc when my dogs stay at home. The fee of \$50 was reasonable and then they went up \$30 in one year to \$85 and now \$93. I can understand why so many dogs are unregistered.
DPB-263	The Council costs for control of dogs should be met by dog owners alone. A register of dog owners which records their behaviour will assist the Council to determine who is a good owner and who should not be permitted to own a dog. This may refer to a property rather than a particular person. What actions can the Council take against visiting dogs and dog owners ? The same actions ? Continually barking dogs should be visited by Council officers and a written warning provided to the owners about the noise on the property. A repeat offence should attract a fine of \$100.00. A third offence could result in the removal of the dog with the possibility of euthanasia. The owner would then be informed they are not permitted to own another dog on the property for two years.
DPB-268	If dogs are meant to be on lead in public places and walking tracks then all owners need to respect that rule. If not we should be able to report them and they should receive a fine of some sort. A good example is at the town basin, on the loop walk. My dog is always on lead, yet I have had a few occasions this year when dogs were off lead and jumped at my dog, one dog even showing teeth. If my dog had not reacted by laying flat who knows what dog fight could of happened. If I walk beach road with my dog, she is always on lead, yet there are numerous people who stop their cars there and allow their dogs to run free off lead. This is a danger not only to us who walk our dogs on lead but also the children playing in the park or the elderly who are enjoying a walk. No one wants a strange large dog to jump on them and frighten them. No dogs should be off lead in public places like beach road, Whangarei falls or the loop as it creates unnecessary anxiety for me who is following the rules.
DPB-269	Dog registration is ridiculously high... and for what? The dog park is potentially fantastic but useless drainage means dogs come away smelling like sewage. The park is unsafe for smaller & older quieter dogs. I use the alternate site on Pohe near the new Childrens playground as its safer, however in winter it too stinks of the old rubbish dump.
DPB-270	Dogs on chains 24/7 rain or shine. When do we look at a bylaw for fencing requirements on properties where dogs are housed. To many dogs are being kept prisoner on short chains in substandard conditions with no or little shelter in these times of unpredictable weather and this is not (i believe), who we are. If we allow dogs to remain in these conditions without the basic care and comfort that we ourselves expect on a daily, then aggressive, maladjusted and depressed animals will remain our community, unseen and uncared for. Please consider that all dogs should have freedom to move and shelter to protect. Fencing requirements will help to alleviate some of this mistreatment. Thank you.

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DPB-271	Agree that most places should have a dog on lead. Fines for non-compliance. But also larger signs for areas where dogs must be on a lead eg loop walk- tiny signs currently. Lots dogs there and some people do let them off a lead.
DPB-272	This covers some of the above. We need more spaces for dogs off leads. Extending the current dog park to at least double the current size would enable more dogs of different breeds and sizes to play there. A partition for small dogs and big dogs would also be a good idea, as some small dogs are aggressive. The agility area could also be bigger. Signs at the town basin need to be increased in size so that it is clear that dogs need to be on leads and poo needs to be picked up. Dogs off leads are off putting for both people with and without dogs on the loop because the dogs wander where ever they want to be, but the sign for having them on leads is not obvious. Providing doggy poo bags in dispensers around the loop and on other popular tracks, such as Mair Park, would increase poo pick up, as some people forget bags. A signs asking cyclists, scooters and skateboards to be cautious of dogs and approach with care using bells would be helpful, as they approach with speed right next to dogs who get a fright and bark and then get sworn at by operators of said vehicles. A separate walking and cycling track would help this. Widening the town basin loop into two tracks - it's very narrow and cyclists are not always cautious, and adding a line in the middle of the Whangarei-Kamo cycleway with footsteps in one half and bikes in the other would be brilliant (like they do in other parts of the country). This would separate the spaces for foot and wheel traffic. This in turn would separate wheels and dogs and make it much less stressful using the tracks.
DPB-273	The cost of registration is getting ridiculous. There has been an unexplained increase of \$30 this year when the cost of living is already making it hard. How is it fair that it costs more to register our dog in Whangarei than in Auckland? Why is there no option of a responsible dog owner license like Auckland, because it often feels like we can't take our dog anywhere and we are paying our registration for people who don't look after their pets to be able to access services like the pound.
DPB-284	The registration fee is too expensive. It is only paid by good citizens. The council do absolutely nothing to the people that do not make any attempt to register their dogs. The council need to crack down on the people refusing to register their dogs
DPB-285	As with every issue I am submitting on, there is absolutely NO point having any bylaws if there is not enough support provided to enforce them. People who abide by the rules/laws/bylaws will continue to do so. People who have no respect for the law, or other people, will continue to do whatever they choose, at whatever cost to the safety of wildlife, other peoples pets, children and other people in general. Without adequate support we are all wasting time, money and energy formulating codes of conduct that do not have any successful level of enforcement.
DPB-288	Fines for irresponsible owners, wandering dogs etc but good owners need only pay for the registration tag. Dog Control benefits the entire community, fund it via fines for nuisance dogs and from general rates. Targeting rates for flood control ie Hikurangi Swap, for sewage for those hooked up to waste water plants etc makes sense. Targeting a rate to protect the community from nuisance dogs on owners who register their dogs makes about as much sense as a targeted rate on pool owners to pay for the public pools.
DPB-291	The dog license fee we have to pay is too expensive. The bad dog owners don't pay anyway and the responsible owners are left to pick up the tab. There should be harsh penalties for people who abuse and mistreat dogs or repeatedly don't safely keep them on their property.
DPB-292	As Responsible dog owners, we are being unfairly targeted with dog registration getting more & more expensive. It seems ridiculous that I have to pay a huge fee to have my dogs securely keep on my property. However people can have as many cars roaming around, fighting, scratching in bins without any fees needing to be paid. Dog registration fees target the wrong people & it's disgraceful how these fees are even charged to non profit dog rescue charities.
DPB-305	To many dog owners walk their dogs in areas clearly marked with no dog's signs, like in kiwi areas and no one does anything and they become abusive when confronted, even to children who realise what a no dog sign means.
DPB-308	Dogs off leash are not or be allowed in public areas. Not all people love dogs, some of us are scared of them, traumatised by past experience, or may just be wearing a brand new pair of white paints and don't want no dog jumping up all over our legs. People who want they dogs to run unleashed can go to the dog park.

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DPB-312	Hey, I'm more than happy to have offleash dogs and dont think that should get taken away but I think there needs to be more advocating like signs and stuff as well for saying leash ur dogs if they dont have good recall. It would also really cool to get some private like dog parks?? For bad mannered dogs so they can have some fully fenced free dom that people could even hire and rent out me and my reactive dog would love that!
DPB-323	The cost of registering a puppy for the 1st time in thier 1st is expensive. When you get much discount even if you are planning on desexing them early in thier life. As they are puppies they can't desex until they are minimum of 6months old. Means people have to pay more for a dog which is more likely to be at home as most people don't leave puppies to roam, and responsible dog owners would also not allow thier puppy to be out exercising more than 30mins a day as that could also damage the growing puppy. Making the dog park bigger wouldn't go amiss either. Or making another one especially giving those with bigger dogs somewhere to really run.
DPB-325	On the whole I think whangarei has some great spaces for dogs and its great that i can walk the loop and get a coffee at the basin with them, I think the paths need to be made wider or a cycle track built as the bikes and scooters need their own space
DPB-327	If you allowed the public access to your dog registration database then anyone could read the registration tag, look up the owner and return the dog without the need of animal control to be involved. Animal control could then focus solely on dangerous and unregistered dogs, and be funded by all ratepayers rather than registered dog owners.
DPB-328	Dog rego fees are far too high... It feels like those of us that pay are subsidising those who refuse to.
DPB-330	What is with the registration of dogs? Each year it goes up and yet there seems to be increasing requirements and restrictions. What am i actually paying for? Lower the fees for responsible dog owners and recoup costs from those people with unregistered dogs. If found wandering the owners of unregistered dogs should be made to pay exorbitant fees as a deterrent for keeping unregistered dogs. At the moment I can understand why people don't register their dogs....why? cause you get NOTHING from it, no one checks...it's ridiculous and comes off as a money grab.
DPB-331	If dogs are neutured, cheaper registration fees.
DPB-335	Better management of dog barking complaints. We spent more than a year complaining about a barking dog at our previous property to be told to contact SPCA who than told us to advise the Animal Control Team who didn't want to act on the matter unless there were witnessing the dog barking. The dog was kept day and night in a small cage and barking all the time. After one year of inaction and barely no sleep, we moved house, which involve costs and a lot of stress. When a complaint for dog barking is reported more than 3 times, a warning should automatically be sent to the owner of the animal rather than sending someone on the location. We called the Council few times to have the Team coming on site when the dog had stopped barking for few minutes. Excessive barking is a real nuisance and this is a matter that is not taken seriously by the Council.
DPB-339	To get back to using metal disks, the current tags are very hard to put together if you are elderly and don't have anyone to help
DPB-342	I would like to include an animal disaster bylaw passed by local government. Similar to Kapiti Coast District Council who made it an offence under their dog control bylaws to tether a dog during extreme weather where it may be harmed, giving dog control officers the ability to issue infringement notices as well as a clear mandate to ensure the welfare of dogs during such events. This bylaw was modelled off the Texas Public Safety Code, their respective state law for disaster management.
DPB-343	A dog park with bigger space, bushes and trees, maybe a water feature would be amazing. Kerikeri has an amazing dog park, surely Whangarei could do something along those lines. The current main dog park is not very attractive for most owners and the little Park at Pohe Island offers nothing. Just bare land with a bench. Education of (school) children about dog body language and to always ask for permission before approaching a dog. Advantage for dog owners that have done a Pet Manners/Good Behaviour Class that show dogs has good character and well trained to walk on and off lead. Harder rules and regulations for dog owners that are not caring for their dogs (dogs outside only, dogs constantly barking, dogs repeatedly roaming on street).

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DPB-345	Dog owners should have to prove proper fencing that adequately contain their dog before their dog is returned to them if found roaming. There needs to be fines because a slap on the wrist does nothing and council should be doing random checks of streets for houses with dogs vs houses with registrations for dogs
DPB-350	I think your system is full of it, it's another money revenue system defrauding us of our money we register our dogs only to get lumped with fines for nothing at all your agents are known to aggravate our dogs to get the specific reaction so you're able to confiscate/kidnap ours dogs and then charge a large sum of money to retrieve them and then when we reach out to your agency for support with our dogs let it be food or to be rehomed we are turned away and told to call our local RSPCA when infact we pay your agency for what, so you can go buy the flash trucks your system is fraudulent and you are not law
DPB-351	I highly recommend having more dogs neutered when possible. All dogs in animal management care should be neutered before rehoming or before being released back to the owner. Currently animal management needs to reassess the steps they take in resolving noise complaints about dogs in urban areas. There should be a certain amount of times a complaint is made and this should follow with consequences such as removal of the dogs until a solution/plan to the excessive noise is resolved, as it seems any complaints (even over 20 for the same household within a few months) fall on deaf ears and no consequences for the owners of the dogs causing a nuisance to neighbors are being executed currently, leaving people with no options to solve the issues.
DPB-352	Cost of registration
DPB-353	Dogs should be kennels no less than two meters from a boundary fence.
DPB-354	Dog registration tags - hard plastic strips are hard to close on a collar, they cannot be reused if the collar has to be changed and I have had small dogs develop abscesses from them rubbing against their necks. Discs would be better.
DPB-357	Barking dogs - there should be a measurable by-law or policy that owners can be fined for barking dogs. I can be outside doing garden chores and these dogs will be inside their home at the window reaching up growling and barking at me - this does not make it very enjoyable moving around my own property knowing that the barking will commence at any moment. The owners just let it continue on and on and this feels intimidating Registration - is there some way every year you can follow up on who registered dogs the previous year? From one of my complaints about wandering dogs, the Dog Managements department discovered the dogs were not registered so fined the owner. The owner blamed me for complaining about her dogs, but it was the fact that they were not registered that she was fined, not that they were barking.
DPB-358	I am opposed to ever increasing annual licensing costs to pay for the welfare of other dogs whose owners who refuse to exercise their responsibilities. It is insulting to be told that our costs as responsible owners must keep increasing to pay the ever-growing problems caused by non-license paying owners, and those that refuse to pay infringements that they incur. Following WDC's logic, I should refuse to pay my rates and then have other ratepayers pay more to cover mine. Now is the time for WDC to build a new process of cost recovery from where it sits, and those of us who use zero council resources pay only the administration cost (all of which can be done online) to register our dog/s.
DPB-361	My issue as one of the many responsible dog owners in our community is wandering dogs! As an admin of a local lost and found pets page I'm quite disgusted at the amount of dogs that are roaming the streets. Some of these dogs are out frequently and the comments that annoy me most are 'oh but they don't usually go far' or 'usually home by now' 'don't phone the pound' 'leave the dog alone it will go home' and they are not wearing registration tags! So many posts going up showing photos of dogs wandering on Facebook! What needs to be clarified is hours worked by Animal Management staff and the call centre responses to phone calls in especially on weekends. Just this morning another photo went up of two dogs loose, and a comment that Animal Control are closed on weekends. What is the story with weekends? Is there anyone on call to pick up wandering dogs if someone phones in? Is there someone on call on weekends that if one finds a registered dog a quick phone call with registration number will have dog reunited with owner? I myself have phoned in about dogs wandering on weekends and all I got back from the call centre was 'you will have to wait until Monday' I will have no hesitation in phoning Animal Control when I see dogs out but it would be good to know if there is a weekend on call team that can do this.

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DPB-362	Have seen request for feedback on dog bylaws. There is no point in altering or adding to existing laws when this council does not certainly in the Oakura area bother to police the bylaws. Most people pick up dog droppings but few obey the laws on dogs on the beach times or on leashes. So until the council police their own rules nothing changes.
DPB-365	All dangerous dogs which there is so many in the north should be neutered.
DPB-366	I live in small rural beach town and I would like to see properties where dog are living or visiting fenced. We are not allowed to take our dogs on the beach over summer and we can't walk down the road because of loose dogs.
DPB-378	Per Companion Animals, in May 2020 there were 851,000 dogs in NZ and now 3 years later the dog population is estimated at over 1,000,000 dogs in NZ. 90% of the rescued puppies that come to Auckland are from Northland which includes Whangarei. An undesexed dog can give birth to 5-13 pups per litter and have have 2-3 litters per year. Great work has been done by the Whangarei District Council with mandatory desexing of cats - mandatory desexing of dogs is also needed to be passed by the Council.
DPB-380	With the cost to register dogs the council hasn't really encouraged people to have their dogs neutered. Owners of neutered dogs should have a greater discount that what is currently offered if you want to increase the amount of neutered dogs
DPB-384	Having a discount on registration when dog and owner have completed the nationally recognised training provided by organisations such as Whangarei Dog Training Association such as, Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Basics. Or given access to specific areas for only owners who have completed this type of training.
DPB-385	Registration costs are too high & not something people can afford. Lower the cost or atleast create payment plants. Don't fine people who already can't afford the rego. Focus on desexing dogs & microchipping instead. Start funding rescues and people in the community who are trying to help the abandoned and stray dog situation. Allow people to come into the Pound and walk dogs and socialize them. Of course some are harder to work with and require training but some aren't.
DPB-390	Make harsher rules for dog owners who are neglectful of their dogs They the dogs need to be cherished and loved as members of the family. The owner needs to be aware right from the beginning there are costs and time involved in keeping dogs most importantly to take advantage of de-sexing programmes around Whangarei plus the importance of micro chipping your dog It breaks my heart to see so many dogs not claimed and the dog shelters so full We must learn to play our part and realise our responsibilities to man's best friends. We have been seriously neglectful of this
DPB-391	Lowering the dog registration fee. With the increasing living costs, the cost of dog registration is extremely high in Whangarei. Removal of dogs with unbearable living conditions (being tied up all day with barely any shelter or water) or banning them to own dogs. The amount of dogs I've seen like this in this town is shocking and no way a dog should live.
DPB-395	Too often dog control, enforce dog to pound without full details. The approach of guilt first and impoundment has caused families stress. The daily fees does cause financial distress for the dog owners. The authorities have the money and resources to make it difficult to the dog owner. Where training and supervision could be more effective than fines. While a penalty fee is required for breaching regulations, they are fit for purpose.
DPB-396	The current bylaws are fine, but it doesn't seem like value for money when compared to the dog fees to license the dog. Please provide an actual break down of where the money goes. If it's mostly to impounding dogs then there needs to be more coats there as most are unregistered. And wandering dogs are not picked up or dealt with. (Personally had three dogs wandering and never heard back)
DPB-397	Lead laws are not enforced- these either need to be adjusted to specify that an area is off-lead or be enforced.
DPB-400	It would be great if there was a dog park specifically for smaller dogs in Whangarei. I won't take my dog to the Dave Culham Dr dog park. There are too many people that go there and just let their dogs run wild. I've seen multiple dog fights. It's very intimidating going their with a smaller dog, so I just avoid it now, which is unfortunate as it would be lovely to have a safe place for small dogs to play.

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DPB-401	ALL dogs on leashes (and muzzled if need be) in ALL public spaces !
DPB-404	I for one think that the dogs registration fee is far to expensive, for myself I am a single pensioner living on a fixed income and find it a struggle to pay the fees. Also the dog tags that you provide are extremely difficult to put on the dogs, every year it get harder and harder for me to clip them around so that I can attach them to the dogs collar, I am well aware that numerous requested have been made to the council for discs to me supplied,. Please listen!!!
DPB-406	We have a bad wandering dog problem in our area, so I have had to call Animal Control many times. The number of proactive community patrols is tiny, for six staff working 24/7 in a year. This must be increased substantially. The control officers have inadequate tools to do their work. They should have body cameras, as these are proven to reduce animosity toward them, and assist greatly with evidence for disputes about what occurred. Their personal protective equipment is also inadequate. I saw on tv that in Gibraltar the police have a perspex shield and a large fire extinguisher like canister of dog control liquid. Turnover of their staff seems to be an issue. Increasing their pay is needed to reflect the risks they face, in the increasingly lawless society NZ has become in recent years. The Annual Report on Dogs that Council publishes is hugely incomplete. It does not show what offences Council has prosecuted, let alone the actual outcomes of them in real terms. This must be added. There is insufficient information about the extent of the 191 attacks, e.g. injury extents. More of these cases should be prosecuted. Wilful obstruction has increased by a concerning extent. Prosecution for these should be considered more. There is no reporting of the numbers of times police were required to assist staff, and whether they did so in a timely and effective fashion. This must be added, as should data showing clearly how many owners received penalties for the first, second, third etc time. I am sick of stray dogs coming onto my property, roaming our streets, and my wife being afraid just to walk to work. Community safety in this matter is Council's responsibility to adequately address. It has tried, but has not done so, so far.
DPB-407	I think the cost of dog registration is ridiculous!! The good owners get punished for the bad owners, how about having a reduced cost * a decent amount* for the owners who have their dogs desexd and microchipped, that's a bit of an incentive to get more people doing it. Times are tough for a lot of people.
DPB-409	I am absolutely appalled at the price of dog registrations It would be fairer on all owners if there was a payment plan where owners could pay a direct credit of a couple of dollars per week rather than a lump sum Also I believe that the council should be tougher on unregistered dogs that are impounded The dogs shouldn't be released unless they are desexed, micro chipped, and proven to have have a safe secure yard to live in. Presently council is overcharging the law abiding owners to fund the control of the non compliant owners and their dogs I find that completely unacceptable That I s totally unacceptable I also believe that all cats should be registered as well Same price to register as a dog Most pet owners love their pets unconditionally and their pets are necessary for companionship as well as security It's only a few irresponsible owners that are spoiling it for the law abiding owners
DPB-411	Dogs that are allowed to run free in allowed public spaces must be able to be controlled by their owners; they must come when called and cease any restrictive activity when asked to do so by their owner. Just because they may be allowed to be off a lease doesnt make them automatically a 'safe' dog for the general public if they dont obey commands.
DPB-412	If phonecalls are recorded, can they be used to show problem barking dogs. I have rung multiple times about a neighbour who couldn't look after one dog so decided to get two, now she lets them bark all day and leaves them outside. But as soon as dog management comes her dogs are inside and quiet. They are fine inside, but outside keeps barking and she lets them. More should be able to be done for bad owners

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DPB-415	We live in a beautiful part of the country, with many fabulous beaches. Yet we are severely restricted where we can take our canine companions who are part of the family. Restrict beaches if needed in summer, or in bird breeding season, but blanket bans in places like Kauri Mountain beach, where it is not highly populated by sunbathers, and there is plenty of room for off leash fun away from roads is ridiculous.
DPB-416	Dog registration fees are increasing year on year. My question is why is this, especially when connected to my response to the menacing dogs issue. Why should i be paying an increased fee for the Council to employ staff to manage roaming dogs? When this happens, the owner is fined and this should cover any costs incurred by Council. Owning a dog has become a money spinning exercise for this Council. I have my dogs chipped, they are registered, they are under control when out of my property, my property is gated. Please explain to me what my registration fee provides me as a dog owner? Nothing.
Dropin-03	No limit on max dog numbers on properties, do not make desexing compulsory, all dogs should be locked up at night, incentivise good dog ownership, basic education brochure to hand out with registration, current brochure could be significantly improved, happy to write it for them.
Dropin-05	Is ast 67 Tahunatapu Road. Very upset about lack of enforcement activity in relation to wandering dogs on her property. Reports that AG staff don't seem to know rules (some say dogs have to be on-leash on the road, some say not) Also complaint about a dog covenant down the road but dogs on the property, complained and now staff getting legal advice on how they can enforce - note: Is surely an RMA abatement notice issue? Has kiwi on the property and wants to protect them, also in the vicinity of the beach and bush in her area. Talked about the SPCA rehoming a dog in her area but not making sure the property was fenced - want the SPCA to NOT rehome dogs in kiwi areas. Also a misleading sign (?) on the corner of Nook Road and Whangarei Heads road - she is concerned about what a 'dog under control' actually means.
Email- 01	Dog abuse should be a crime. Dogs should not be on chains.
Email- 04	<p>It is my belief that Dog control laws need to be stricter in Whangarei.</p> <p>I do not think that dog owners take rules seriously and they need to be more accountable for their dogs actions. Firstly I have had many roaming dogs come onto my property in Corks Road and have had to call the dog rangers to collect them. I feel bad having to do this however this is the point...I shouldn't have too.</p> <p>We also have many barking dogs in our neighbourhood, at times it can be a cacophony of noise.</p> <p>My wife will not walk in the area anymore because of dogs on the loose even though she enjoys walking. I would hazard a guess that many dogs on properties all over Whangarei would not be registered and therefore should not be there.</p> <p>In summary with all my experiences I think dog control in Whangarei needs to be more proactive towards people that disregard dog ownership laws and that these laws need to be strengthened to protect other peoples rights to a quality of living space.</p>

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Email- 05	<p><i>Summary of key submission points (SoS): NZ has insufficient resources and controls around dogs. Dog attacks and other concerns are increasing.</i></p> <p><i>'Dogs under control' - terminology is too vague. Fencing or housing is the only reasonable form of dogs under control on a property. Lack of enforcement options for council under bylaw. Frustrating for community and enforcement officers. Dogs that are contained on properties cannot rush, wander or attack. Most problem dogs are likely unregistered.</i></p> <p>Some points to consider with a view that Prevention is better than cure - Legislation from overseas (links below) such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Permits required for unsexed animals – reducing the number of animals being given away where they end up as dangerous animals •Imprisonment for attacks and injuries – the penalties are very minimal and appear to be deemed 'too hard' to enforce – it needs to be easier for enforcement officers do their job and stronger deterrents for irresponsible owners. Not a great analogy but if the penalty for murder was only \$3k I can think of a few people I would be happy to pay \$3k to remove! •Overall higher penalties for offences and greater enforcement powers, the fact an enforcement officer cannot enter a property without permission and take an animal that is deemed dangerous or a threat is just stupid. That is like saying a police officer can only arrest someone if their mum says its ok...how is this in the best interest of the community or the animal? Why are there so many laws around protecting a dangerous animals owner? •Need a process for dealing with issues and complaints, they just seem to disappear into the ether or fall into the 'too hard' basket again. There appears to be no obligation to follow up or take action on complaints or prosecution because of a lack of resources perhaps? I wonder how many people are employed in parking enforcement compared to animal control? They seem to have a pretty stringent process for enforcement and complaints.
Email- 06	<p>It's not the dogs....it's the owners. Punish the owners, remove the dogs and the problem is solved! 80% of owners get it right.....just sort out the rest!!! No excuses.</p>
Email- 08	<p><i>SOS:No discount for gold card holders, beneficiaries or multiple dog owners. Unfair to have to pay full registration fee for a young dog that will be desexed at the vet recommended age. WDC should have a responsible dog owner policy and associated discount. Council should provide subsidised classes for dogs and owners. Bad dogs and owners should be subject to heavy penalties. Annoying that owners cannot choose a disc or a tag for registration, tags are difficult to operate. No 'good dog' events held by WDC to support socialisation of dogs, which can be good fundraisers. Profits could support dog rescue outfits. Please do not penalise good dog owners.</i></p>
Email- 09	<p>As a dog owner myself, i make sure to have them reg each year , why cant everyone. They should be, They should be kept in there yard. They should be on a lead. Its not bloody hard. The animal control should be driving around like the cops looking out for roaming dog. If chipped then contact owners, drop off dog and hand over fine.(no need to house them at the pound) No chip, if owner doesnt make contact ,dog put down(no warnings, not cuddle bunny shit). If work force is the issue, then hire more bloody staff, enough people sitting around drinking, drugging and be a burdon on our community. (Probably nilot the people you want working for you, but u think you understand where im coming from) If you ring animal control they hardly turn up or are hours to late(this will be why people stop calling in).</p>

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Email- 11	<p>I am writing to tell you how concerned I am about the abundance of roaming dogs in my area. I live at 135 Raumanga Valley Road we see roaming dogs on a daily basis. This situation is getting worse and worse and worse. A few months ago, I reported two large dogs that had run into my garden and tried to attack our rabbit – our rabbit never got over this and became temperamental and aggressive. At times I have witnessed packs of dogs – ACTUAL PACKS OF DOGS – around 4/5/6 medium and large dogs running around the road on to my front lawn and trying to get in my garden. This is completely unacceptable, and something needs to be done. I have two young children whom I am hugely concerned about and am reluctant to even let them outside sometimes. I have personally been rushed by dogs on the road and reported this to Armourguard. I have also phoned up Armourguard on several occasions to report dogs in the area. Raumanga Valley Road is a beautiful area next to the bush area, the park and the waterfalls, the green field and the park next to the I Site, the car parks next to the Tech – which we were hoping to use to teach our children how to ride their bikes. I regularly see tourists in this area, other children, and lots of roaming and unpredictable dogs.</p> <p>There is a brand-new playground being built in this area later this year/next year – I strongly feel that there is an extremely worrying, underlying issue which needs to be dealt with first before this playground gets built. Something needs to be done about all these dogs in Raumanga Valley before the inevitable happens!! More enforcement, more patrols, harsher penalties!</p>
Email- 12	<p>Canine Good Citizen Certification discounts:</p> <p>Canine Good Citizen Certification (CGC) is a national dog certification program to train dogs and their owners to be better citizens and good out in public. It is licensed and managed under DogsNZ. I am the the trainer for this program at the Whangarei Dog Training Association (WDTA) and would like to suggest that the council offer a discount to anybody who has achieved Certification through this program.</p> <p>Offering a discount would encourage more people to train their dogs. To get certified and be better citizens. More information on the courses can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/cgc/canine-good-basics https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/cgc/cgc-home</p>
Email- 13	<p>We live in a quiet street except our next door neighbor has a rottweiler which barks very loudly alot of the time and is never excersized. We have contacted Animal control and they parked across the road and didn't enter the property.</p> <p>Dogs need licenseing but the owners need to be too.</p>
Email- 16	<p>SOS:</p> <p><i>On-leash rules should be firmly enforced.</i></p> <p><i>2.) Dogs should be chipped or ownership should always be recorded mandatorily to enforce responsibility.</i></p> <p><i>I too wish to find a way to stop dogs from being put down and suffering inside dog pounds etc but I can't really think of any way that doesn't involve systemically changing these things first,</i></p> <p><i>I'd also like to find a more resourceful way to use their excrement.</i></p>


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<p>Email- 19</p>	<p>My main points are: Registration fees are so high and what's the return? you want to encourage not discourage registration, proof will be in the pudding, end result with more dogs in the pound and less people coming forth to adopt dogs, I know many who will not re register their dogs as it's simply become unaffordable. Dog Park in Wrei is so small, no space causing aggression over play balls provided (very nice gesture) play space could be hugely extended in the area, (huge amount of land thee,) and sectioned, Large and Small dogs. There is no other designated 'off leash' place to take your dog in Whangarei, except the low water mark at Ocean Beach in winter. Signage – lack of, unclear when you go to many beaches are dogs permitted, on leash/off? EG Parua Bay area, incl wetland, Kauri Mountain, (maybe theres a new sign?) heaps of ppl with dogs there last summer incl me, no signage. Microchip, there is no follow through from 'chipper' on NZCAR therefore futile, why cant Council follow this through to list the owner and build the fee in? Many people cannot or are unable to access internet (esp elderly) or don't have a credit card to pay the fee. I have experienced this very point this week. An Onerahi dog I desexed, vaccinated and registered on behalf of owner was phoned, whilst my name is on microchip and I was not phoned. Education; I realise an SPCA department but Animal Control also, a local warden would be fantastic; educating in schools, local communities. There is a huge neglect and roaming dog issue in Whangarei/Northland. Animal Shelters closing down due to being unable to cope with influx. Education is key.</p>
<p>Email- 20</p>	<p>I'd love to see round dog tags on rings available. The current ones are difficult to attach if you have less-than-perfect mobility in your fingers (surely a disability issue?) and can't be used again if you need/want to change your dog's collar for any reason.</p>
<p>Email- 21</p>	<p>SOS: <i>Requests shorter review periods. Responsible dog owners get poor service for their dog registration fee. No discount for responsible dog owners. WDC should support training classes and associated discounts.</i></p>
<p>Email- 22</p>	<p>Rego could be looked at seriously!! I came from perth where if you pay 100 for the life of your pet, 45 for sterilised for year, These amounts indicate a fair and reasonable amount where families would happily pay registration fees. Your high amounts are just unreasonable. We all love our pets i see that a lot in whangarei, yes there is a lot of sad stories but through know fault of the animals. Your dog park, how do you control unregistered dogs going there? How do we know all the dogs have had their completed virus injections? Is there a designated dog beach? It cost me 360 odd dollars to sterilise my male to get 15.00 off, Where is the incentive. Lets look at making fees more durable. There has to be bigger discounts.</p>
<p>Email- 23</p>	<p>As a past dog owner in Whangarei of many years (my dog passed away 2021. I was dismayed at the stance on dogs by the WDC. I never once used the heavily soil contaminated and dangerous dog park on Pohe Island. I would like to raise the following points I believe should be considered when up grading the by law. More dog friendly spaces required. Town and in outlying areas. More dog exercise areas required with dog psychology input so as to make the areas safer and more environmentally rich. More actual enforcement of dog living standards required for dogs. More access to beaches in summer and walking tracks for dogs required. The policy and by law are so heavily negative and schewed for dogs who pose a nuisance rather than looking to improve responsible dog owners' dog's experiences and improve public interactions with is beneficial to children and elderly as dogs provide therapeutic benefits. Auckland is much more pro social and pro dog. In Whangarei the large number of unregistered and uncared for dogs mean the cost of implementing the WDC policy is left to the responsible dog owners who in effect get nothing for registering their dogs at a significant cost to them.</p>

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Email- 24	<p>I feel that it is necessary to put forward my experience with roaming dangerous dogs in my community. My neighbours three dogs regularly escaped. These were German shepherds. The postal delivery drivers had refused to deliver to the address due to their aggressive nature.</p> <p>I went to check my mail box and was attacked and had to go in an ambulance to Whangarei hospital. One dog was euthanised. They immediately bought another dog. These dogs escaped a further eight times after the attack. Animal control came out and issued fines. On the ninth visit they were told their dogs would be removed if they didn't build a fence and that's when the owners bothered to act. Giving fines after the damage is done is useless. It's revenue for you but does nothing for the safety of the public. Before Whau valley dam was closed I would take my children there for a picnic, but we stopped going because of the dogs off leash or dogs roaming with no owner around. It seems to me that animal control have their hands tied and can only do so much, and I was told it wouldn't get anywhere in court.</p> <p>It should never have to get to that point. I am grateful that it was me checking the post that day and not my child. Please protect your families in this community and not just focus on fines.</p>
Email- 25	<p>I think the registration fees are too high. I understand that the money is needed for more dog rangers to enforce dog bylaws pick up wandering dogs etc. But it is the responsible dog owners who actually register their dogs who are being punished. I also think the elderly and gold card owners should get a discount as mostly they have dogs for companions and to give them a reason to get up each day.</p>
Email- 27	<p>I would like to see a hell of a lot more access for the amount of money Whangarei dog owners are investing in registrations. Looking at 2019 figures, WDC would be receiving around a million dollars annually. The current cost of dog registration is a very poor return on the money spent.</p> <p>I have heard the argument from Council that the registrations pay for the bad dog owners - that's pretty ridiculous. Making good, responsible owners pay for irresponsible owners hasn't stopped any of the bad behaviour and probably resulted in a drop in dog registrations since the cost was put up exorbitantly. I live in Hikurangi and the roaming dog issue there is terrible. Bad dog ownership and resulting dog issues are community issues, NOT just responsible dog owners problems to pay for.</p> <p>It would also be great to have dog friendly cafe's in Whangarei - I'm not sure if that is a Council issue or sits with cafe owners themselves.</p> <p>WDC seems to be anti dog, but the emphasis has been put on responsible dog owners, instead of finding better ways to deal with bad dog behaviour.</p> <p>The current cost of dog registration is not value for money.</p>
Email- 28	<p>further to my submission my wife who was unable to attend would like to submit, and I agree with her ,that strong signage reminding people of the law and warning of the consequences of breaking the law of having to keep a dog on a lead, should be posted to all entries to sportsfields and public areas where dogs are walked</p>

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<p>Email- 29</p>	<p>SOS: <i>Continous and persistent problem with neighbouring barking dogs that is not being resolved despite repeat complaints to WDC.</i> BIRD RESERVE – CONSERVATION The amount of times we see people with dogs in the Bird Reserve area (<i>unclear which Bream Bay one</i>) is a joke. Almost every time we walk into the bird reserve area we see at least one dog & dog owner. Always the same excuses – my dogs fine, I didn't see any signs, its ok the dogs not near the birds, they're allowed on this part of the beach. I live here I should know. Why don't you just make it DOG FREE (all year round) NORTH of the Ruakaka Surf club entrance so it is clearer for people to understand the rules and then the dogs & owners who choose to ignore the rules, and turn North up the beach toward the bird reserve, are more visible to other beach users. We need more dog free areas of the beach like at Surfers Paradise. We also, are just as entitled not to have to share all the beach with dogs. DOG POLICING In all the years living here we have only seen the DOG CONTROL once that we can remember, and we walk along the beach almost daily. There are way more dogs than ever before – it's gone from 20% dog owners to more like 80% dog owners - around this area anyway, and there hasn't been any increase in policing of the rules at all. There is no point having the dog rules if you aren't going to police them, and dog owners know this. All there is currently, is signage, and not the easiest of aerial maps to understand, but they choose to ignore it or misunderstand it, or say my dogs not a problem. Nothing will change the way it currently is! Policing and follow-up with FINES is the only way to get through to selfish ignorant dog owners (and there seem to be plenty of them) not idle threats with no real consequences.</p>
<p>Email- 30</p>	<p>I'm a solo mother with 2 young children. I don't drive we bus or walk. We walk to the nearest bus stop and only one in Balmoral Road Tikipunga Whangarei and the amount of abandoned or neglected dogs/puppies is terrible. The amount of times we've been attacked is beyond a joke...a large amount of people here have animals but don't care about them or anything living running animals over and driving carelessly...my youngest last Friday witnessed a female duck get run over near the kindergarten and a cat a few months ago... Change the speed limit and put school and animal crossing  signs but they'll probably be ignored too...soon it will be a child getting dropped off or picked up at the kindergarten...DO SOMETHING please</p>
<p>Email- 31</p>	<p>I was unable to comment online so I am emailing you with regards to dog management. I just want to say that as a responsible owner I am very happy with the current bylaws. I have 2 dogs, both of whom are already registered for the coming year. I always pick up their droppings and usually from other dogs too as I walk around Kensington.</p>
<p>Email- 32</p>	<p>I am a Whangarei resident and a responsible dog owner of two dogs. I understand that we have dog owners who allow their dogs to roam, teach there dogs or allow their dogs to be aggressive and reactive. These dog owners are wilfully already braking the dog by- laws and more dog laws are not going to change these non compliant owners. Imposing more restrictions will only impact on those who are responsibly exercising and socialising their loved dogs to avoid them being reactive to other dogs and members of the community. In Christchurch you can almost take your dog anywhere on a lead, they provide rubbish bins and water drinking fountains for dogs in most places. For the majority of dog owners our dogs are apart of our families, we love and care for them and would like to be able to have them go on outings and walks with us. My other observation is that dogs that don't get out and about (socialised and exercised) will become protective, aggressive and reactive due to a lack of stimulation, boredom and no trust of other people or dogs. I trust you will take my concerns and proposals into account when making changes to the Whangarei by-laws for dogs</p>

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Email- 33	I am a responsible dog owner. We belong to a club. Whangarei Dog Training Association. We do dog Agility. To my dogs this is their job. It keeps them and me busy and fit. I'm asking a question as to why when I do everything right for myself and my dogs. Why can't we get a reduction on our fees? Why should we have to to paying for the not responsible owners.? Every time there is dog shit lieing around it falls back to the ones that pick up after their dogs. When theirs a dog attack, we the responsible dog owners get dirty looks from the public. I have 3 Agility dogs, on a low income. Really struggling to paye dog fees. I hope there is something you can do to ease the price on Responsible dog owners.
Email- 35	As a quite senior couple who are on an old age pension, we are struggling to understand why like in some other Councils a discount is not offered. Given all the other taxes we pay any increase becomes a financial concern. Given our ageing population and the current economic environment I think we are not alone in our thinking.
Email- 36	<p>We have visited many other regions within NZ, and believe Whangarei is one of the most anti-dog regions in the country. Odd for a town which has farming as its foundation. I understand some dogs are aggressive and need restraint in public spaces. I don't see why my rights are being removed due to this small minority. In my experience during my daily walks with my dog, every aggressive dog we have met is well controlled by its owner who stays very aware of their dog's behaviour and ensures the safety of others by taking their dog off the track when needed. For the annual registration fee – what do I get? I like to walk with my dog, not visit a dog park of limited space. Is my fee paying for dog control in the city? I do not feel any more accountable for irresponsible dog owners than a non dog owner. As rate payers we all end up paying for those who do not respect others, but I am no more responsible for the behaviour of another individual than any other rate payer. I feel I receive no direct value for that annual fee.</p> <p>Our bylaws send dog owners the message that dogs are not really welcome in this district. Your brochure reinforces this with the list of where your dog can be (on a lead) being far shorter than the list of where it can't. I'm not suggesting we let dogs free-range where birds are nesting. I am suggesting we make more of an effort to provide dogs and their owners some freedoms in the town they live in rather than the current message of "reluctant tolerance".</p>
Email- 39	<p>We live in a quiet street except our next door neighbor has a rottweiler which barks very loudly alot of the time and is never excersized. We have contacted Animal control and they parked across the road and didn't enter the property.</p> <p>Dogs need licenseing but the owners need to be too.</p>
Email- 41	<p><i>SOS: Dogs need off-leash access for their wellbeing. Dog owner education is very important.</i> I would also love to see more proactive management - seeing dog ambassadors in popular dog exercise areas handing out information / poo bags / advice. Dealing with things before they become a problem. WDC could work with local volunteer groups such as Whangārei Dog Training Association to provide education.</p> <p>While I understand that fees are necessary to fund management of problem dogs, other councils have offered discounts to owners who have undertaken a certain level of training / education and proven that they're responsible owners. This would greatly benefit the community by providing financial motivation to upskill and gain knowledge in responsible ownership.</p> <p>There is no doubt that there is a sector of the dog owning community who will take no notice of the rules regardless of how strict they become. It is my view that dogs that are impounded for any reason, should not be released without being de-sexed. This will hopefully have an impact over time on this sector of the dog owning community as less dogs are able to be bred into these irresponsible homes.</p>
Email- 42	<p><i>SOS: Submitter is concerned about proposed increases to dog registration fees as part of the bylaw review. Does not want fees increased for pensioners in particular, and responsible dog owners are being penalised.</i></p>

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Email- 46	I generally agree with the dog policy as it stands. However, I noted that annual registration has gone up in price slightly this year. I actually question why I should be paying it at all. My dog is neutered, microchipped and our property is fully fenced. When out, he is always on a lead other than some runs on permitted beaches. Many dogs are not on leads however, and this causes problems. If someone's dog approaches us, it is not under the control of the owner. Surely, by having dog wardens make the rounds, fines for these off-lead dogs would surpass the annual registration revenue. I basically get nothing for what I pay each year and still have to put up with people who think their off-lead dog is OK. Fine them and reduce the cost for us responsible owners. Not much different to the radar vans that collect revenue if you're going a km over the speed limit. I'd prefer if dog wardens started fining irresponsible owners.
Email- 47	More signage needed.
Email- 48	SOS: MPI is responsible for animal welfare and submission is focussed on that. Requests provisions regarding control and care of dogs on private property, including the provision of adequate shelter. Requests correct referencing to working dog definition. Requests clarity of terminology around 'dogs being under control at all times' in relation to current policy wording which includes to 'tether' a dog.
Email- 52	SOS: <i>Wants better information/maps on dog access rules provided to dog owners. All dogs should be fenced. Wants \$40 instant fines instead of \$300 as considered a deterrent to issuing fines. All dogs to be neutered. Free registration if dog neutered and increase funding to support community de-sexing programmes. Discount fees significantly to incentivise desexing dogs. Registration discount for over 65s. Allow for payment plan for registration. Good owners being penalised, bigger portion of dog control should be funded by general rates.</i>
Email- 54	SOS: <i>Submitter wants all dogbreeding by non-registered dog breeders prohibited for 10 years, e.g compulsory neutering of all dogs by 8 months of age.</i>
Email- 55	SOS: <i>Registration fees need to support responsible dog owners by providing incentives. Licensing period in winter makes it harder for people to pay. Provide for installment payments. Dog Control should be funded more by general rates. More compassion about payment issues. More enforcement on popular dog areas - eg loop walk. Council should support/fund desexing programmes. Provide more information support about dog access rules and being a good dog owner. Encourage dog friendly businesses.</i>
Email- 56	SOS: <i>Proposes that good dog ownership is recognized by reducing fee for dogs that have passed Foundation level (or above) of Canine Good Citizen. Education is key to good dog ownership. Council should provide mentoring and recall classes, especially for problem dogs. Need good signage to explain dog access rules, including 'dogs are welcome here' signs. Dog brochures should be more friendly and positive about dogs. Wants current dog park expanded and improved, provide for small and large dogs separately. Or develop a new one. Wants Council to provide free dog bags and educate dog owners about alternatives (eg nappy bags). Send with rates bill and provide at council offices. Also distribute free bags to local shops for people to access. Council to provide free poo bag holders for collars together with registration tag. Submitters considers that microchipping system is inadequate as information on national dog database not easily accessible or available to enquirers. Requests council to advocate/provide for a better system and work with NZ Companion Animals. Wants Council to supply kennels and runs for roaming dogs to address problem dogs. Suggests getting prisoners or community groups to build and obtain sponsorship to support costs.</i>
Email- 57	SOS: <i>Backyard Kiwi (BYK) is community driven kiwi recovery project in Whangarei Heads/Parua Bay. Wandering dogs devastating to kiwi, dogs must be contained or tied up on private property. Enforcement for wandering dogs in kiwi areas should be strengthened. Kiwi aversion training for dogs (designed for hunting dogs) has been proven to be ineffective. Appropriately controlled dog exercise is also crucial. If in any doubt a dog should be exercised on a lead.</i>
Other - 01	Disability certificate from doctor. Has PTSD but dog does not qualify for exemption. Council is being discriminating against disabilities. Council should have reduced rate for pensioners.
Other - 02	Wants mandatory desexing
Pin-40	Unleashed dogs wondering all over the place. No owner control. Dog droppings everywhere and uncontrolled barking dogs.
Pin-82	Review signage

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Pin-162	So much is unavailable to walkers with dogs. We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on tracks and walkways and yet if you own a dog you're not allowed to utilize them.
Stakeholder-	<i>SOS: Wandering and rushing dogs are a big problem in District. We need more education and more enforcement but would also like to see NZ councils adopt a science based approach for dog management. Opposed to enforcement officers advising to use underground electric fences. Monitoring and enforcement is providing outdated advice. Would like to see all councils using same, science based approach. Would like to see canine good citizen scheme to allow for fee reduction and to support owner education. Problems with definitions as to what is under control. Would like to see a small dog dog park seperate from a large dog dog park. Dogs not allowed in water in Mair Park because of spawning – Kitemauna te moana trust. Opposed to DOC blanket bans on all reserves – open them up and allow people to use them.</i>
Stakeholder-	<i>SOS: Would like to ensure disability assistance dogs are provided for in bylaw in accordance with legislative framework</i>
Stakeholder-	<i>SOS: Registered dog trainer. Second Pohe Island dog park needs water. Decision to neuter should be made by vets, Attending a course should be precondition to dog registration. Wants better education. Says WDC could introduce colour-coded leads to signal desired interaction with public.</i>