
Local dog access rules 2025

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD	
1	The more off leash spaces the better, that way we can better train and socialise our dogs, and they will be safer for the general public. Making spaces on leash is going back in time.
2	We need better signage and enforcement across the whole of Auckland. People with little or no control of their dogs, and people failing to respect on-leash restrictions are a chronic issue from Rodney to Franklin. Create jobs. Make our open spaces better. Give Auckland's dogs better lives with better training. Hire more enforcement officers.
16	Public spaces should be shared for different recreational users and this includes dogs and dog owners - providing times when dogs are allowed to run off leash is important and early mornings are perfect because other users are not usually using these spaces at this time. This also makes it clear for everyone.
64	It would be nice to have dedicated dog friendly walks in ALL regional parks.
69	Mt Eden/ Maungawhau is the local walking place for my family and our two dogs. We socialise with other dog owners there, as do our dogs and a large number of other dogs. Most of these dogs are of a small/ medium size, with the largest being labradors or dogs of a similar size. As far as I am aware, there has been absolutely no problems with dogs here. The council should make provision for leash free times of the day, say from 6am to 9am (ie. Before tourists visit the Maunga) to give the citizens and ratepayers of My Eden , Newmarket and Epsom and their dogs, the freedom to enjoy the local natural environment.
108	I think off-leash areas should be widened in Central Auckland as it's really hard to get areas to take your dog where you can also get exercise yourself. Having off-leash periods works well at places like Pt Chev beach and this is a successful model that allows everyone the opportunity to enjoy the environment. It is of course important that dog owners are responsible by keeping their dog under control and picking up after the dog. I think the majority of dog owners are, and shouldn't be made to pay for the actions of a few.
116	Whatever changes you make need to be educated and enforced. Right now, all bets are off, there are no rules out there.
155	As per my earlier responses, dogs should be required to be on leash at all local parks and beaches, apart from within designated, fully fenced off leash dog exercise areas. There are horrifying stories every day of vulnerable animals and people being attacked by aggressive off leash dogs. The only way to turn the tide is to make stronger rules and enforce them with fines and impounding to teach the owners a lesson.
336	We appreciate being able to have our dogs run freely at the beach as it is a fantastic opportunity for dogs to exercise and socialise.
389	Fine owners who does not clean up after dogs, allow dogs to rush at humans or animals, make everywhere off leash UNDER control
452	Just think better enforcement is required. Especially regarding picking up of dog poo. There is always dog ***** on pt chev road and it's really frustrating.
507	More access to parks and beaches more off leash areas. Well exercised dogs are safer and happier dogs
593	Mt Eden summit - it would be wonderful if dogs could be off leash under control at certain times e.g. early morning

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626	I think it is reasonable to restrict the number of dogs one person can walk safely at a time. I think restricting dog access and off leash areas is unnecessary and only punishes responsible dog owners and their dogs while not changing the problem which is the group of antisocial people who should never be allowed to own dogs in the first place
641	Meola reef should be totally offleash at all times apart from the fenced dog park area.
812	Please expand more dog-friendly areas! Regulate dog owners to avoid restricting their dogs' freedom of movement! New Zealand is a dog-friendly nation!
870	I would like to see more off leash areas available as dogs help to keep us fit and healthy. People are only afraid of what they don't understand, maybe a bit more education on the benefits of owning a dog and what make them tick might be useful.
877	be sensible --we are dealing with mental and physical health benefits of owners from having dogs exercised --pragmatism should reign
911	Responsible dog owners would not allow their dog off leash unless they trusted and trained them. Let the dogs enjoy the parks too. Dogs are generally less threatened when off leash.
941	A good mix of dog and beach accessible parks as well as ones they do not allow them or restrict to on leash is already in place. The changes proposed are not justified in my opinion.
960	All beaches and park should have off lead access, if owners cannot control their dog or clean up after them they should be heavily fined
982	AC you are really doing a shocking job at providing a fun environment for dog lovers. Ask your team where they walk their dogs off lead? If you do not have dog owners in your team they should not be there. Do better!
987	Be more visible policing the existing rules and things would work fine.
1174	No
1198	Dogs are a fundamental part of our lives, we pay council tax and walk our dog safely at all times. The council is becoming prejudice against dogs. I am happy to start a dog protest against the auckland council if needed.
1201	No
1202	Dogs need space too and increasing restrictions are unfair. Dogs provide companionship for many and it is unfair to penalise all dog owners for a few that are irresponsible and do not control their dogs and use parks appropriately and within rules around restrictions currently in place. .
1205	Responsible dog owners form a significant part of our society and deserve to be heard with as much volume as the "minority" anti-dog brigade.
1328	As per my earlier comments - birdlife and sports fields (and people!) need to be protected - but the Council do need to provide more off-leash areas for dogs as denser living increases. Please look to provide new areas that can be used off-leash.
1451	The seasonal rules of dog being allowed in beaches at certain times is good, especially off leash. However I find it frustrating that dogs are not allowed on the beach at other busy times, as long as they are on leash and controlled. Dangerous breeds should be muzzled. Visitors to a beach generally want to spend the day at the beach with their family, and that includes their dog. What dangers are there if dogs are always in leash and dangerous breeds muzzled?
1457	The majority of dogs and dog owners are responsible. To manage the minority that are not, put more bylaws officers out in the parks monitoring things.
1477	I think better publicising of the rules and places, times that you can can't take dogs would be beneficial for Aucklanders.
1530	no

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1554	Dogs should be clearly under control at all times to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone using the Park or Beach. Roaming, dangerous/NOT de-sexed and vicious dogs should be removed by the Council Dog Control and destroyed.
1595	Dogs should be on leash at local parks and beaches, apart from designated and contained off-leash areas
1855	There are very few central Auckland areas that allow off leash now and our dog loves to fetch and chase her ball for mental stimulation and exercise. In the area of Mt Eden/Morningside/Balmoral there are very few off leash areas (and most require driving a distance to). It would be great to open up more shared off leash areas for responsible dog owners. It is quite restricting having a dog and our lives have reduced in the places we can go as a family (as our dog is part of the family) since getting her. We thought having a dog would mean we give us the motivation to explore more places in Auckland, but the reality is our worlds have become smaller due to all the restrictions. Our kids are sad that we can't bring her places and don't want to go out explore without her. There must be a way that we can all exist together especially through encouraging responsible dog ownership? Responsible dog owners are getting tarnished by the brush of the dogs with bad behaviors (especially the central area which has less threatening dogs than some other Auckland areas). It would be great to see Auckland encouraging and embracing the wonderful warmth and love that dogs bring to society, but for some reason all goof dog owners have to bear the burden of a small segment of bad dog owners with limited access to public spaces and transport. Please consider with open minds before making final decision. Many thanks.
1896	Dogs should be able to enjoy tamari makaurau as well as humans
1966	Re Monte, why not restrict leash to after 10am Monday-Friday so people with dogs can walk them off leash early morning and weekends. The wingers can walk the rest of the time
1998	No thank you
2141	Dogs should never be allowed off leash in local parks and beaches. Anywhere, any time.
2146	The existing rules are not enforced, so get rid of them. Responsible owners and well-behaved dogs shouldn't be excluded if you're doing nothing about the reverse.
2271	Please consider responsible dog owners and their dogs. We need off-lead places to run them, this park provides this. Please to don't take this away.
2462	There needs to be more common sense applied and different rules applied for different areas and demographics.
2607	Stop changing a system that is working and do a better job of enforcing existing access policies and bylaws
2671	There should be more places dogs can have off leash access. Most places where dogs have off leash access are tiny and ungated making those areas dangerous. There are plenty of parks and beaches around Auckland with a lot of space but there seems to be growing concern from the Auckland Council to make spaces for dogs smaller when there is barely room for them to roam as it is. It's cruel and maybe you should be focusing more on irresponsible dog owners and not punishing the dogs.
2728	It is very important from an animal welfare point of view to have suitable exercise areas for dogs. Responsible dog owners know these animals need to be exercised and, importantly, need to have opportunities for socialisation - critical for good dog behaviour.
2781	Dogs are key parts of many families, and are a positive impact on the families, children, and others in the community when well trained. I support greater training and education of both dog owners and non dog owners, over restricting access.

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2784	Rules are already too restrictive to responsible dog owners. The ones causing the trouble already will continue to ignore the rules. This only punishes those who aren't contributing to the perceived problems with dogs.
2787	Do not punish the law-abiding responsible citizens who keep their dogs well trained and under control (and pick up poo etc) for the negative actions of the few who will not follow the changed rules anyway. Dogs are a hugely important part of many Aucklanders' lives, improving their mental and physical health, especially the elderly. This change would be devastating for many.
2823	Dog policy should be enforced to deter the growing number of dog owners ignoring the rules and making public places difficult to enjoy for everyone else.
2871	No
2990	Just license the pack walkers and don't ruin it for everyone else
3017	Please do not reduce off leash opportunities for dogs. As long as the dog is under control at all times there is no reason to remove off leash opportunities. This is punishing good dog owners who care about the dog's health and well being by taking the dog out to run free for a period. Council should be using this resource to implement changes to protect abused and neglected dogs - such as removing chained dogs from their situation immediately and disallowing such owners to own another dog.
3023	Auckland should be leading progressive dog friendly policies, and listen to industry leaders and responsible dog owners. Not a minority. Enforcement of existing policies should be undertaken to address irresponsible dog owners, and not penalize the majority.
3076	I'm not against regulation—I support it! I believe in uplifting the industry through education to raise standards, licensing for accountability, and solutions that genuinely address the issues. Regulation by numbers alone won't solve the problem. Please work with real life dog walkers and trainers to come up with better solutions, rather than having a very small portion ruin it for a lot of people and dogs.
3229	Don't change it.
3248	I believe with some of the more dangerous breeds of dogs that when these people register them that they are told they are not able to let their dogs off the leash in any public areas and this should hopefully reduce any incidents
3253	To be safe and socialised all dogs absolutely need to be off leash for part of every day. More places rather than fewer should be the norm. If you don't like dogs there are plenty of parks where they are not allowed at present. We don't want more of them.
3259	It is over-regulating to stop dog walking on our Maunga. In light of obesity and mental health problems, we need to increase recreational areas where there are mature trees - not reduce them. Also, if users are concerned about dog faeces, increase the cages where people can leave their excess plastic bags for people to use. There are not enough bins for disposing of dog poop bags.
3342	Just remember that dog owners pay rates too. All parties need to be considered. Compromise is needed, eg off-leash before 9am and after 5pm. Thanks
3347	More people have dogs since covid, so why would you try to reduce off leash options? You have the opposite policy approach to the one you should have
3399	The current rules are working well.
3404	Dogs shouldn't be allowed in public spaces in the first place. They are loud and dangerous.
3478	Need more large signs with the rules The sandwich boards saying no dogs are constantly destroyed by dog owners

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3574	We should not let the actions of a few bad dog owners restrict the good owners. How about a reporting hotline or monitoring rather than removing areas for dogs, or reducing pack walking.
3597	I don't think rules about dogs being on or off leash need to be changed. Some people will still refuse to follow the rules and control their dogs even if the rules change, so why ruin it for everyone. You will be punishing dog owners who control their dogs well due to the actions of a few people that won't change their behaviour anyway.
4058	Dogs are a. Integral part of society. They need to have the opportunity to be exercised freely near where they live Most dogs are well controlled and more needs to be done regarding those not well controlled/registered. Also more work for children to be safe around dogs
4096	Onehunga foreshore. Dogs are off leash on the beach side of the lagoon and chase the seabirds. Please enforce the on lead area more stringently.
4141	I think the Council should focus on 1) the poor dogs tied up most of the day 2) roaming dogs who attack without provocation as in the recent cases in the news - these dogs obviously need new owners 3) making desexing free 4) making all dog owners do a worthwhile dog ownership course before being allowed to own a dog in the first place - and following up on non-registered dogs. The Council are focusing on the wrong dogs with the proposed changes
4154	Yes - generally all beaches should have dog access all day. At least one end of each beach should be available for pets to exercise (at a minimum) and this should be a standard rule across the Auckland region. We note that in other NZ centres (e.g Dunedin City) dogs can play on local beaches (e.g St Clair) at ANY TIME. This policy makes Auckland Council seem aggressively disposed to be anti-dog. Auckland Council needs to change with the times and move to be as per the rest of the world on these rules!
4247	More fenced dog areas, we once had a dog killed when it escaped from an unfenced park area and ran onto the road, such a devastating experience, I will never use unfenced areas again.
4258	Come on Auckland Council - half of our parks and reserves are empty during the day. Don't punish dog walkers and people wanting to exercise their dogs responsibly while also maximising these amazing spaces. Rather than blanket rules, think about what is right for each site - for the most part, as soon as schools go back these spaces are empty.
4368	I think facilitated dog access at local parks and beaches should be the default, but not necessarily off-leash - that should be restricted to a few widely publicised areas.
4442	Loosen rules on Takapuna beach
4492	I must say I think council is spending a huge amount of time and resources on creating new rules for dogs and their owners whereas on the whole dog owners are pretty responsible. What about focussing on cats? which create havoc on our bird population.
4512	Point Chevalier restrictions are now very limiting for week cared for dogs. Many times, especially in winter, when dog owners are still wading in the rain and hail, the beach is empty of everyone but dog walkers, yet the rules state on leash. There need to be practical solutions, that meet the needs of many
4524	These spaces need to be shared for all users....so maybe there needs to be more time allocated slots for different users - like dogs only at the beach between these times...and same for local parks - dogs have to be walked between these hours only. As a rate payer I feel I should be able to access almost all parks with a dog on leash - just restrict the times if necessary. Some people find kids more annoying than dogs!

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4538	No
4627	no
4633	People do have a tendency to disregard the rules so perhaps better signage or more policing of area can increase compliance
4689	There is insufficient Animal Control presence at parks and beaches in Pt Chevalier. eg: Pt Chevalier Beach, Meola Reef, Eric Armishaw Park. Until Animal Control starts issuing significant fines to dog owners flouting the dog regs, then nothing will change.
4719	More consistency with areas like Milford, Takapuna Beach and Pt Chevalier Beach
4721	Grey Lynn Park and Cocks bay - Grey Lynn park should be monitored by Council as its on leash park and often treated as off leash all over
4739	There is no problem here which needs to be fixed. The dog problem in Auckland are the dogs (sometimes in packs) who roam the streets and create fear
4804	I strongly support more off-leash dog access to parks and beaches, as long as dogs are well under control.
4833	It's important to have a balance as I do know people who are terrified of dogs, so they should have places they can go to feel safe too.
4907	In general - the controlled access for owners with their own dogs is enjoyed and respected. Irrespective of any Council ruling - there will always be a tiny minority who disregard largely all rules. That can't be controlled at any time. It's very difficult to fix 'stupid'.
4939	Dogs encourage people to get out and walk and run in their local areas. This improves the physical and mental health of people and encourages socialisation within the local community. Off lead dog parks encourage responsible dog owners to meet and get to know each other. Dogs socialise better when off lead. Allowing off lead dog times before 9am and after 5pm in close by local parks enables working people to exercise themselves and their dogs on a daily basis. This reduces the demand for large scale dog walkers.
5130	I think dogs should be properly provided for so rules are clear and consistent
5181	There are a lot of dog owners in Auckland and with a push to return to office work I think it's important to support small business' such as dog walkers, rather than restrict them. I think there could be some unintended consequences that come from over-regulating these things. I completely understand that there is a large portion of the population that do not want to interact with dogs while enjoying our green spaces, but it seems wasteful and unnecessary to restrict access to these areas at times where they sit empty. I am also concerned by the increased number of animal management interactions, where they seem to be enforcing vague rules such as being on-leash in the vicinity of a playground, just to follow the rules to the letter of the law, rather than applying common sense and actually mitigating a risk.
5380	Dogs get people active and give owners the chance to connect. In a world of loneliness and technology over use, please don't stop people from getting outside with their dogs. These proposed changes are short sighted and miss the point.
5386	Dogs should have off leash access to all beaches and parks all year round at all times.
5414	No

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5431	No
5476	It seems to me that responsible dog owners, you know, the ones who pick up after their dogs and pay their registration fees, are once again being penalised. I suggest the council spend more time and money with uncontrolled/unregistered dogs.
5485	We need more off lead access not less. Council should be concentrating on bad dogs and bad owners not the good ones. Cats need to be registered like dogs. Their owners need to be responsible, not letting them roam at night. I have ten cats on my property boundaries and I'm sick of the fighting during the night...
5493	The current rules at Point Chev beach should be relaxed to allow dogs off lead on the beach at all times.
5502	I have seen little improvement in the plans for dog access (except for Waiheke). Auckland is too restrictive on dog access to our parks and spaces, being confined to very limited locations. This condenses dogs into similar spaces, and also limits their opportunities for socialisation which in turn makes them better behaved. We need to follow the lead of other countries, such as the UK, that has great access for dogs to public spaces, transport etc. which results in better socialised dogs. I would like to see another fully off-lead beach in central Auckland (beyond St Leonards) that offers the ability for owners and pets to enjoy together as St Leonards has become extremely busy. As a nation of dog lovers, with high dog ownership - Auckland Council has duty of care to provide and improve on the dog access across our city.
5705	Dogs are frequently off-leash at Auckland parks in areas where they are supposed to be leashed including on public paths/playground/sports fields. Dog faeces are frequently not picked up. This problem is Auckland-wide and the impacts are reduced safety and reduced enjoyment of parks, particularly for parents with small children. I have never seen Council proactively patrolling parks, and I'd like Council to start doing this and issuing fines or impounding dogs to show dog owners they can't ignore the rules.
5811	All dogs should be under control of their owners in public spaces . Off leash areas should not be reduced but clearly marked so the public who wish to avoid such areas can do . Dogs on the beach is such a joy ..Restricted to certain hours during the summer holidays is reasonable . We pay rates like anyone else does ,and it is unfair and discriminatory to block us from parks and beaches .
5836	For the welfare of dogs in general there needs to be an off leash park locally for dogs to socialise and exercise.
5840	Dog offleash access times in summer months on popular beaches at 10-5pm is acceptable however, if dogs are on leash and under control that should be acceptable during those times. However, where beaches are less popular they should be allowed on beach on leash and under control at all times. Unless its a designated off leash area.
5877	New Zealand is a very progressive country, however when it comes to dogs, there are a lot of restrictions instead of regulations and solutions. Getting a dog, I wasn't aware that I'll have to leave my dog behind going hiking in a lot of places (which I got the dog for, to be a companion and walk with me). I understand it's important to keep people safe and local nature safe, however I'm sure with more effort and dedication, there can be a better solution that just to keep dogs out of everywhere.
5934	See my submission. More offleash areas are needed, not less!

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5970	Love having access to beaches (more in the winter) Equally very councscious of protecting the wildlife being important
6042	There are reduced areas for dogs to fun with freedom off leash. They need to be able to run around. Thanks
6068	Dogs are an important part of many communities and need spaces to run free for their wellbeing and their humans well being . Please retain and grow off leash spaces .
6156	I believe Auckland Council has a dictatorial and negative attitude towards dogs. All large international cities that i have lived in celebrate dogs- on public transport, in shops, cafes, beaches and parks. Auckland has so much green space, but SO many rules! Irresponsible dog owners who don't register or look after their dogs properly seem to be the target here-so why puish all the respectable dog owners??? We need so much more dog friendly space in Auckland- beaches, parks, transport etc should be welcoming dogs, as there is clear evidence to show that dogs owners are healthier, more community focussed, and more socially conscious than non-dog owners.
6194	Appreciate the need to balance people, dogs and the natural environment. However, with increased dog ownership, smaller housing lots - dog access in local parks and beaches is an essential asset for Auckland. AC needs to be more proactive in securing these spaces in the future. Quality spaces too - not just the scrappy bits of land that are swampy and subject to wastewater overflows. Responsible dog owners pay their fees and registrations and should be accommodated for in Auckland City.
6505	The majority of dog owners are responsible. We do not deserve to have our ability to access our lovely parks and beaches restricted even more than they are. We don't have the amount of dog friendly areas that we need for a city of our size so don't restrict us for further. We also need some property dog agility type parks which have a separate area for small dogs, we are lagging behind in providing for dog owners compared to other areas in NZ
6539	I'm not sure what benefits there is to gain prohibiting dog access from parks and beaches. For the most part it works well the way it is now .
6564	My general comment is that the new regulations restrict off leash access and that this is detrimental to dog mental.health and can result in other problematic dog behaviors. Additionally, anything that makes it more difficult for a dog owner to give the dog access to offleash time is also detrimental for the owner, and may well result in increased car usage and may be prohibitive for the older population of dog owner.
6664	Please retain the current off-leash rules for Monte Cecelia Park. Changing this rule will have a negative impact on my dog and family. and certainly a large number of families in the area. I believe that changing to on-leash rule will reduce park usage significantly, and not be replaced by non-dog owners or encourage appropriate on leash usage.
6666	No
6677	The proposals are a short sighted knee jerk reaction to something. The biggest issue around dogs in Auckland are those that are left to roam, those that are permanently changed up and unexercised and those that are unregistered. 99% of all other dogs are well looked after and owners just want to be able to walk them safely (for dogs and humans) and in peace. These proposals seek to restrict the ability of owners to do just that. Dogs need space. Who within council thinks that condensing them into smaller areas and timeframes wont result in additional issues? All you will be encouraging is for responsible owners/ratepayers to become law breakers.

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6684	Off leash Time constraints such as after 4 pm until 10am would suit the majority of Auckland residents across all parks and beached
6743	These changes seem to be penalising the majority of dog owners that obey the rules and don't cause any hassle to other users. The changes are not targeting the people whose dogs are out of control. Auckland at present is a very dog friendly city, please keep it this way. Dogs require space and the opportunity to run off-leash for their well being. Remembering also that their dog owners also get exercise and enjoyment in interacting with their dog in an area where the dogs have room to play, sniff and explore their environment. Dog owners congregate in areas where dogs are off-leash and form a community.
6749	Dogs should be able to enjoy a splash and walk with their humans if they are on a leash
6792	My experience is that the CURRENT rules at Auckland's local parks and beaches are sensible and more than adequate for dog owners (& their dog/s) and non-dog owners alike. I would like to see proactive action taken by Auckland Council to educate and inform dog owners and non-dog owners alike on dog safety, responsibilities, how people should behave around dogs (so as to not inadvertently make a dog feel threatened and respond aggressively). Auckland Council woefully lacks any genuine effort in engaging the public on dog ownership responsibilities (save the 'carrot' of reduced dog registration fee. Which is of no benefit for owners of unregistered dogs who can't afford registration and/or access affordable or free dog training classes due to poverty). Punitive measures and "signs" at beaches & parks are insufficient in addressing the "significant risk to people" that Auckland Council aims to address. When it comes to dogs, Auckland Council need less reactive (i.e. "Don't do this" rules) and more proactive (i.e. providing accessible services that aid dog owners and non-dog owners) I'm happy to help. I have a lot of ideas on this (but not the time to write them tonight)
AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD	
347	no but too many dogs off the lease and NOT under control. Some are scary dogs and I would not take my small dog on the beach when the large dogs are off the leads.
1269	As mentioned before, dogs can't read and there are a number of wandering dogs for example in Okupu. Every day I see wandering dogs and they are likely to kill protected birds at the beach
1608	No. Thanks for your consideration and potential improvements for off leash time, particularly Awana beach for me.
1748	Please make the rules as clear as possible and consider that dogs are important members of a household and community and they need to be exercised off a lead. the more areas we restrict dogs the more issues we will have with them becoming antisocial and not being given the opportunity to be corrected by their owner means they will not learn how to behave
2392	Reducing the areas where dogs can be off leash will not change anything. All it will do is penalise responsible dog owners further. It is the irresponsible dog owners who cause the problems that council is trying to rectify. Such owners ignore the rules anyway so will only ignore any further rules that are made. Stop penalising responsible dog owners and deal with the irresponsible ones instead.
2796	Most dogs are loyal obedient companions who usually just want to be with their owners not cause trouble to others. It is very unfair if their exercise areas are to be curtailed again because of a few Irresponsible dog owners who do not care for their pets.

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2952	There should be a lot more areas where dogs are prohibited, most trips to public areas parks and beaches, involve dodging dog faeces or having to sit near it, it's disgusting.
3075	The rules are not being policed.
4748	I don't think the rules need to change but signage needs to be clear and unambiguous, and the existing rules need to be enforced by Animal Control staff (including the issuing of fines for repeat offenders), rather than depending on concerned residents "telling off" dog owners who ignore the rules
4749	On Aotea we have dog bylaws that describe beach areas where the dogs must be on leash, may not go through or can be off leash. Medlands Beach is an example of one and is an important site for nesting shorebirds, especially dotterels and oyster catchers. Unfortunately the rules are frequently flouted/ignored and there is no consequence. Although a fine can be issued this virtually never happens in favour of a softly softly approach and education of the dog owner. For some people this never works and for these people I would like to see the bylaws enforced and fines applied. The word would quickly get out that ignoring the rules has consequences and would bring behavioural change.
5182	Could it be worth having a different set of rules on beaches for the winter months? The current rules are good for summer when the shorebirds are nesting but perhaps more off-leash areas in winter could be explored?
5630	No
6780	Please see my previous comments regarding regional parks. I didn't realise there was another part to this form.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD	
181	No. Thank you.
198	Why can't humans have at least one beach around the Devonport peninsula that we don't have to share with dogs; dogs peeing in the sand, leaving their droppings in the line of seaweed or up on the grass areas where people sit to picnic, dogs that run up to us and sometimes knock little children over. Why do dogs have to have free range of every single beach? Why can't there be one or two beaches and parks designated for dogs so that we don't have to share every space with dogs. Dogs run freely over North Head in spite of the on-leash signs. Most cities overseas have designated dog exercise parks and dogs are not permitted to run free in any other parks, Can we please have dog-free areas so that humans can enjoy the area too and also can we do something about having a dog control person either located in Devonport or at least visiting much more often and enforcing rules because Devonport dog owners know they have free rein to ignore any rules and those owners seem to be increasingly outnumbering the few responsible owners.
221	Please consider peoples livelihoods. their are businesses like the one my dog uses and has done for 2years now, that have never had any issues. they shouldn't be penalised for the few that can't manage their animals.
277	It is all right having rules BUT the dog owners do not respect them and there needs to be enforcement. I don't want to have to ring and complain. I would like to see more regular patrols
482	Fine bad dog owners. For dog walkers let them walk as many dogs as they want but on the leash certain times of the day. Have the owners show a dog training cert if you think 6 dogs walked by one person is unsafe.

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598	Council has a tough job here arbitrating between those who have sadly had dogs attacked and those of us who are good, even great dog-owners who take full responsibility for dog behaviours. Although dogs are licensed, perhaps owners need to be licensed as well?
663	The current rules for beach access strike a fair balance between the general public and dog owners. I support the current date and time restrictions that apply in the summer season to north shore beaches.
985	We may need to look into a solution for dog waste not being picked up by owners. This is something that is becoming a common reoccurrence in Milford, Devonport and Takapuna - not only at beaches and local parks, but also in streets.
1295	Parks and beaches should be off limits to dogs and there should be more dog parks as in other big cities
1536	I think the proposed changes look good, and I am a dog owner. I'd just like to add that I think the current and new rules need to be enforced better than they are.
1758	No
1986	More dog parks or areas where dogs can go during the day off leash
2085	no
2107	Keep it as it is! We worked hard to get the rules consistent and clear. You are not proposing to complicate it again and it will cause confusion and a lot of grief.
2123	As stated, merit based decision making. How much revenue does the council receive from registering dogs? How many reports of dog disturbances have there been for the North Shore area in the past 12/24 months? How many resulted in harms to humans, animals or property?
2461	Signage need to include maps along with written rules to make adherence to rules easier and clear for dog owners to follow.
2550	Yes if we are going to limit dog access we should also look at have cat restrictions to free roaming cats they are the ones who are going unchecked and killing our native birds
2715	People treat dogs like they are out exercising their home burglar alarms, or personal body guards or substitute children. A lot of the time the dogs are not watched while the owner is on the phone or talking to someone etc. This often includes dogs doing /leaving faeces and the owners not noticing. Many dog owners have a very entitled attitude to how the dog behaves (eg running wild, chasing seabirds, sniffing thru peoples beach stuff) and what they allow dogs to do at the beach. Many dog owners disregard the access rules and there needs to be more obvious council presence for this, with issuing of fines etc.
2845	Dogs should be fully prohibited from high public use areas such as most Auckland beaches all year. Current rules are not enforced and routinely ignored by dog owners. Too much risk to young children in particular. Dedicated dog parks please, look at cities in places like Australia, they manage dog control and safety far better and put a lot more responsibility back on dog owners via enforcement ,
2872	No. I am just recording these events as I have met many people who have had unfortunate experiences and the older they get they just do not go and walk the walks they always did. I hope we I'll not need to be in these that category. I would really love to see more birds coming back to Cheltenham Beach. A few years ago we had the Shore Plaver visit several times. It as such a thrill so see such an endangered bird on our beach. Thank you for the opportunity to have my say.

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3149	Again, its enforcement that is the issue. Signage needs to be large clear and concise. Signage needs to follow the WA Perth approach -Your Dogs are not welcome on this Beach - Fines will apply!
3389	Beaches – no dogs. Reason – mostly endangered shorebirds they breed there e.g. Muriwai Beach (and there are a lot more places). Dogs on beaches cause nuisances.
3469	Make the signage clearer!!! The current text on the signs is far too small. They need to be clear and concise to be able to be seen from a distance so dog owners cant say they didnt see the sign. The seasonal "symbols" are ambiguous and not clear either. There needs to be patrols of the popular beaches during the exclusion times by compliance officers as all too often there are dogs on highly popular beaches during these times. Make the Street Parking Wardens able to instant fine a Dog Owner that is breaking the by laws! Send out the bylaws with every registration tag so there are no excuses as to the times dogs can be on beaches and parks.
3491	Send more council inspectors to check on dog access compliance ,and dog behaviours and to prosecute irresponsible dog owners accordingly. I have spoken to other locals who are shocked and disgusted about the bad dog owner compliance and lack of council action taken in this regard. Just changing the rules and then not checking if they are observes is pointless.. Tourists visiting beaches such as Cheltenham and Narrow Neck are shocked by the low standards of dog control, feel threatened (by roaming dogs) to visit/walk on/ swim at the beaches and question standards being set by council and the poor level of mitigation being carried out.

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3509	I have made many sightings of unleashed dogs chasing sea birds and vulnerable wildlife. Their owners do not understand what their dogs are doing by harassing wildlife. Dog owners often break access rules and with no council dog inspectors there to check on them and prosecute them, they do not care and have a very entitled attitude to breaking access time rules and getting away with this and any other bad dog behaviours, that they want to. This also applies to Cheltenham beach, Narrow Neck Beach and all other Auckland north shore beaches.. Dogs are also harassing humans walking and swimming at Cheltenham/ Narrow Neck , The beaches have gone to the dogs with "entitled" dog owners who walk their (doggy) burglar alarms down to the beach to do their toilet. The owners often do not watch the dogs doing faeces and do not clean it up. Another example of bad dog (owner) behaviour is as follows. As it was an early high tide, I went swimming before summer dog day access starts at 10am. A dog walker threw a stick for his big dog right close to me, while swimming. I felt frightened and intimidated. One day a dog rummaged through my stuff left on beach. When I asked the dog owner to control their dog they said that their dog was very clean, so I was to assume that rummaging through my stuff was ok with them as their dog is very clean. I am still baffled by this strange and 'entitled' attitude, the sort of attitude many of them seem to have, So I have to leave my bags/ towel etc high up somewhere out of dogs' way now My request is to please change summer access times to Nov 1st - March 31st and from 9am to 6pm every day in this time frame. (With climate change the summer swimming season is longer now).Also winter dog control rules need addressing so dogs are on leash at all times. May I also please request that more council dog control inspectors are sent to check Cheltenham/ Narrow Neck and other beaches in the vicinity, in order to check access compliance and other dog (mis)behaviours eg faeces, unlashd and wild running dogs. Could they possibly give fines given to dog owners breaking the rules. Then these owners and other (non-compliant) dog owners may get the message, that people visiting Cheltenham/ Narrow Neck, feel harassed/ abused/ intimidated by their dogs who are behaving badly. I honestly think a percentage of dog owners have no idea and feel “entitled” to do what they like.
3590	Thank you to the council for your support allowing our dogs such access. Totally appreciate it. As a dog owner I am very happy with the existing beach rules for our dogs.
3595	I don't support the proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy because they don't make sufficient efforts to protect nature from the impacts of dogs. The Auckland-wide dog rules should require that dogs be prohibited from all Kauri Forest area to prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback. The Auckland-wide dog rules should require that dogs must be on lead and under control in all natural forest, riparian, and estuarine areas unless specific provision is made to permit them. Council should enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules.
3643	No
3688	Dogs should be allowed at all time of day and year
3708	Keep the rules tight as many owners ignore them anyway.
3744	See my other comments
3800	Dogs should be given more opportunities to be off leash/in areas, not less. With the streets being a dangerous place to walk your dog, having parks and beaches is invaluable. They are such great places to walk your dog, and having them off leash is a plus.
3981	I think it works well already

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3997	We need practical leash laws so they CAN be policed. We also need the return of a dog ranger on patrol. We used to have one and it made a huge difference in safety and owner responsibility. Parks are for all of us but in our park a number of us do not feel safe due to the large number of loose dogs. We recently heard a child screaming while a loose dog aggressively barked at her and ran to see if she was ok. When the owner arrived said sorry but it was a disturbing event.
4295	The rules have favoured dog owners as they have a louder voice and can be threatening. I like dogs some dogs but do not like dog feaces in public places and i want a dog free beach to go to.
4319	Dog access rules have moved too far in favor of dog access. People should have priority not dogs. Many dog owners are unable to read simple signs and are unable to control their dogs especially when not on a leash. All dogs should be on a leash st beaches and parka.
4375	Just to repeat - dogs should be on leash at all times in public areas
4387	Leave it as it currently is.
4546	As off leash areas are tightening, please consider increasing the areas that dogs can go. I would like more off lead fenced dog areas - the one in Paremoremo is great but boggy. I think there should be an opportunity for dogs to be on the beaches in bad weather. not sure how that one would be worded - perhaps some indication from council. Love the amount of rubbish bins along the beach at milford - very easy to find a bin so you dont have to carry a bag for a long time.
4556	Police the rules so people feel safe
4562	I feel it is sad that so many people who want to enjoy the beautiful beach in the weekend have to avoid going to Takapuna beach in the weekends out of fear of being knocked over by out-of-control dogs. I know this to be the case as I live in the area. The weekend mornings are the time we like to walk - when it is not too hot. I know that even local dog-walkers feel they have to avoid the beach in the weekends because of the number of out-of-control dogs.
4684	No
4773	Local parks (unless they have a designated off leash area) and beaches should be on leash at all times, so that non-responsible owners don't have their dogs off leash to potentially attack or harass other dogs or people using the park/beach.
4790	BAN them!!!
4885	I think dogs access should be increased in summer months so dogs are allowed in parks and beaches (or at least some parks and beaches) on-leash at weekends between 10am and 6pm. I see no reason why they have to be left at home if their owner goes for a picnic on the beach or a walk if they are on-leash and under control. The current rules are too restrictive.
5129	Every year there seems to be more RULES - please it is out of control. Someone in council must be continually paid full time to do just that. Stop and spend the money on upkeep of roads, water. One grumpy person spoils it all for others.
5136	No.
5184	There is lack of enforcement of rules, particularly on the larger beaches such as Takapuna and Milford, where dogs are often seen outside their permitted hours
5321	My comments can be generalised to other beaches and parks. Perhaps there need to be very specific off leash dedicated areas and that current restrictions need to be monitored and enforced more visibly by council officers
5346	Prohibit dogs from children's playgrounds and have dog free times on all beaches so people that choose not to around dogs can enjoy these places all year round.

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5569	Only to reiterate that rules need to be enforced. I am 80 years old and very fit, I am not prepared to be abused by dog owners suffering from a bad case of entitlement to do as they please; it is beyond depressing! I would like fines introduced for breaking the rules re. dogs on beaches. Thank you
5598	Make the rules enforceable not everyone likes to have dogs rushing at them or jumping up. There are areas at both the northern and southern ends of Narrowneck beach where they can be walked on leash.
5599	No
5697	I think, in general, across all beaches, there needs to be education that dogs are not part of the natural ecosystem and that human activity already puts wildlife under pressure. Having dogs running loose, having an awesome dog time, isn't fun for birds and adds to our pressure on the ecosystem of the beach. I think leads at all times at all beaches should be a goal to educate dog owners towards. Information boards at beaches to let people know about how to interact with the natural world in the most sympathetic way would be a start. As Auckland grows the pressure we place on the natural world at our beaches will only increase so it makes sense to develop a policy and start education now rather than later.
5703	Current beach rules at most North Shore beaches are realistic and allow for dog owners to have off lead exercise for their dogs within good time frames. We currently do not have access to the beach at Kennedy Park as the stairs are still not repaired which is a shame as this was such a good summer time option for taking our dogs. Dog ownership is on the rise, yet the current changes proposed in many ways restrict access for many dogs to be able to exercise off lead.
5722	We need more open off leash spaces to exercise our dogs
6279	They are acceptable as they are. Please enforce and update rules which actually keep people and dogs safe - including roaming and aggressive dogs, dog poop litter on public places and roadways, and animal cruelty concerns. The current bylaws in scope for change just seem to be targeting law abiding and responsible dog owners who want the freedom to take their dogs out in public for their enjoyment and enrichment. Limiting their access to public spaces will have a detrimental effect on their socialization with humans and other dogs, as well as their health and their owners' ability to spend time with them outside the home.
6326	Yes, I think the summer period should be extended to acknowledge climate change. Summer does not end on March 1.
6472	Generally, Auckland Council needs to think very carefully about the kind of city it wants to be: limiting any more dog walking green / beach or other open space is going to reduce appeal of the city and enjoyment of numerous residents.
6477	No. Support seasonal beach times. I am a responsible dog owner and hate the tension on the beach between non dog owners and owners. I live close to takapuna beach but don't feel comfortable using it unless I know there will be less people on the beach. A few people let it down for others. Again I support people having to be licensed to own a dog.
6557	Restrict dog access along popular beaches such as Milford and Takapuna.
6722	Generally dogs are becoming more of a menace everywhere as many owners think their dog is well behaved. When dog owners are challenged about their animal's behaviour they often become aggressive or simply rude and take no notice of the impact on others.
7020	It is already challenging being a responsible dog owner in New Zealand. If the signs are clearly displayed, and websites up to date with the latest information, this will be sufficient for dog owners to follow, rather than complete bans.
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267	Please allow space for our dogs They should however always be on a lead in public
305	No
509	No
679	They should not be allowed off leash and strict enforcement should be done if they are found to be off leash
681	The beach access hours are too restrictive and need to be changed to peak dates only. November to March. Before 10am and after 5pm is too restrictive.
703	You are punishing the majority in favour of the few. Patrol the areas better to keep everybody safe.
715	I feel all dog owners should be made aware of these changes. Can it be sent to the emails of all dog registrations.
779	Once the changes are made it should be expected that the new changes be sent out to every registered dog owner & all landmarks areas be signed clearly.
781	Once the rules are in place I would like to see them enforced.
847	no
862	None of the parks, beaches, sports fields we exercise Jock are listed. It would be good to allow dogs on leash access to Dunders Regional Park.
869	No comments
906	No
942	Be. Sensible, if u want. Well integrated community then try looking at what that entails to get dogs to fit in well, limiting access to areas where the public is just means a lack of socialisation and compounds problem Relady being seen
1052	No
1065	No
1182	Until people are held accountable for their dogs no rule change will be for the best outcome. Still dogs will roam free around Waiuku and it's probably the same for all areas, so give the responsible owners maximum access and sort out those who ignore best practice.
1194	I agree dogs must be on leashes and controlled Im local parks especially playgrounds. Would be great to have a designated fenced dog play area where they can be off Leash but widely contained in the Auckland area.
1206	How often is someone enforcing the rules? Pine harbour at beachlands is on lead only, but I repeatedly come across dogs off lead and again they charge and come for my dog which is on lead.
1319	It is the owners responsibility. Heavy fines for not picking up their dog poo
1485	NA
1493	Dog Owners should definitely be made aware that picking up their dog poop is their responsibility
1495	Clearer, BIGGER, more signage, it needs to be so that the park/area we are in has no confusion over what the dog requirements are for that area.
1505	Council needs to pay more attention to the dangerous and aggressive dogs that are a major risk to people, and other dogs.
1539	ALL DOGS ON LEAD IN PUBLIC SPACES, AT ALL TIMES. TO MANY DOGS< CATS< HUMAS BEING ATCKED. DOGS OOSE THEIR LIVES JUST GOING FOR A WALK. RULES NEED TO BE KEPT. CUEERENLT ANY REPORTS TO ANIMAL CONTROL, YOU ARE TOLD THEY DONT HAVE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT IT

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1569	No
1663	Your proposed rules will only affect responsible dog owners. They are discriminatory and grossly unfair. I strongly oppose the changes.
1673	The proposed new laws are unfair and will not be effective. The effect will be disproportionate and not reduce unwanted behaviour. They will unfairly affect responsible dog owners who are law abiding anyway. I strongly oppose these changes.
1710	NO
2115	I totally support the Council's decisions regarding management and access to regional parks, local parks and beaches. There are to many attacks requiring medical treatment for injuries.
2242	They need relaxing especially at beaches.
2263	No
2365	No.
2475	I appreciate we have a space to walk our small dog off a leash at Cloverlea Park.
2532	PROVIDE SAFE, SECURE EXERCISE AREAS, ELIMINATE VISCOUS DOGS.
2739	Stop restricting dog access
2794	You need off leash areas so that large dogs can get a good run.
2795	I think these changes are sensible, I would like to see a greater effort to police the changes and greater penalties for owners or supervisors who ignore the rules. Policy without policing is pointless!
3108	Dogs should not be allowed off leash at any beach.
3378	No dogs off leash please
3473	Your rules and regulations don't target the the responsible owners only punish us. Your focus should Be on the low socioeconomic bracket they are your Issue!!!!!!!!
3564	Leave Kawakawa Bay out of you changes!
3622	No
3697	No
3735	Where there are shared areas with other animals, all animals should be on a leash or being ridden
3755	Sports fields across Franklin are a great facility for the Franklin area. They will be under used if they are excluded as dog exercise areas, as dog owners are the majority of the users during the working week. In addition, there are insufficient dog exercise areas in the region if sports fields are excluded from the regulations.
3780	Some areas do need restrictive policy, but some do not. You cannot have a blanket rule
3866	Nil
3923	Please maintain access at beaches (especially Karioitahi)and parks... and very few dog exercise areas (there are zero dog areas in the subdivision where I live) dog owners are a contributing section of society. It seems council are happy to provide cycle lanes, playgrounds and the likes yet dog owners who make up a good percent of the population are somehow squeezed out with very few resources ...and now dog owners are being squeezed again. As a ratepayer and a dog owner I resent this!
3985	Current rules with varying seasons and times of day are far to confusing for most dog owners to get their heads around, I would like to see all local parks and beaches be on leash at all times, unless dog access is prohibited.

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4088	I really do support the suggestion to change the number of dogs walked at any one time. I am not a dog owner, and as an adult, I find it intimidating. I can only imagine how a non-doggy 5 year must feel.
4209	It would be devastating if I was not able to let my dog off at my local park in Franklin.
4279	Don't discriminate against responsible dog owners, we have registered dogs, clean up after them and socialise our pets responsibly, playing around with bylaws won't stop those irresponsible pet owners
4285	We want to encourage people to get out and using the bush walks etc as a form of exercise, away from devices and mental clarity. We don't go there to watch dog fights and the effects of stress and cortisol on the body can truly last a long time afterwards.
4359	I don't think dogs should be able to run free on beaches when people are using them and children are playing..
4384	No, only one the one submitted
4428	I don't agree with any of the proposed changes.
4437	no
4482	It is disappointing that again responsible people with well behaved and controlled dogs are restricted from being able to exercise their dogs because there is no monitoring of people that are irresponsible and there don't seem to be any programmes in place to get aggressive unregistered dogs off the streets. People who ignore the rules now will just continue to, nothing will change, in fact more people will probably break the new rules because they are overly complicated and restrictive. How about positive education? Rewarding responsible dog owners (like the discount that is given to responsible dog owners is a great incentive).
4521	N/A
4557	Again consistency, harder fines / more enforcement for bad behavior that is reported with evidence
4668	Dogs must be restrained when parks are being used by the community groups that use the grounds but when the grounds are free it is great to see the dogs being allowed to run
4679	Not enough fenced dog parks. All these "clarifying" and changes are great, but I don't support more restrictions (more than there already are). Auckland has to make an effort to be more dog friendly. The amount of FENCED dog parks is laughable for the amount of dogs there are in Auckland, do we have 1 fenced park per every.. 10,000 dog? A wild guess. Auckland has to make an effort to be more accessible for pets (ie fenced parks) and pet owners (ie ridiculous rental restrictions).
4685	No
4707	No
4726	Let dogs on all beaches
4750	Address the root cause of the issues, those that don't adhere to current rules and or act as responsible dog owner. No changes here attempt to address the actual issues, instead you are proposing to penalise the responsible dog owners and restrict our life styles in the process. Rooseville Park which is suggested as an off lead park, is not safe for smaller dogs , there have been many dog attacks in this park from the same un responsible dogs owners who are causing the issues at the local fields etc. I for one have been the victim of such an attack on my dog, the resulting vets bills totaling over \$5000 to save his life. Sort the un responsible dogs owners out, spend money on that not on restricting the rest of us.
4761	More off leash areas for dogs which are fully fenced with cameras and limit on 6 dogs at a time. One a Clarks Beach would be great

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4892	Create more fenced off off lead designated areas rather than having unlimited access to whole reserves which then can limit use to non dog owners.
4911	As a RDO I'd just like to continue taking my dog to parks and beaches. We pay for things in our rates that we don't use and being able to take our dog places is much appreciated. We are happy with the current rules and times at our local beach and would hate for that to change. It's also great having local dog parks where the dogs can run off lead and the public feel safe.
4951	Sorry I am short on time to submit this so can only comment on the two I have. I wish you well.
4957	An alternative may be putting a time restriction on local parks like they do for beaches for instances on leash when sports are on eg Sat mornings
4963	The dog exercise area in Cape Hill, Pukekohe is under utilised (never see anyone using it). A lot of people don't know it is there. It is also adjacent to a busy road and has no fencing that that could be the reason why people don't use it. When these changes go live (or even prior) would like to see Animal Contral officers on site educating people on the new changes, especially at Colin Lawrie fields both in the morning and later afternoon/early evening in particular. My biggest concern, as stated earlier, HOW IS THIS GOING TO BE ENFORCED on an ongoing basis?
5001	Please work with good dog owners to find solutions rather than not considering us at all eg the Colin Lawrie park, design or vilifying all of us for doing the bad things. They are the actions of a few not all of us.
5026	Should be on leash at all other times to be fair to all beach goers and wildlife
5038	No off leash areas on beaches, foreshore, sports fields, playgrounds. And a lot of these places, dogs should be prohibited to allow people and children use of the areas without the nuisance of being chased by dogs or standing in their feces. I have had I tell a lot of owners to pick up their dogs mess.
5118	Council needs to be mindful of penalizing locals and not addressing the wider issue of unregistered, unleashed and unsocialized dogs that visit our beaches all year round. Often these dogs come with freedom campers who overstay their welcome and cause damage in the vicinity to nesting birds.
5206	Not everyone is a dog lover and many dogs when off leash are out of control and rush at people and jump up on them. I for one, hate this and don't like have to put up with this from dogs when I am in a public area.
5615	So many people have dogs in Auckland. Please provide suitable space for them. Signpost or create barriers so people are aware when they cross into an off lead area as it is hard to know when there is little or no signage. Educate people about dogs. I recently came across an elderly man who thought all dogs were dangerous and he wanted my friend to keep the two very docile dogs we had away from his mokapuna. The parents of the children were happy for their kids to be around these greyhounds but because greyhounds are big, I think he thought they were dangerous. Education is a key!
5701	No
5798	Leave the Medlands/Sandhills Reserve dog access rules as it is for dog owners and dogs to enjoy. The very few irresponsible owners should not be allowed to ruin the status for the majority of dog walkers who take the environment needs seriously and respect the native fauna, flora and birdlife.
5828	Many dogs are not trained.

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5867	Stop prosecuting the responsible dog owners for the minority that who are no responsible.
5906	The rules to prevent dogs from beaches, bush walks, reserves and gardens seek only to punish good dog owners. It is roaming, unregistered, unneutered menacing dogs that are causing the problems. I would love to see more rules that will keep me and my dog safe from menacing dogs.
5986	No
6088	Waterbodies and parks provide enrichment, socialization, and stimulation, all of it contributing to a well behaved dog; council should attempt to increase dog access instead of reducing it.
6153	No great work
6347	People are idiots, keep it simple, make it easy to enforce.
6433	Dogs need to exercise off leash so they can have a good run. Other cities have designated exercise areas with rubbish bins and bags provided.
6434	As the population increases there are less with the skills and knowledge who know how to train a dog both off or on leash. As a result unless dog owners get the skills required to train dogs and understand their behaviour, more restriction for on leash is required.
6478	Just like anything else, pets can be an economic development opportunity for the beaches and cities. This does not takes away the responsibility as owners to watch over them on DOC areas. We want to be able oplay and visit areas with our pets as families are now changing and the cities should change and accommodate accordingly
6504	No
6776	no
7025	I support this as my mother babysits our dog on a regular basis and lives up that way.
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD	
142	I would support stronger enforcement of off lead dogs at Monte Cecilia Park, as I often see off lead dogs outside the permitted area.
239	We have a high energy rescue dog who requires daily walks. In a month, we might go to 10 different dog parks and beaches. I'm also an amateur dog agility handler and require off leash areas to train my dog as my yard isn't big enough for a course. Please help me reach my dog's full potential and not take away our precious off leash parks (maybe we'll go to Crufts one day!!)
504	More fully enclosed offleash areas needed in all local Auckland parks
510	Forbid dog access without leash on playgrounds create specific dog areas
565	The music and rubbish is worse than the dogs and it would be good to see the council manage the people who dumb and create noise, especially boom boxes at the beach, they should just be banned.
998	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1016	Currently I think there is a fair ruling in place where people who are wanting dog free/on leash times are able to enjoy parks and beaches during peak hours and dog owners can take their dogs off peak hours. It's unfair to ban or constantly make dogs on leash when there are more places for people who don't want to be around dogs to go than places dogs can go. Again, it's not the place or the people you are trying to target here that are the issue. It's the unregistered, unconfined, constantly roaming dogs that are the problem don't penalise those responsible owners and well behaved dogs for this.
1203	Leave dog owners alone it is already hard to take my poor dogs anywhere!!

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1238	Please consider enforcing stricter rules around roaming dog issue. Make the owner responsible for their pets. My wife was chased and attacked by 2 big roaming dogs on the way to work and she will never walk to work again.
1339	I think there are enough restrictions, dogs have a right to access the beach so long as they are under control. I often find dogs more respectful to my space than people!
1373	Overall I support these changes, particularly in the case where it is to protect native wildlife.
1556	No thank you
1562	No
1628	more dog bags for feaces and water access would be nice
1666	Stop restricting dogs on beaches at any time, fee the dogs!! Instead of this nonsense how about policing on lead areas instead. A well socialised on lead dog, is not the issue here. Its the off lead dog, in an on lead area with an entitled arrogant owner that is the problem.
1705	As a general rule I'm pro allowing dogs anywhere but dogs should be on leash and carefully watched, primarily for the dog/s safety as many owners (and other people around) can be irresponsible which put many dogs at-risk at no fault of their own.
2155	The current policy is good enough and there is no evidence of any negative effects of dog access. Don't waste effort and money on unnecessary changes.
2248	No
2255	Just that no matter what changes you make the people who don't follow the rules currently won't follow them anyways unfortunately
2341	be consistent, be fair. enforce current regulations before making stricter regulations. good dog owners following current regulations generally aren't your problem. And have more poop rubbish bins!
2449	No
2488	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
2586	Information just needs to be clearer with signs & on your website.
2920	Create dedicated fenced areas for dogs only and leave the public areas safe for everyone else. At the moment, there are no safe areas to be 100% sure you won't get attacked. On the leash dogs all the time outside dedicated fenced areas.

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3336	GPT 4o mini Log in You said: Write letter not supporting gdog access rules at local parks or beaches ChatGPT said: ChatGPT [Your Name] [Your Address] [City, State, ZIP Code] [Email Address] [Phone Number] [Date] [Local Government or Park Department Name] [Address] [City, State, ZIP Code] Dear [Council Members/Park Management], I am writing to express my concern about the proposed or current dog access rules at local parks and beaches. While I understand the intention behind these regulations, I do not support restricting dog access in these areas, and I believe there are better solutions that can accommodate both pet owners and other visitors to these spaces. Local parks and beaches serve as valuable community spaces where people of all walks of life gather, exercise, and connect with nature. Many residents, including families and elderly individuals, rely on these areas for both recreation and relaxation. For dog owners, parks and beaches provide a critical opportunity for their dogs to get exercise, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors. These spaces are
3636	All dogs on leash at all times. My grandsons have been terrified to go in the water or come out of it because of dogs off leash on the beach. Plus they run up to you while you are sitting and walk all over your towels and sniff your bags.
3786	Please don't restrict good dogs/owners. Good dog owners will only break the rules if the rules are broken. Good education should be given to new dog owners about expectations of training and protocols in public areas. People that have dangerous or unsocialised dogs also need to be educated about the implications of that, and be checked on if they are causing problems.
3790	Rules are hard to fin, tend to be over complicated and limit exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority. There are few directions to exercise opportunities close and little to no thought has been put in to how many dog owners have moved to the beach due to the introduction of so many shared pedestrian and bike paths, which make it unsafe to walk with a dog there.
3829	I haven't looked at all the changes for the parks that are not near where I live but I am generally against reducing access to dogs/dog owners.

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3837	Dogs are an integral part of Auckland's communities, providing companionship and well-being to thousands of residents. While I appreciate the council's efforts to refine policies for improved safety and clarity, I urge a more balanced and practical approach that supports responsible dog ownership while acknowledging the real challenges of enforcement and accessibility. By improving signage, maintaining fair access to off-leash spaces, and recognising responsible behaviour, Auckland Council can create a dog-friendly policy that works for everyone.
3857	Just buck up completely its ridiculous some of your laws/ideas your embarrassing
4328	Council should be more considerate of these changes especially for families who do not have big gardens or backyards where dogs freely roam around. Also consider the well being of dog owners because its a place where we feel stress free taking our dogs to these parks. Do dog owners complain when the kids are harassing our dogs or being a mess around us and call parents irresponsible? These dogs are members of our family too.
4381	See my response for previous question, which is applicable here.
4460	Dogs should have access to beaches after 6pm and before 8 am. There should be stiffer penalties for owners who don't pick up after the dog however
4462	Better signage for clarity so that people can see clearly that they are entering an off lead area
4598	More than anything I want to see more resources put into enforcement around roaming dogs. They are a public threat. I have witnessed a dog attack in my area recently and after making many reports to Council over the years I strongly believe that the culture of dog ownership in Auckland is completely out of control and a radical approach is needed to curb this danger.
5188	It is not socially acceptable for unleashed dogs to jump up on people in a public place.
5333	Dog owners are rate payers - they need to be able to use open spaces like others
5399	Other than the obvious impacts on the health of dogs and their owners (!) these are big changes that do not meet the criteria of the Dog Policy 2019. Much of what has been suggested as 'findings' is merely a statement of what is happening already, and in many cases completely wrong interpretation of councils own survey. Most of what has been cited as 'structural change' and 'significant risk' are in fact minor changes, if any, or low-impact issues (by councils own findings). The way the policy works is that Council and Dog Management are supposed to manage the low impact issues from irresponsible dog owners through better education and direct intervention, not massive changes to access. The policy is NOT designed to enable mass changes to dog access without significant reasons and due consideration to alternatives and/ or providing other places – neither of which are present in the proposal. In short, these are 'issues' that could and should be managed with a few good signs and better management of irresponsible dog owners, not sweeping dog access changes for the vast majority of responsible dog owners!
5401	I hope the council will make informed decisions but I hold little hope as other things council have done look like they've put a blind fold on and made things up with little education and because the computer said it was a good idea.

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5419	Again, please don't restrict the access to off-leash areas for dogs and owners. If anything, we should be making more areas with more people owning dogs.
5511	The time frames in place are fine for winter and summer leave as is.
5580	No
5637	There are already strict rules on where we can take our dogs, with many areas completely off-limits. Further reducing access will make it even harder for responsible owners to spend quality time with their dogs and provide them with necessary exercise and mental stimulation. This can lead to behavioral issues and negatively impact both pets and their owners.
5793	No
5817	Make it stricter for off-leash dogs
6322	Hope be nice to dogs
6534	Don't restrict dog walking locations or set times. Dogs on leash should be able to be walked so they aren't neglected.
6551	I missed the one on the Botanical Gardens Manurewa. I love gardens and do so enjoy being able to wander this beautiful site with my four legged companion and have a bit of time to run and chase her toy in the off leash area and finally have her quietly lye beneath my table as I and fellow humans enjoy our lunch at the cafe. I would be very sorry to see dogs not allowed at the outdoor area of the cafe. I am unsure of what area you are changing to no dog allowed??
6638	I think there needs to be more dog friendly spaces at these local parks and beaches.
6681	I am in support of the current rules regarding summer/winter months on most Auckland beaches. I do not support further restrictions unless the local park or beach has a particular animal or plants that need special protection.. The current rules provides good access for everyone.. As a general rule, further restrictions will mean fewer places for daily or twice daily dog walks. It will mean travelling by car further afield where dogs will be exercising in a more concentrated area - negative for owner and dog wellbeing and for traffic. Council needs to focus on problem owners and problem dogs. They need more staff, more patrols, targeting repeat offenders and patrolling areas of high incidence of roaming dogs. It is a small minority of owners (who are not responsible owners) of pets (especially menacing breeds), that are causing trouble for everyone else. Need to make neighbourhoods safer by quickly picking up roaming dogs and penalising repeat owner offenders. Professional dog walkers are putting profit over safety. I support changes to regulate and reduce waling of multiple dogs on or off lead.
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3	The Council signs are not straightforward enough and the Council needs to enforce the regulations.
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89	Dogs do not need to be allowed everywhere. We should prioritise creating safe, dog-free spaces that can be enjoyed all year around. There is a particular loophole around playgrounds that are very close to beaches (such as Stanmore Bay beach and Browns Bay beach) where dog owners frequently walk through with their dogs off-leash as a walking path runs directly through or beside it, or access between the beach and path can be gained through it. This has led to several unwanted encounters between dogs and my young children. More needs to be done to prioritise the safety and comfort of children in these spaces. I believe these areas should have times of day where they are prohibited to dogs, applied year-round. Beaches should have times of day where they are prohibited to dogs all year round. Our local beach is a space we would like to enjoy throughout the year, but my small children's fear of dog encounters currently makes this impossible.
95	Well behaved dogs under control should be allowed at all beaches and all parks at all times. Council should enforce existing dog control rules on owners of dogs that are not under control rather than penalise good dog owners and their pets.
207	All dogs at all beaches and parks should be controlled on leash at all times
216	Always on a lead
319	Dog walking has any positives, from exercise, social interaction with other dog owners, exercising the dogs which helps with their health and behaviour overall. Instead of restricting access to popular dog walking areas (excluding dotterel breeding grounds) is the wrong approach and instead specific dog walking areas should be promoted.
479	stop with so much compliance
485	dogs need to play and swim
518	No
528	Please put people and our native birds ahead of dogs.
543	Please increase enforcement
566	The increasing amount of dogs means they are becoming more of a nuisance to people without dogs so greater separation and areas that are dog free should be enabled. As well as designating areas suitable for better dog access with fewer restrictions (away from wildlife and density of people).
573	Let people be aware of the fines they might incur.
579	I feel that the Council has not taken into account the increase in population in the Auckland area. So more people using beaches and more dog owners. The old rules do not take into account the increase of beach use.
592	They all need to have the same rules and stick to them.
606	Most of the new proposals seem to be limiting dog access rules. I am against this. There is plenty of spaces for humans without dogs to go to. There needs to be more dog off leash areas, not less, especially in the North Shore where there is only Sanders Reserve which is not close at all for most people to access.

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607	I support 'on leash' as a way to minimise impact on wildlife and help with coexistence with non-dog owners.. I do not support total denying of dog access to beaches and grass areas and regional parks because of conservation, but providing total access for dogs as long as they are on leash is a good solution, with hefty fines of \$400 to ensure owners keep their dogs on leash. On-leash and full access for dogs on leash provide fair access to public shared spaces for dog-owners, rather than unfair access and discrimination.
623	I think that in any public place, including the beach, the owner must keep the dog on a leash, unless it is in his family's private area. I have to say that many vicious dogs are arbitrarily untied by their owners in public places, which threatens the safety of others.
690	Give more dog access everywhere
706	generally there should be more parks and areas dedicated to dog free where dogs are prohibited at all times. This would make it easier to explain, enforce, and would best protect humans and wildlife.
745	I think the majority of beaches dogs should be on a lead. Only specified beaches without local wildlife could be off lead if the dog is under control.
771	Dogs are part of the community and should have access to the beaches at certain times. Most locals adhere to this but often visitors don't.
852	I think owners need to take more responsibility for the pets under their care. Not sure how you get that to change majority are good always bad apples in the bunch.
859	Don't make the minority overrule the majority of responsible dog owners!
860	Dogs are important members of many families and consequently they make up a large community that have needs for spaces to play, run and socialize in order to have happy healthy dogs that don't annoy their neighbours. Beaches and parks with dog access is really important for families with pets.
915	no
1008	Please ensure the rules don't only apply to big dogs as owners of little dogs need to be just as responsible
1026	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in Gulf Harbour and we have nowhere to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life? Build more dedicated dog parks.
1093	By-laws need to be enforced, at least occasionally and perhaps more often during the dotterel breeding season. Volunteers are keen to help advise and educate beachgoers but have no power.
1108	In order for restrictions to work well, there needs to be more dog parks, this will then mitigate the need for people to walk them in other parks where children can play freely.
1111	Regional parks should be dog free
1137	Dogs should be allowed to go anywhere if under control and have good recall - it's more about the owners they should be fined if they don't pick up poo or if dogs are not well behaved
1150	Enforcement. Have a presence and hold people accountable. If you don't no change will make parks safer for us users or the wildlife you say you want to protect. Unfortunately, you can't have it all.
1221	No

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1239	North shore parks and beaches are where locals abide by rules and are respected by all parties. Removing further access will lead to laws being broke.n. It is not fair to punish the majority for poor behaviour by non locals
1329	Long Bay needs an off leash area for dogs. The council makes a lot of money in registration fees from owners in this area and provides nothing. This must change.
1348	We are Rate payers, we are your employer, we do not need your authoritarian attitudes towards us as adult and responsible dog owners
1356	on lease should be allowed over summer months
1358	Overall New Zealand has extremely restrictive dog access rules. Dogs under control on leash should be allowed in any ear of the park that their owners are. Fenced off leash areas provide a safe place for dogs to play. I would like to see many more fenced off leash areas that provide a good social space for local dogs to meet and play meanwhile giving anti-dog people a place they know to avoid if they don't want to be among happy playing dogs. Having this voluntary location to congregate with other dog owners would likely also result in fewer off leash dogs in other parts of parks and dogs that are happier and better exercised. Dogs are family members, as much as children are for many people. Well behaved dogs on leash should be allowed within parks in any location that other family members are allowed. Additionally parks should allow off leash access in larger open areas.
1360	There is a need for enforcing bylaws with severe consequences. People with a feeling of 'entitlement'
1405	We need to rethink signage. The current signs while giving explanations on the by-law are too convoluted and often erected on "a convenient post" which in most cases is too far from the beach access point and easily ignored. We need simpler signs " Dogs on lead at all times"/ "No Dogs"etc placed so that they are seen by everyone entering the beach and should give some indication of the consequences faced for ignoring them, fines etc. At present there is NO enforcement of present laws, the most often used answer when approaching someone is "Who is going to stop me". This MUST change as it encourages others to ignore the by-laws. Dogs are constantly fouling these popular family beaches and all too often the owners just walk away and ignore it, we close some beaches (Little Manly) when there is a danger of sewerage pollution yet ignore the fact that dogs constantly cause the same problem.
1428	The current 10am - 5pm summer ban works well, with dogs enjoying the beach outside those times. But, they should be on leash, for reasons mentioned previously. It's not right that we have to watch out for uncontrolled dogs constantly while trying to enjoy the beach with our children.
1460	we should consider maintaining a dedicated area where dogs can have freedom while ensuring clear boundaries and rules for safety, so all park users can coexist peacefully
1464	enforcement and monitoring are key - if Council is not going to monitor or enforce, the changes are pointless. New Zealand needs to look at Australia as an example: have rules, monitor them, enforce them and penalise offenders immediately.
1465	I think we should be able to have our dogs on a lead anywhere & off lead as much as possible.

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1503	I think I mentioned. I have seen dog owners & walkers take advantage of the lack of man power that allows them to let dogs do their business and not pick up after...it happens in lots of parks around Long Bay village - Rydge park, park at Westerley and Caldera.
1518	Same rules summer and winter. There should be no seasonally adjusted changes. Beaches and parks are used all year round. Dog mess is ever present. Please enforce the rules. They are meaningless without enforcement.
1532	Dogs on leash at all times. Provide a dog park for off leash play
1588	No
1634	No
1682	Please enforce the rules - so may dog owners are breaching the current rules and take their dogs to the beach when it is prohibited and we are seeing more and more dog poo left on our beaches
1689	Better enforcement to make sure this is adhered to
1698	No
1704	With more and more restrictions being put in place, I think the council needs to put aside new areas for dogs to walk and I don't mean a small roped off area which is hopeless to effectively exercise a larger dog such as a labrador
1750	Can we have more enclosed dog parks, especially up on the Hibiscus Coast
1783	From my own experience while visiting the beach almost daily, people are often not aware of the rules due to lack of signage. I have also never seen any patrols checking on the beach whether the dog access rules are being followed. There are dotterels all year round and it's frustrating to see how often dogs chase after them or respectively any bird on the beach. During dotterel nesting time I have politely approached dog owners myself to make them aware of the situation when I noticed a dog chasing after them. Randomly someone seems just genuinely unaware while others replied they would only listen to someone "official". So clear signage and definitely regular patrols are desperately needed.
1792	I personally love seeing dogs on the beaches & generally the owners are careful to pick up after them and keep them under control. It is the people that leave the rubbish, dirty nappies, bottles, cans and the locals (with their dogs) pick this up in sacks daily. I am one of those and often cannot walk the full length of the beach as the rubbish sacks are so full.
1823	People often don't seem aware that dotterels are on the beach and nesting and what is allowed and what not- better signage about the by-laws and patrols could help with that.
1890	I think the restricted period is quite long over summer as tourists aren't around.. so I reckon even end of January is a good time to finish the restrictions
1893	More enforcement. I have never seen any officers in our beaches at the coast. I am a dog owner and my on leash dogs are regulated chased at or sometimes attacked by "under control" did so we don't take our dogs to the beach any longer because too many dogs are not under control
1894	No
1974	Bylaw enforcement needs more resources; people to educate and enforce bylaws and more signage. Possibility for student summer roles or short-term contracts??
1991	no
2005	Long Bay is a very popular beach and the regular dog walkers are often doing the job of keeping the beach clean on a regular basis. We pay our rates and dog licenses and would like to be free to walk our dogs under the current, fair, rules.

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2007	Spend resources on policing current dog rules and fines for people who every christmas and new year break disrespect our beaches, rather than a wasting it on constant changes for dogs.
2022	Dogs should be allowed on all beaches at all times on a lead
2041	Please keep them off the beaches during summer. (I am a dog owner myself)
2050	Dear Sirs, The members of the Auckland public that choose to own dogs are already required to abide by a legal framework, including annual registration fees. Those citizens who abide by the requirements should be supported and encouraged by council to bring healthy, loving and well trained pets into the wider community. This I believe enriches the lives of not just the owners but those in the local communities who interact with our well managed dog population. Irresponsible dog ownership of any kind should be more harshly dealt with. From the perspective of wildlife protection, I would encourage Auckland Council to bring other pets that poste a risk to wildlife into a similar framework of legal requirements, registration, control and containment. Cats being the obvious first focus. Yours Faithfully, [REDACTED]
2084	Keep it simple! People new to the area don't know where certain roads are ore what's west of here or there. Make it fair for both people and dog owners - Dog owners pay their rates too!
2144	We had a pair of Dotterels nesting at Coalmine Bay. One of the adult birds was killed by a dog at Big Manly Beach and the nest with 3 eggs was abandoned.
2154	LET OWNERS KEEP THEIR DOGS ON A LEACH AT ALL TIMES WHILE OUT WALKING EITHER IN A PARK OR ON A BEACH, OR THE ROAD. USE THE DESIGNATED DOGGIE PARKS MADE AVAILABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR DOG .
2162	There has been an extreme lack of enforcement of the existing by-laws on both Manly Beach and Tindalls Beach. The signage about the by-laws is poor (it is not visible enough - it needs to be in people's faces more as they enter the beach) and there has been a severe lack of patrols to enforce the by-laws. This needs to be stepped up, especially during the bird breeding season.
2171	Need more enforcement for out of control dogs and their owners. But why is the infringement set at \$300, when Dog Control Act 1996 infringements can be higher , or lower in some cases. \$300 just doesn't seem much of a deterrent. Local government Act Section 242 (re: s142 & 146) provides for penalties set by bylaws resulting in much higher fines. So, why \$300?
2175	no
2270	There is currently a severe lack of enforcement of the existing by-law which leaves the endangered dotterels extremely vulnerable. The rules are routinely flouted. There is a lack of patrols and poor signage about the by-laws.
2272	I do believe that dogs should be under control at all times. If your dog it well behaved and has good recall with no aggression they should be allowed to play with the family off leash. I agree not near the children's play park but on the field.

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2290	The access is adequate as it stands, only a few are causing a problem, 90 % if owners are responsible its the 10% who need to be addressed .instead of further restrictions to restrict responsible owners. Would be unfair. Stop being all inclusive and punish those unresponsive owners. It's not the dogs fault if it's untrained or worse trained to be aggressive.
2318	No
2482	Dogs should have access to beaches as long as they are well-behaved and controlled. They do not create any issues and should not be banned. Any dogs and owners that do not obey should be penalized.
2512	Think we need more dog parks that are actively advertised as official dog parks rather than have local parks/sports fields that become unofficial dog parks that then our children need to play sports on that have dog poo and wee on the fields and holes that dogs have dug.
2514	Please stop trying to punish responsible dog owners. If you really want to make change introduce a license for owners.
2523	Access is important, but how dogs behave once they have that access is also important and increasingly, there are dogs at our beaches and parks that are not under control and are dangerous.
2563	No
2598	The current rules are adequate when properly enforced. They ensure that dog walkers—professional or otherwise—are responsible for keeping dogs under control, without imposing arbitrary and restrictive limits. Professional dog walkers already operate within these rules, providing essential services such as exercise, socialization, and training for dogs, which benefit the wider community. Adding further restrictions will do little to address the main problems in the dog community, such as roaming dogs and owners/walkers with no control over their dogs. Instead, resources should focus on enforcing existing bylaws and addressing these larger concerns. The current system works when applied effectively, and no changes are needed.
2608	No. However, I would feel more comfortable with higher visibility of Animal control officers who are rarely if ever seen in the areas I visit compared to in the past. North Shore beaches have many out of area dog owners visiting over the Summer and some do not follow the rules for dogs. Their dogs frequently appear menacing, poorly trained, uncared for and a threat to humans and other dogs.
2658	Dogs on Browns Bay beach could be walked on Freyberg Park instead of the beach.
2659	No dogs full stop
2722	No
2746	No limit on dogs, but all dogs should be on leashes. I have seen how dogs run around on the beach and attack other dogs which are on leashes (including my dog), and their owners are nowhere in sight. This causes the situation to be very dangerous for the owners of dogs which are on leashes and tries to separate the dogs fighting. Also I have experienced many incidents where dogs ran over my kids while they were playing, as well as running into me. The owners then just tell my kids not to run around or wave any sticks around because it excites their dogs. Since when can't kids be kids on a beach just because dog owners dont want to put their dogs on leashes? I have a dog myself and I keep it on a leash at all times.
2759	We already have the rules in summer which you cannot walk between 9-5, adding additional rules are deterring people from walking dogs which leads to excessive barking due to boredom at people's homes.

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2798	Would be great to see better signage, more consistency, and enforcement. A rule only applies if it is enforced. If it's not, then it doesn't exist. You are making it harder for the responsible owners who care about their dogs, other dogs, wildlife, and the environment by not doing so. We don't need more rules for the responsible to follow, we need something done about the people who are flouting the rules and don't care.
2816	no
2820	Please make the signage clear and easy to understand, including a barcode which can be scanned showing a clear map of what is expected in the area.
2839	Consideration should be given to the management of large, aggressive dogs wandering free. Dog attacks on animals and people are becoming more frequent. The council should be allocating more resources to dog control measures to protect animals and people.
2846	Keep with the seasons ruling for on and off leash times, do a better job of protecting birds etc without punishing the dogs. Are you going to ban people, cats, rats to name a few other predators?
2847	i see people at the playgrounds and sportsfields letting their dogs loose , even seen the signs removed, so they just let their animals roam and defecate etc, in places kids/adults play, some huge changes are needed, more bylaws officers need to be hired to sort this out
2848	I would support the section to the left of the coopers road entrance to Stanmore Bay being off leash all year round.
2851	what is the point of having these rules if they are not being enforced.
2852	Limiting dog access as currently rules is good and far for all parties. Changing this rule only would move to pandering to specific birdlife groups who already are overdoing there jobs No change to the rules please..
2853	It's time the current rules were enforced.
2857	If you make rules, will you have the staff to police them?
2862	It should be have better enforcement currently some owners take the dogs to park and beaches during times when no dogs are allowed but there is no regular patrols so no enforcement
2865	Don't let 1 bad owner ruin things for the hunderd of good dog owners
2869	No
2931	We need at least one dog park in the Gulf Harbour area.
3011	Please can this happen, some dogs are nearly as scary as a lion and we don't have them walking around the place.
3053	no
3129	Dog owners have become really entitled and aggressive. Stronger policing (by uniformed wardens) might be needed. Dogs need to be on leash anyway.
3235	I think our current access to too loose . I have been at Shakespear regional park and seen dogs at least three time in the Sanctuary There would appear to very little consequences for these dog owners these animals should be ceased and the openers given massive fines
3337	Let's stop giving away our way of living for a few people who may never understand the simple joys of the kiwi way. Changing rules and by-laws for a handful of birds is ridiculous. Move the bids and their eggs.

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3416	Heed the dotterels. Allow dogs anytime year round on west end of big manly. NOT east end, that is the nesting dunes.
3446	All dogs to be leashed in public areas at all times apart from designated, fenced Dog Parks
3522	Please leave them as they are. Dogs need to be socialised, they need to get out and meet people and other dogs. It is unsocialised dogs that have the potential for trouble, you are targeting the wrong groups
3551	I do think that once schools restart end January - early February the dogs on beach curfew could be relaxed as st that time there's rarely picnickers, etc on Stanmore bay where we walk often, big Manly beach is pretty much the same
3562	Unless the council has staff on site to enforce rules, dog owners will ignore the rules. By having a complete ban on dogs, no rules can be broken
3566	Orewa beach is now so crowded with dogs on the beach in the permitted times - would like it to be an on Leash area only with a designated off leash area somewhere in the Orewa area e.g Victor Eaves Park
3637	I think current rules are sensible and most dog owners are responsible and compliant ensuring both dogs and public are safe.
3641	thanks, in general i am in support of the proposals
3658	The current summer rules are ridiculous and only result in lots of people being on the beach at one time. They do not reflect that we are a diverse society with people who work different hours and who should be allowed to walk a dog on the beach responsibly during the weekday on a day off from work, at any time or enjoy a swim with their dog. When did the council become so anti-dog?
3788	I am concerned about over-reaching of dog rules. Most of the rule changes in both regional and local parks cite wildlife as a reason for restricting dog access further. I am extremely supportive of protecting our wildlife. Given that it's driven by data. My understanding is that: dogs rarely attack native wildlife, and when they do it's often a roaming or out of control dog. Given that prohibiting dogs from accessing parks will only mean responsible dog owners won't go there, I don't see how these changes would help. Roaming dogs will still roam. Out of control dog owners will still take their dogs. I believe every rule change should be justified by a particular incident (e.g. wildlife was attacked, a high number of people complained, etc.), so that there is evidence that prohibiting dogs will have an impact. It's already quite difficult to find dog-friendly locations in Auckland. Please don't make it harder.
3813	dont change them
3817	Again, the owners are not in control of the animals. A woman brought a dog to the beach recently off leash. The dog rushed at me and I was sitting on the sand. As i have been bitten recently outside a shop by a dog not under the owners control, this becomes a stressful situation. The woman walked away from me with the dog behind her and it then ran into the scrub area and pooped. She happened to not see it so it was left there. Not responsible.
3820	I think dogs should be banned from the beach all year round.

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3824	There are a lot more dogs in Auckland now so we should be looking to offer more not less accessibility to areas for dogs and their owners
3842	Perhaps if the council are taking away the beach walks from dog owners, then they should use some of the now defunct Gulf Harbour golf club grounds as a park for the public, INCLUDING dog owners.
3856	You don't seem to provide balance between the opportunities for non dog owners and dog owners. This leads to less socialisation of dogs, worse behaviour etc, as people leave them at home. You need to provide areas, even in summer, where dogs owners can take their dog to the beach. On leash, for sure. Keep the best beaches as "People ONLY" fine, but allow the less popular beaches to be used for dogs. Eg, set a ratio eg. 25% of beaches need to be dog friendly. Locals take their dogs to Tindalls over summer all the time, and apart from the Dotterell situation, which is IN PART caused by people taking their dogs onto the less populated areas, dogs on the beach aren't a problem. People keep them leashed and have them sitting under the tree or their umbrella - good for everyone.
3874	Yes - provide specific gated areas for dog exercising like they have in the UK.
3904	Do not punish locals for the behaviours of visitors
3934	Think hard before making heavy handed unnecessary changes like this
3937	I am not sure but think someone is running a little training school in Manly Park (also not sure what day on a weekend) but think it is a great idea. The inside grass of the park doesn't get used a lot. Walkers (like me) are inclined to stick to the road and footpath around the park. It is the most wonderful park, just love it.
3988	Please keep a rubbish bin at each as it makes it easier for people to pick up & dispose of dog poop. Lack of rubbish bins has incurred more dogs pooping in public areas & either left as is or picked up in a plastic bag & leaving poop in bag there
3991	FINE FOLKS, IMPOUND DOGS, ENFORCE, ENFORCE RULES.
4023	no
4026	Dog ownership has increased significantly since lockdown while people's ability to control their dogs has declined. I think it is too easy for people to own a dog and there should be bylaws that make love-struck would-be owners question their ability to own a dog. It's not the dog's fault it killed the dotterell chick at the end of Big Manly, it is the stupid owner's fault.
4046	No
4047	In general dogs should not be allowed during bird breeding season especially where endangered birds are nesting.
4054	Keep the rules as they are for Tindall beach, Manly beach. Snell beach. The rule changes are penalizing the majority of locals by a minority of local agitators making unsubstantiated observations about sea birds, with no fact to back up their claims.
4087	No
4107	The existing by-laws, and any new ones, need to be enforced. There is a complete lack of regard for the by-laws by some sectors of the community and they need to know they cannot get away with it. Your signage is poor and over complicated. There is no need to go into so much detail especially about putting dogs on leads on boat ramps. No one is going to do that to cross a 3 metre boat ramp onto a beach. The signs are missing from a lot of places as well. Hopefully new rules to protect the dotterels on Big Manly and Tindalls can be in place by the end of the year for the new nesting season.

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4169	Enforcement. How is this going to be strengthened. Currently it is almost none existent which makes a mockery of all current and future rules.
4174	The dogs rules on beaches are very fair. They give dogs and their owners a go at certain times all year round, and in summer this is limited. I think the current policy works well for dog families and non-dog families.
4179	Lack of clear signage, no enforcement and few patrols. People do not care and think they are entitled to go where they like with their dogs. Stricter enforcement and patrols are needed.
4290	Less punishment of dog owners that follow the rules, more punishments to dog owners that don't follow the rules. And a taskforce set up to investigate the impact of feral cats and domestic cats on bird life.
4353	There is a fine line between letting dogs on leash and on leash on Long Bay beach during the day. Families don't feel they can complain to owners that don't control their dogs during the day and let them off leash. It would be easier to give families a dog free time to enjoy the beach during summer.
4370	The lack of enforcement of by-laws is a big problem. Many people flout the rules. There needs to be patrols on the beaches to ensure by-laws are followed, otherwise what is the point of them?
4435	Please co-ordinate and align rules for dogs on DOC land
4518	To change dog rules to fit a narrative that dogs are the reason that dotterels have failed to hatch at the end of Big Manly Beach is unfair and unproven. Having previously volunteered for Forest and Bird I am familiar with their goals and intentions, however not at the expense of limiting a wider communities access of using a public space. I have recently been aggressively waved away from an area on Big Manly beach while walking my dog on Big Manly by a volunteer wearing a Forest and Bird vest, at the time I was about 100m away and didn't appreciate this at all. This has now caused the possibility for confrontation between volunteers and dog walkers, the dotterels now becoming something that the wider community resent rather than want to protect. The dog walkers in my community are responsible and aware of where the nesting areas are, we are all adults and don't require any further rules dictating movement in public areas. I don't support the change of the current dog rules, and Forest and Bird may want to speak with volunteers about causing conflict with people who are going about their day.
4577	Dogs should be on leash near childrens playgrounds
4590	Cats are more of a danger to wildlife. They are pests and I'd sooner see new rules for them before adjusting current rules for dogs
4613	Having clearly marked beaches only for leashed dogs and others for unleashed dogs gives owners the
4620	No
4730	Not really, however, the other thing I would like to put forward is that there is free dog licensing for dog fosterers. My girls go on pack walks and the responsible and our professional pack walker would prefer it if they had a license tag, so, should she get pulled up by authorities they can clearly see that there are fosters in the group and no fines would get issued.
4742	I do think dogs should be allowed on the beach during the summer months after 10am if on a lead. Mid week for example the beach is often empty. Happy for different rules at the weekend when it's busier.

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4760	Victor eaves park. I thought there was a special piece of grass for dogs at this park but they are left to run anywhere off lead. Again no one enforces the rules. The dogs do their poop on the main green with the path going round it and used for cricket and children's games and don't pick up their dog mess. A child fell over and got covered in poop, disgusting the dog obviously had diarrhea. The dog green if there us one should be fenced and kept away from young children. Again someone needs to reinforce the rules otherwise there is no point inaking them.
4842	It would be good if council planners could encourage more 'pay to exercise' areas such as Sniffspot - this would help to reduce pressure on beaches and parks
4882	I find dogs annoying on beaches. Owners often don't have alot of control of their dogs when they are off leash. You never know if the dog is aggressive or friendly
4904	We have done this expensive exercise many times, each time looking for further control. Perhaps it's time to allocate these resources to the problematic dog owners and stop penalising those working well together.
4921	On a leash at all times. And forbid "nasty" dog breeds, such as Pitbull, mastiff etc. I like some of them, but they can be very very scary to others. I will always give a wide bearth, or leave the path, or cross the road if one is there
4995	No
5015	no
5030	I think others will make the main points on objections to the proposal. I want to stress the additional point facing runners who run along the coast, linking beach to beach around the headlands. For those of us who run reasonable distances (6-10km) with our dogs, the ban will block the only off-road running route. running dogs along roads is dangerous and will upset everyone. There are very few off-lead dog areas so to cut one up into small sections is removing the option to run somewhere i.e. to run a route. The alternative (if your proposal goes ahead) would be to run around in circles on half of either Manly or Tindalls beaches which is not what runners do. Running with dogs on leads is tricky, awkward and dangerous even on the rocks, so we need to be able to run with our dogs running along side.
5048	At present on Big Manly and Tindalls Beaches at least, the existing By-Laws are not adequately enforced. If Council wishes to have effective by-laws, and especially make changes, then people need to believe they mean something. There is no/minimal presence by compliance officers and people know this and think they can do what they want, there are dogs on the beaches outside of the seasonally restricted times and many with no control. Signage is poor at all beaches, poorly positioned and too small. Enforcement over the busy summer period is essential for the comfort of beach users and for dotterel protection, yet animal management officers were all stood down and on leave. Unfortunately this can really spoil things for responsible dog owners. There is also huge potential to communicate messages via dog registrations, including around shorebird protection, this is a missed opportunity that would be relatively simple to address.

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5105	There is a severe lack of enforcement of the existing by-law. If resourcing (with officers) is an issue in terms of regular/ongoing presence, I suggest an occasional "blitz". i.e. officers ticket a lot of offenders on one day and the word will get around. Officer attendance and visibility is definitely required because most offenders won't read the signs. It is too hard for members of the public to try and patrol it themselves as the dog owners (with their dogs inappropriately off-leash) will be belligerent and ignore someone with no authority. Perhaps do it on a rotational basis i.e. visit certain areas on different weeks.
5157	THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO RUN FREE
5172	I have been on these beaches multiple time this summer at different times of the day. The signage at both beaches is very poor and I have never seen the beach patrolled by council staff or dog control.
5221	Dogs should only be allowed on beaches on a leash. Owners often cannot control their off leash dogs, they conveniently look the other way when the dog poops, they let their dogs charge up to other people and then defend the lack of control with " It won't bite you. It is just socialising" Owners often do not think the seasonal/time rules apply them them. Auckland beaches should be able to be enjoyed by people, especially the elderly and children, without the fear of being knocked over or bitten.
5422	You say there are more dogs and for many people they are their family so make areas for them like you do playgrounds - don't take away the only areas they have now.
5430	No changes needed, restricts too much and is too far reaching and ill considered
5488	The more spaces they can be in the better! They can create a beautiful sense of community when there is a space where other dog owners can meet and our dogs can play together.
5604	Clear signs need to be put up if it is a shared area for dogs and humans. There can be no complaints if it is a shared place. Clear signs for leashed or unleashed areas would be very beneficial so there is no dispute
5692	No
5707	Stop taking away our options for exercising our dogs!!
5712	I think it is very important to protect native wild life and especially breeding areas. but I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.

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5815	IN case you have not seen my comments about dogs on Waiwera Beach i wish to reiterate that dogs should be prohibited at all times north of Waiwera Road with large signs posted at this location as people are still taking their dogs along the beach below The Strand and across to the Waiwera River allowing them to run free. Many chase the dotterals and most of the them chase the oyster catchers that roost there. I also propose that dogs must be on a leach at all time along the foreshore south of Walwera Road. They run up to children and picknickers and many 50% do not pick up their poo. When challenged they either ignore you or say they did not see the dog do it. There should also be poo bogs provided for people who do bring their own bags.
5833	Rules need to be enforced with regular patrols and/or rangers stationed at specific beaches to deter non-compliance.
5870	Enforcement is key to the success of these rules and to Protect rare and endangered Breeding Birds. Regular visits by Council Enforcement staff are essential at Manley & Tindals beaches for these bylaws to be effective. Our Dotterel minders are often put in a very difficult position by Dog owners who have no intent of complying with any of the Dog bylaws. Signage at the entry point on the beaches needs to be simple and clear - currently way too much information trying to cover a number of topics on the signs - Simple Dogs sign with the key information that can be swapped out each season.
5916	Enforcement - This one is pretty key. Regardless of what rules are decided on, they are no good without enforcement. Rangers, who actually give out tickets, need to be on patrol to enforce the laws as they stand. Dog owners will get the message very quickly if the rules are enforced, and it will also give the public confidence that saying something to a dog owner who is breaking the rules is anything more than a slight annoyance. This would be self funding, much like parking wardens, so does not even need a budget allocated to it. Some dog owners are entitled, arrogant, and rude knowing they can basically do whatever they like without any fear of repercussion. Enforcement of rules is critical to their success.
5946	Stop removing our rights as responsible dog owners.
5984	This survey didn't appear to me to be very well designed. I think I was answering the same questions several times and it took far too much time. It seems as if you want to make feedback as difficult as possible to put people off giving their opinions.
5997	No
6014	Rather than fiddling with times just establish more fenced dog exercising areas so we don't have to use parks and beaches to exercise our dogs. We only use them because we have no choice. On leash walks are not enough for young active dogs. They need proper off-leash time to burn up energy and receive the training and socialisation they need. Fenced dog parks are the safest and most effective places to do this.
6081	As a dog owner, it is wonderful to have access for my dog to be at the local beaches. I usually avoid the beaches at the busy times to ensure that people are not disturbed in any way. I would assume that a lot of responsible dog owners feel the same and it is a shame that only a few who do not pick up after their dogs or control them, are impacting the wider group of responsible dog owners.

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6355	Anytime dogs and Owners are allowed in any public place is a privilege (often abused by dog owners) and not a right! Current Dog parks are a good idea and beach areas specifically for dogs should be set up also to stop dogs and their Owners taking over every public beach! We have seen this on the Gold Coast beaches and applaud the consideration made to people who do not want to share their beaches with dogs! All it takes is a sign at beginning and end of areas- not difficult or expensive!
6396	If it's not broken don't fix it
6422	Let's make it more normal to look after ALL animals (dogs AND native wildlife). Sometimes dog owners can be a little selfish ;-)
6485	It would be great if there were more dog accessible beaches during the summer, even if leash rules must apply during the day. I would happily have some beaches be completely dog free if there were also some dog friendly ones to balance it out (especially up here on the Hibiscus Coast where we have plenty of beaches to choose from).
6494	no
6558	Better enforcement and signage of current bylaws is needed. The majority of dog owners are responsible and follow these rules. A blanket rule based on the lowest common denominator is not going to have a positive impact - it will only lead to more people ignoring the rules. And people will lost confidence in iur system. Your proposed bylaw has frustrated and angered many and such an ill-advised proposal should never have got this far. Better education, enforcement and signage to help the existing bylaw work is what's needed.
6574	Please keep in mind the friendly and responsible dog owners and manage aggressive dogs accordingly to restrict these and not the others.
6600	The current rules appear to work well and when a dotterel nest has been identified it has been made abundantly clear to everyone where it is and what to do. The proposals for changed rules to protect the nesting dotterels have not addressed the issue of cats, rodents, ill-advised humans and the fact that the place selected by the dotterels is impacted by adverse tidal conditions. Dogs and their owners are being discriminated against.
6609	Stanmore Bay has dogs running freely on the beach all season. I think the experience of families and swimmers would be improved with more dog controls.
6616	Please keep all current access in all the parks/beaches. There are already so many places we're not allowed to take the dog.
6640	would like no dogs on beachers after 10am December to Feburay on lead after 8pm
6676	There needs to be enforcement of the rules. Every day there are dogs on and off leash on Big Manly beach during hours that dogs are not allowed on the beach
6752	Enforcement is essential and more enforcement officers are required on the Hibiscus Coast and Bays ward.
6797	Would be great to get a bin at the west end of big manly beach
6867	I only have one message. Dogs should be ON LEASH at all times on Beaches
6976	One of the benefits of living in Manly is being able to responsibly walk our dog on the beach within specified times. We control our dog at all times and he does not pose a risk to the birds. He is on a lead in areas of interest. Local cats and people using the beach for recreational activities pose more of a risk.
6981	The current rules are appropriate. Extra Dotterel rules are appreciated.
7003	These proposed changes are absolutely ridiculous and will cause no end of issues for the many responsible dog owners on the coast. Why are these changes even being proposed, ie what problem are they supposedly solving??

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7004	There's absolutely no reason for these proposed changes as there is no guarantee the birds will even nest in the restricted areas and for much of the year they are not even nesting! Much better to maintain current rules as most dog owners are responsible and should not be penalised for the few who are not responsible
7006	N/a
7008	N/a
7011	The proposed changes prohibiting dogs from being off leash at all times, all year round will be so upsetting to such a dog friendly community. Dogs being prohibited from being off leash at all times and even fully restricted from going on certain beaches will make absolutely no impact on the birds and is a waste of time. As the rules are already for dogs to be leashed within 200meters of the birds, it is ridiculous to change this and will create a big upset here where dog walking in the afternoons is an activity many of the locals enjoy.
7012	Absolute rubbish this will not happen!
7021	The proposed limits effectively cuts Tindalls Bay beach use in half for most dog walkers as we only walk this beach & not Manly so the % used in the council proposal is incorrect for Tindalls. Morning & evening walks off leads gives time for the local dogs time to socialise that doesn't happen when on leads. It's also a social time for locals especially the elderly. This is also the case on Manly beach. Having lived in the area over 20 years I have seen very little problems with local dogs & wildlife & many of us are involved in PFHC, SOCCI & other groups so understand protecting the dotterels & little blue penguins on our beaches
7024	Dogs on leash in the area of the birds are no more a disturbance to them, than people with tents staying all day on the grass beside the birds, with kids and music as I've personally witnessed a few weeks ago on several occasions which I photographed.
7064	Limiting areas we can walk our dogs without an alternative is not justified. The only one dog dedicated beach on the coast has even had its rubbish bins removed causing people to leave their dog poo bags around the beach. use the money we spend every year registering our dogs and do something productive with that money. i.e. a dog park
7066	The vast majority of dog owners here are very considerate of our much loved birdlife. I believe that any further changes would still not be adhered to by the tiny inconsiderate minority who seem not to care about the nesting birds with realistically no consequence.
7078	Please allow our well behaved doggo to run around free on the beach! The beach is his favourite place. He collects rocks and would never leave the beach if it were up to him! Don't let a few irresponsible owners ruin it for everyone.
7098	Whilst I appreciate the need to provide protection for the local birds and applying access restrictions to these areas for dogs is one way of doing this, it seems that there is an ever decreasing area to exercise dogs. As with many things, it seems that the many get punished for the actions of a few irresponsible owners, rather than identifying those that break the existing rules and imposing sanctions where necessary. It is also likely that the more complex the rules are (e.g., west of this line, or east of that line, before 10a.m., after 5p.m. etc. etc.) the harder they become to understand, adhere to, impose and sanction. There is already zero access to Shakespear Regional Park for dogs and along the whole of the Whangaparaoa peninsula with the exception of a number of small parks and reserves, the beaches provide the only area where dogs can be exercised off leash and further restrictions would seem somewhat of a blunt tool to protect the nesting birds. The suggested amendments provide what appears to be a common-sense approach to managing and mitigating risks to bird life in these areas, whilst allowing responsible owners to enjoy exercising their dogs.

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7104	I think dogs should be on a leash and under control at all beaches. There should be off- leash dog parks designated.
7106	the beach is for all to enjoy Inc our small family.memembrs
7108	I believe a ban is too harsh and that dog owners and forest & bird can agree on a suitable arrangement for both parties, we don't need a ban!!
7112	Please take these submissions of tax payers into consideration
7114	Please do not penalise responsible dog owners or their dogs with such restrictions
7115	We know all the people who own dogs and live at Tindalls and they are responsible dog owners. Any trouble comes from out of area people and their dogs. Most week days the only people on the beach are locals with their dogs! There are many reasons that the dotterel chicks don't all survive ... other birds, cats, people... yet dogs are blamed without photo proof that they were responsible... so no sweeping changes and knee jerk reactions please
7124	Dogs are a huge part of our communities. We need to potentially consider a few beaches allocated as "off lead dog parks" all year round in Whangaparāoa. With other beaches with time restrictions and other beaches where no dogs are allowed.
7125	We have many dogs and families who should also be considered while still protecting these birds
7130	Glad common sense option was foind
7133	There are plenty of rules around bird protections, tons of DOC islands and other restricted areas. Why more? I have never seen dogs causing problems, it must be very rare and doesn't warrant this proposal
7141	Where was the community engagement prior to these proposed changes? As a dog owner I'd have thought there would have been better communication before now. This will have enormous impact on our community, beaches are were so many of our dogs get their exercise being a costal community.
7142	I love that the dotterels are on our beaches and always put my dog on a lead when approaching the cordoned off areas, as a sensible and respectful dog owner I feel the current proposals are too strict as the dotterels are not nesting all year round.
7155	The beachside is an important part of my life walking my dog, socializing and swimming as a retired person having the freedom to this is critical for my health and well being not to mention the dogs
7169	My dog walks on the beach are a huge part of my life and like a church , I collect rubbish and have reported wildlife problems, if this law goes ahead it would effect my quality of life. And already causing so much distress. Please do not approve
7171	Dogs stay of lead
7191	It's not just dogs!!!! We live in a city of 2 million people
7197	Our Dogs are an inherent part of our family - we need to take them with us and our children & grandchildren
7198	Majority of Auckland dog owners are responsible please be less restrictive and harder on the bad owners. Thank you

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7200	The pleasure that we get from walking along the beaches with my dog is one of the biggest joys in my life, it is a daily ritual we both love and enjoy We are all responsible dog owners and we do put our dogs on a leash when nearing the dotterells nesting sites. Letting the dogs on the beach meet each other every day on their walks along the beach is as much fun for me as it is for my dog . I even provide a yearly calendar with photographs of the dogs that meet and walk the shoreline of Manly Beach it is done out of sheer good will. It also is a great social interactive with people who can be more isolated and the difference walking their dog along the beach and being part of the dog lovers beach community has been a game changer for these people
7212	My dog needs to RUN!
7215	I have lived close to Manly Beach for over 50 years. I have found the dogs to be well controlled while enjoying the beach environment. I think the proposal for new dog laws are harsh and unjustified.
7216	I further add that all the talk about ensuring welfare for dogs isn't really being followed through on. Removing yet even more exercise opportunities is detrimental not helpful. It is already difficult to ensure a dog is well exercised with limited options for off leash to,e for energetic breeds. None of this stops the real issues of wandering dogs and only punishes responsible owners. I've filled in this form due to living in Hibiscus Coast. I can hand on heart say none of these restrictions are necessary. It would be better to implement some sort of dog license requiring more knowledge for owners and basic dog training. Also to police areas more as no one is around to enforce the rules anyway. I also object to making forestry beach on leash. As above, it is already hard to find suitable spaces. Dog parks do not cut it. I object to all new restrictions. In relation to pack walks, I think the restriction in numbers won't change anything. I am friends with walkers who walk large groups of dogs who have no issue, I have more issues with the average dog owner on a beach who cannot recall their dog. A poor pack walker with two dogs will still be problematic. Dog walkers should be licensed and wear an identifia le uniform so if there are issues they can easily be reported. This should include signage on the van. I think if number of dogs to be restricted then up to 10 dogs. And they should stay out of the way if sharing space with other dog walkers.
7233	Stop punishing those who comply for those who don't.
7236	Dogs should only be on the lead from Beach road to end of Manly Beach and this can easily be valid for all year around.
7237	This is ridiculous as dotterels walk along the whole beach and sometimes nest on peoples Lawns and now you are trying to give them 1/3 of the Beach???
7244	Please keep it as is; we currently are aware of and work round current rules which allow the Dottrils flexibility. They seem to be working fine.
7250	The suggestions I have given above for each point are based on careful research, visits to the beaches concerned and speaking with local dog owners. It is VERY IMPORTANT that dog owners and bird lovers are not seen as opponents. For that reason I have been involved with others in discussions with local Forest & Bird and Dotterel minders and we all agree with these suggestions.

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7255	I live between Manly and Tindalls bays and regularly exercise my dogs on both beaches. I am a local veterinarian and strongly support people's need to exercise their dogs for the welfare of the dogs and because well-exercised dogs are less likely to engage in nuisance behaviours that can negatively impact non-dogowners. I am also conservation-minded as a member of the Pest Free Peninsula project and guide at Tiritiri Matangi Island so I fully support the protection of bird species such as the Band Dotterel which are so easily disturbed by uncontrolled dog behaviour. I fully support the ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL put forward by agreement between the two community groups listed as I believe it achieves the best balance between the somewhat competing desires of the two groups, but also MUCH more effectively achieves improved protection for the bird species nesting on our beaches.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD	
99	Yes. There just need to be more designated dog areas so owners aren't forced to break the rules because they've got not choice.
111	No
315	I feel the summer & winter rules are great 10- 5 is reasonable for summer ☀️
407	Ban pitbull type dogs
418	Mellon bay needs to be dog friendly and off lead all year round
445	Please make rules for the dog owners to pick up after their dogs and provide bins to encourage them
481	Needs to be greater enforcement and punishment
521	Access to mellons bay beach in Howick. This us an excellent beach for dog walking as it is safe , with no roads running along side. This beach is not often ysed by families all day in summer and it would be a bonus for dog owners to allow access to the whole beavh all day in the summer.
537	Dogs need controls, leashes or long lines, yet everyone supposedly has control of their off leash dog. How many dog fights, kids getting bit, loose dogs causing crashes or just roaming and making certain areas more unsafe. When will it change, these rules should apply to most parks in New Zealand provided that the council makes more of an effort to provide more offleash areas, the amount of reactive dogs I deal with due to every person letting their dog off is sickening and in thjs country there's no legal accountability. Change needs to happen
541	Cats are responsible for far more bird killings than dogs! Why do you still allow cats to be unlicensed, un-neutered and to roam freely???
	There are NOT enough off-leash dog exercise areas in Auckland. Many more in ALL areas need to be provided URGENTLY. LARGE areas, not small areas!
	Dogs SHOULD be allowed on-leash in all parks and beaches and many more parks and beaches should become off-leash
563	less restriction on local parks
635	No
1175	There is nothing wrong with the current rules and those that pay their dog registration are typically not the rule breakers. Don't penalise those doing the right thing.
1179	I think if dogs can access an area, there needs to be more bins provided.

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1225	The off leash rules are not the problem. It's the owners. There is a certain percentage of them that have not trained their dogs and have not build a bond with their dog but the ones that have done the hard work to make sure that no one feels inconvenienced by their dog, this is seriously unfair to us. My dog is my literal world and I will do anything to protect him in return I have made sure that he never harms a human being or an animal. Please just think about these new rules because for us who are genuine dog lovers and a good person to society this is just a slap in the face. New Zealand already has so many rules and we have respected them. Lack of rules is not the problem.
1310	I hope Macleans park will remain off leash area ?
1805	Creation of an additional dog permit, funded by the dog owner, examined by volunteer veterinarians or approved qualified behavioural trainers. Tri-annual dog exams where dogs have to demonstrate their ability to "come" "stay" and "leave" at 3 different levels. Distraction free, Minimal distractions, Busy distraction area. Each level comes with better perks and incentives. Bronze/Silver/Gold. The higher the level, the more benefits like discounted dog registrations fees, ability for dogs to be off leash in safer areas that are usually on leash. Can be identified through microchip details as well as a tag that can be put on the collar or a bandana along the dog's collar for easy identification as to who has passed the basic behaviour course.
1810	There needs to be more space and areas for dogs to go under controlled off leash. I don't think there is enough area accomodating to that.
1857	Auckland should create more pet friendly environments and tighten the rule on owning a dog. The dog behaviour is rely on dog owners themselves not the dog.
1962	Have a much wider dog park and have a free poop bag around the park so owners who forgot to bring poop bags can get a free poop bag to pick up after their dogs
2124	Can we have more space that we can enjoy with the gods please!
2215	No
2333	Observed very little enforcement of dog laws on beaches particularly due to limited council resources
2398	Lets make less rules instead of over regulating every day life
2516	Nope
2578	No
2692	Please see my previous responses. This approach is narrow minded and misguided. You should consider classifying owners as responsible and irresponsible and setting access rules accordingly. No limits should be applied in any locations for responsible dog owners - other than the requirement to use a leash where it would protect wildlife. Dogs and humans can and should be allowed to share all outdoor spaces. Council must put sufficient rubbish bins in all areas dogs can exercise.
2697	Not at this time.

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2856	Do not restrict dog access because of dotterels or any bird or wildlife. On-leash solves problems. having nowhere for a dog to go is very difficult if you have your dog with you already. It is very difficult traveling with a dog and having to check all the rules for different places. Are there than many problems that we need to restrict dog access in so many places? I want to walk my dog for my own mental health and for the dogs sake. The dog restrictions just make it so difficult.
3398	no
3606	We can share our beaches with our doggy friends but as the population increases let us make that restricted access in Summer and for wildlife too where there is nesting as unfortunately if you make bylaws it has to be monitored . In my experience people who own dogs don't like to be criticized for doing the wrong thing and don't like to follow the rules.
3806	Some dog walkers are ignoring the rules. Any policing? unleashed dogs left poos without walkers' notice is another problem. So, I would suggest unleash dog exercise area should be separated from the general public area.
3911	Again, please remember exercising dogs is good for people's physical and mental health, crucial to a healthy workforce and population. People work a variety of different hours to cover all the jobs society needs, and they need places to walk their dogs close by. I believe the rules and restrictions here are becoming over the top. You have to consult a book before you try take your dog anywhere new :(
4225	No. I have said all I have to say.
4345	Overall, locations should be clearly signed, giving information to dog owners about off leash and on leash areas, and time periods where applicable.
4357	I know the council has to balance the safety and also comfort of non dog owners and dog owners in public spaces, but there are less and less places to take your dog where they can get a good run in auckland. I have moved from wellington in the last 3 years, there are less open spaces and walks that are safe for people to be with their dogs and there are no yards in houses for dogs. Our registration fees in wellington contributed to hutt city council building a dedicated dog park in wainuiomata. People travelled from all over wellington to take their dogs there myself included. it was a safe place for dogs to forage and socialise and for dog owenrs, there was a seperate area for small dogs and large dogs with exercise obstacles hills and bushes for them to wander in that was safe and had no toxic plants. This was an excellent use of our dog registration fees and everyone benefited. Auckland has no dedicated dog exercise areas, places where dog owners and their fur babies can safely go and socialise. The rules are prohibiting more and more access, and what do my fees pay for? oh managing all the dogs and people that aren't paying dog registration fees anyway... why should i bother, i'm seeing no benefit for me and my dog by paying these fees each year other than policies to say more and more places are prohibited. I guess after these changes i will need to consider if its even worth the fees we pay each year if there is nothing in it for us.
4378	No but I do agree that the rules need to be changed as we have far too many instances of people being
4475	Eastern Beach should be dog friendly all year round and 24/7 for controlled dogs off lead.
4539	No

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4566	Howick Beach, Cockle Bay Beach and Mellons Bay Beach should have OFF LEASH DOG ACCESS year round. Also, more fenced off-leash dog areas should be created in Howick (and Auckland Council) parks.
4629	No
4697	No
4771	No
4840	no
5235	Dogs should be on a leash at all times in all parks and public places to give walkers back heir freedom to walk in safety
5365	Unless and until dog control/police deal with the high number of unregistered, un-neutered, unchipped dogs in South Auckland, there will continue to be problems. Pretending the problem doesn't exist just because officials will not go into certain areas/streets because they are scared of the occupants (and their dogs) is ignoring a basic problem and penalising those of us who train our dogs properly and handle them responsibly. I believe owners should have to be licensed, to ensure their suitability to own a dog.
5418	None
5453	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.
5594	PLEASE DO NOT MAKE DOGS GO ON LEASH EVERYWHERE - for the sake of a few bad owners, like humans, there is the odd bad owner - but mostly we are very responsible and respectful of others.
5636	I was going to comment (negatively) on your changes to the Botanical gardens access, but it doesn't appear to be on your list.
5664	Please be animal friendly as a nation. There are too many restrictions with rentals parks beaches. Will not motivate anyone to reach out for a pet at rescues or think of getting a pet
5786	Any changes to the current rules on the volcanic cones/maunga need to be notified to the public and open to discussion. The maunga fall under the Reserves Act as well as the Redress Act . It is clearly stated in the Redress Act that they are to be protected and maintained for the 13 iwi and all the other people of Auckland.
5818	Its a shame a few bad dogs owners ruin it for the rest of us. Education and stricter punishment's for offending owners should be the focus here rather than applying blanket rules that restrict the majority of law abiding and considerate dog owners.
5820	No
6202	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to protect our heihei, our visitors (especially the younger ones), and the dogs themselves when cars and bicycles are actively using the drive and carpark at Howick Historical Village.
6333	Leigh Auton park Beachlands is lively costal lication park, poluted by dog feaces and stench. No one can sit on grass or use pucnuc tables . Dogs harassong public and cyclists. Dogs must nit be alliwed at Leigh Auton park. Another location might be used as dog park -example - Cinstellation park.

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6568	Dogs allowed on leash at all times. Owners to take all accountability
6962	Signage for areas where dogs are or not allowed is very poor. This needs improvement. Fines for non-compliance should be clearly shown on the sign as a deterrent. Responsible dog owners who are trying to do the right thing need clear signage or a map. Online information must be the same info as signage on site- currently this is not always the same. Bins should be reinstated where previously removed for disposal of used doogie doo bags. Council should consider providing bags on popular dog walking areas. LLOYD Elsmore fenced dog park needs urgent improvement - currently not fit for purpose. no shade, no water access, too small, like a mud bath in winter - suggest gravel path area)
7010	I am strongly opposed to any changes to access for dogs in Manurewa Botanic Gardens. We travel there frequently for socialisation and enjoyment of the northern areas of the Gardens.
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4	I would prefer on leash in parks. Children, elderly are at risk from dogs startling them; picnic eaters don't want to share with someone's dog.
70	No
159	I value maintaining and conserving the environment, but fail to see how the council has concluded that off-leash dogs are the major threat to it at Soldiers Bay and Kauri point. The wildlife that is discussed is non-existent. There aren't any endangered shore nesting birds there. The other birds simply fly away when a dog approaches. I would be more receptive to the idea if the council had been demonstrating more authentic interest in maintaining the environment through the inclusion of more bins and beach clean ups. Instead, Soldiers Bay is plastic ridden, with glass shards and empty cans scattered amongst the sand. Saying that the reason for the changes is to protect the environment is ridiculous as more straightforward solutions are staring the council in the face.
160	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
163	Please introduce fines for people who let their dogs roam freely on the streets without supervision - there are many repeat offenders - this is dangerous for the community and the dog.
172	Honestly it's like Auckland council hates dogs. Remember we pay rates too & having areas for dogs is very important if you want to keep people living in your suburbs.
220	Dogs should be allowed to all parks and certain beaches. There should be more punishment for people who fail to pick up dog litter. Have the dog removed for a night would really force people to making a difference. Some people should not be allowed to own animals though. Those people, you can ban from parks sure. But NZ can't even put them in jail for murder so what can I say? Just NZ being useless as always. You take away from the people that do the right thing and let ferals do what ever. Well done.
238	Parks and beaches often host threatened wildlife, and they need to be protected against people who see them as glorified dog runs. No exceptions to the on-leash rule here.
260	On-leash always except for designated and preferably fenced exceptions.
298	Please leave as is. I am a ratepayer and a responsible dog owner. My dog goes on walks with a very experienced dog walker. You are punishing us. The irresponsible dog owners will continue to do as they please. Your rules are going against the responsible rate payers

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343	Don't ruin businesses by reducing the already small number of beaches/parks that allow dogs off-leash. It does not work having some on lead some off.
359	I find it interesting that dogs are seen as the primary villain affecting wildlife, causing kauri die-back disease and potentially injuring people. While I agree that some dog owners are irresponsible, I note that cats are free to roam in our parks and are recognised predators of wildlife. Further, I am much more concerned for my safety in parks and on beaches in the presence of drinking/drunk/drugged people rather than an occasional dog.
381	DO NOT TAKE FORESTRY BEACH AWAY FROM US!!!
425	As a responsible and proud dog owner, I want to share my perspective and encourage a spirit of understanding within our community. I have always ensured my dog is registered, follow all dog access rules, and make every effort to respect others while out and about. I believe this responsibility is key to fostering a harmonious environment for everyone. That said, I feel it's important to address a broader issue. Dog owners and those without dogs should not find themselves at odds. Dogs are known as humanity's best friends for good reason—they bring joy, companionship, and countless benefits to our lives. Like us, they deserve spaces where they can exercise, explore, and run freely. Access to designated areas, beaches, and pathways is vital for their health. please don't take away the limited areas they have.
469	No
511	Find a way to report irresponsible dog ownership. How can we possibly remedy bad ownership with untagged dogs running free and/or aggressive owners who refuse to keep their dogs leashed in leash only areas? No wonder dog attacks are increasing. I have never, once, had an owner respond appropriately when asked politely to leash their dog, yet no way to enforce/complain/fine.
546	We need more spaces to exercise dogs off leash not less
553	I think the current rules as they stand are very fair. There are many alternative locations in close proximity for people not wishing to come across off-leash dogs can visit. For dogs however, their welfare in this country is diminished and taking away further places they can be free to be stimulated mentally and physically is a backwards step towards fixing that. As dog people, we accept there are few places we can take our dog and allow them off leash in our local areas, and we don't push for more and we abide by that because we understand many people don't enjoy the company of dogs, so perhaps those people too should respect that in return, accepting that the amount of on-leash or dog free areas in the community far outweighs the amount of off-leash, and they should just attend those. A well exercised, well stimulated dog will be better behaved and safer in our communities.
572	Increase the penalties and actually follow through
705	it's fine
791	Dog parks should be monitored for dogs with registrations and obeying rules that are currently in place who are ruining it for other responsible dog owners
894	The Council should clearly define the problem it is aiming to solve prior to proposing change alongside the impact (cost and/or social) of that problem.

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1087	In my experience, it is usually not the dog walkers with multiple dogs that are a problem but irresponsible dog owners with smaller dogs in public spaces with off lead dog. As such, I do not support the change as it will negatively and unfairly impact dog walkers and their business that I consider to be more equipped and trained to handle multiple dogs. As a dog owner and parent, i often see dogs off leash in nearby parks and on walkways. These are usually the dogs that pose a higher risk by running up to my toddler and leashed dog while their owner is lagging behind. While updating rules is commendable, it is important that the Council puts some effort into ensuring the existing rules are followed too.
1199	I just want for my dog to enjoy the beach between the hours of before 10am and after 5pm in summer as I'm sure many other good dog owners do.
1281	I am fully in support of the current dog access rules at beaches and local parks. I have an issue with people flouting them and letting their dogs poo everywhere, even when the council has provided bags and bins. I don't know what can be done here, unfortunately.
1347	All dogs should be on a leash if outside the owners properties. Why should people be confronted by dogs in public that are not under control ? I have been attacked many times by aggressive dogs not on a leash. Usual answer is "don't worry the dog won't hurt you ". Would these irresponsible dog owners be happy if horse owners let their horses gallop around uncontrolled ?
1353	On leash walks can make dogs (especially smaller dogs) more aggressive and reactive. Allowing off leash means dogs have more room to bypass than being stuck beside their human. Also, need to provide more dog poop bins. The removal of many bins is creating more of a problem.
1395	Be sensible. Be informed.
1523	I think the 10-5 rule is fine in the summer.
1551	Auckland Council does not consider that Dog owners who pay rates as well as dog licensing fees have equal rights to exercise in their preferred fashion. If your preferred exercise is at a swimming pool, playing sport at one of the many parks, or visiting a Council owned gym - that is acceptable but as a Dog walker you don't have the same rights.
1587	What are dog owners supposed to do now? Keep our dogs at home every day because there's nowhere left for them to run off-leash and have fun? If my dog gets sick from lack of exercise and socialization, will the city council take responsibility for the costs? How about trying to walk on a leash yourself, controlled by someone else in a park? This is supposed to be a free country, yet dog owners certainly don't feel that way. There are already plenty of regulations in place for dogs, and we follow them while respecting nature and others around us. We love our dogs—they're part of our family. All we want is for them to be happy and healthy, yet stricter rules make this harder. Do you realize how damaging it is for a dog's mental and physical health to be on a leash all the time during walks? It's time to think about the impact these rules have on both dogs and their owners.
1654	Auckland is not a Dog Friendly Council that treats it responsible dog owners like a cash cow and lets bad owners, animal abusers and shitty backyard breeders get away with anything, What's the point point of making changes if you are not even going to police all the shitty owners!! Really wondering why I pay dog registration??

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1679	over the last 30 years of having dogs in Auckland I have only ever seen 1 issue once with a dog. the owner was mortified and apologetic (it was a frazzled mum with a dog and a baby and no spare hands) Your changes by stealth will remove the local "off leash" area that has never had any issues and is not a popular public area or swimming beach. I cannot support any part of your rule changes as it doesn't account for the fact there is no local issue. We are so far behind other countries in this area where dogs are in cafes, restaurants, on buses and planes we are in the dark ages for even considering removing access to local walks.
1709	Sadly there are dog owners who do not follow the current rules. They have their dogs off leash in areas where it is not permitted, the do not clean up after their dogs, the do not have them under control. This will always happen. How do you stop it? Education, fines
1727	It's bizzare this has been proposed - where is the data that states dogs off leash are a problem?
1793	Clarification of rules would be helpful for the public but I don't believe that the current rules need to be amended.
1821	There is a lack of enforcement with dogs in reagrd to restricted areas and signage about nesting regions are not always clearly marked
1864	No
1942	What changes are proposed about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
1979	I think that a majority of dog owners are responsible & it is a minority that ruin it for us wanting to give our pets a fun experience as part of the family.
2008	Dog owners are, on the whole, good, abide by the rules, pay out registration, pet insurance and pick up after their dogs. We are a social bunch of people who take pleasure in our dogs socialising off leash and having fun. We do not need to be penalised for the small margin of bad dog owners. Leave our dog areas alone (and look at giving us more off leash areas / removing the leash restrictions in Winter on the beaches)
2049	You have to police the rules you have now, no new changes will matter.
2055	Known sites for ground nesting birds/bird burrows have to take priority over dogs
2074	All beaches should allow dogs off leash at all times if under control.
2081	Any new rules should be clearly based on high risk areas to fauna and flora, such as endangered nesting birds or the quality of the existing ecosystem. A blanket change is not required as it is very uncommon to see one person with several dogs. Therefore it is only penalizing dog walkers who are only trying to run a business.
2082	Overall the council is getting far to involved in the wrong ways. Work on the people creating the issues not stuffing it up for the vast majority that are reasonable. Heck, I can't even go camping with my dog in summer due to so many rules around council camp grounds and then on top of it all the beach rules that prohibit dogs. You end up spending your summer inside a house. Kids are more of a neusence than animals a lot of the time and I don't see you banding them for every public area.
2086	There is already so many rules. Plus this feedback form wasn't simple to complete, I'm sure plenty who disagree with the proposed changes wouldn't complete tgis form because it's long and not made simple for others to submit
2105	My further comments in the previous section apply here also.
2161	No

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2420	All dogs on leads. People's rights before animals.
2444	Dogs need space to exercise and socialise to maintain a better quality of life and stay healthy. Some dogs behave much better off-leash, but by enforcing stricter rules, the council is significantly reducing the areas where dogs can walk freely. People often cause much more damage to these areas than dogs do.
2490	I just want to see separate guidelines between dog walkers and businesses that walk dogs.
2511	No
2583	These rules will force many to abandon pets. In addition to rising costs, smaller houses, the dogs will become too much of a burden with need to drive to off leash parks. Also rules should distinguish between large, medium and small dogs.
2635	Overall I believe most dog owners are responsible dog owners and are aware and control what their dogs are doing at local parks and beaches. The irresponsible dog owners will continue to be irresponsible no matter what rules are put in place - there need to be more dog rangers out and about both educating and fining the irresponsible owners.
2680	Timing should be specified. signs should be clear.
2713	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2718	Limiting natural public spaces ultimately punishes the dog. Poor dog welfare and behaviour is not the dog's fault - it is the human owner's fault. Changes to these dog policies should emphasise adherence to existing rules, including penalties and education. There's no point in changing the rules if they are not enforced as the same people will continue to ignore them. I see people walking their dogs off-leash when they should be on-leash, but there's no well-known mechanism to safely report these people and there doesn't seem to be any repercussions, so people get away with it. Instead, owners who properly care for their dog and properly train them should be rewarded. For example, owners who can provide evidence of attendance of dog training school should be given benefits or discounts. In a similar vein, those who are well known to the Council to be keepers of troublesome dogs due to poor training and lack of accountability by their owner should be penalised by excessive registration fees or removal of the animal. Enforcement of rules should be paramount - if there is no enforcement, then there will be no point in having the rules changed.
2762	We do not need more restrictions on dog access rules we need to solve the root cause of people not taking care of their dogs and acting responsibly.
2772	no
2779	Leave it as is
2910	Dog access rules are already limited. These suggestions limit them even further.
3286	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
3811	Dog owners arent criminals or nuisances. We deserve to be able to walk and exercise our dogs. We pay rates and we have to pay fees for them - why should we be able to exercise them in these beautiful areas
3876	Signage to remind dog owners/walkers to pick up their pet poop. Shouldn't be needed but we have noticed a significant increase in the amount that is just being left - in all areas. In some ways this is also attributable to the lack of rubbish bins in public spaces now so Council must address this in conjunction with this dog access review.
4006	I think there should be parks set aside (not sports grounds) in all suburbs that are for dogs off leash. They should be well signposted so people know they are off leash. I also think the summer hours need to change - the current Dec - Feb is way too short (it should include November and March) and the hours of operation also need to be extended to 6.30pm

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4055	Any rules need to be clearly displayed at park entrances with occasional infringement follow up.
4083	Penalise the bad dog owners but don't restrict access for good dog owners
4167	I would much prefer the council put effort into defining under control, certifying the dog training and walking industry and supporting good citizen dog training than enforcing more on lead rules.
4177	Please consider further restrictions. It is very unpleasant to be on a beach where dogs have pooped and where wet dogs run up to you as they are not under control. As said before, I would rather see more limits around dog access and off leash areas. Perhaps increase the dog licence charges and use this funding for dog poo clean up and creating more dog parks.
4430	No
4592	no
4659	Last year, Auckland Council received thousands of complaints about dog-related issues. But here's the reality: only 0.7% of those complaints were about professional pack walkers, while over 52% were about roaming dogs—uncontrolled, untrained, and often neglected. Yet, instead of addressing this major issue, the council is proposing bylaws that will severely restrict pack walking, a service that actually helps prevent these problems. Take, for example, a dog named Max. When his owner first brought him to a pack walker, he was anxious, reactive, and nearly impossible to control on a leash. Within weeks of structured socialization and exercise in a well-managed group, Max transformed into a confident, obedient dog. Stories like Max's are common among pack walkers, who provide essential training, socialization, and exercise for dogs whose owners struggle to meet their needs alone. By limiting pack walking, the council isn't protecting public safety—it's creating a future where more dogs are poorly trained, reactive, and likely to escape or become a nuisance. If the goal is responsible dog ownership, why target those who are actually contributing to it? The importance of pack walking goes beyond just the dogs—it's a vital service that greatly impacts both the community and the business of professional dog walkers. For many busy dog owners, pack walking is more than a convenience; it's an essential part of their dog's daily routine. Dogs require socialization, exercise, and training to live happy, healthy lives. For owners who lack the time, knowledge, or physical capacity to provide this, pack walkers are a lifeline.
4741	Please consider all Aucklanders when making these changes, some of the proposed changes hugely restrict dogs in areas very popular with dog walkers. Auckland in comparison to other cities I'm familiar with already has very restrictive access for dogs and is not a very dog friendly city.
4746	There has been a huge increase in dogs for some reason. Walking around the streets, fine, but beaches and reserves should be largely banned and very limited otherwise.
4751	All access to all areas is to be for licensed dogs, no license no access.
4768	Finding balance is hard.

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4787	Firstly, we want to state that our feedback is solely in regard to the ecological and biodiversity related topics affected by the dog bylaw and access rule changes, not other forms of feedback relating to logistics, dog behavior as we are not experts in this area. The value of the PFK network is we have site specific local knowledge of the native biodiversity value and sensitivities that can help inform a better access rule policy. We love dogs, we have dogs ourselves and understand how important it is to have places to walk them, however our stance is on providing a voice for our native ecosystems and special taonga within them which are at risk of activities in the wrong place at the wrong time. We believe there is plenty of room for all to be satisfied and both dog walkers and environmental protection can exist in tandem. We are generally in support of the access rule changes for Kaipātiki as they demonstrate a reflection on greater environmental protection of critically sensitive ecosystems. However, we do have some specific suggestions for additions which have been missed, which we will detail in this submission. We are encouraged to see the consideration of kauri dieback in these access changes. We support the proposed changes that require dogs to stay on leash in kauri reserves, which brings us up to compliance with the National PA Pest Management Plan. The pathogen that causes kauri dieback is spread via the movement of soil. This can be via anything that touches the ground, including dogs' paws. People rarely clean their dogs paws before and after walks, so having dogs that run off track into the bush has been identified as a major vector risk. One study in the US that looked at another soil based pathogen found that dogs paws were more effective at moving the pathogen than shoes. It doesn't make sense to invest in track upgrades and mitigation measures, while allowing dogs to run off leash and off track. Once kauri dieback is introduced into an area, it can survive in the soil for an unknown amount of time (at least 8 years and counting!). We have no cure, so once a tree is infected it will likely die. These
4806	Currently winter hours on North Shore areas is 10am-2pm for no dogs on the beach. This would be better to be 1pm - 5pm. Dog walkers tend to walk their dogs in the morning, having more time to do this would be useful. On a sunny winters day you are more likely to get families with young children coming to the beach in the afternoon, not in the morning.
4993	No, I believe they have been reviewed enough in recent years and council should stop confusing owners with repeat changes without good reason

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5276	There are already substantially more beaches that DO NOT allow dogs and yet dogs are a huge part of many Aucklanders families. To further reduce dog access to public spaces means that with even less dog friendly spaces, it will increase the number of people and dogs in what remains of dog friendly spaces, therefore increasing the risk of unsavoury incidents and interactions due to overcrowding of people and dogs. Why should those who have dogs as part of their family be excluded from enjoying nature and the beach with their dogs as if they are somehow lesser members of society. The people who are irresponsible dog owners are not likely to abide by the new rules because they don't abide by the current rules. So further reducing dog access is. It going to solve the existing issues. More funding should be put into animal management and changing the laws so there is more ability to police and prosecute rule breaking and irresponsible dog owners. More time should be spent on reducing the roaming dogs issues in Auckland and in NZ. There should be much higher penalties for rule breaking dog owners, and harsher punishments for animal abusers.
5306	Dog access is extremely limited all across Auckland. It is very hard to have a day out in the summer that includes your dog. Very difficult to understand where the money goes from responsible dog owners for our dog registration
5315	This form is frustrating that you cannot go back.
5316	The current times of year and hours of leash on beaches are fair to all, leave them as they are please.
5326	I do not support any further change to restrict dog access at any regional park or beach.
5331	Off leash areas are essential for dog walking and socialisation, therefore, beaches and parks MUST remain available for this purpose
5332	What is the need to change rules, dogs need to be able to be exercise off leash and be able to run as they need to under control..
5338	Dogs should be separated as much as possible. Dogs on beaches and foreshores can be a real problem in some places. I'm sure you have it in hand thank you for taking some action on this. I'm concerned that it might not go far enough but one step at a time I guess.
5357	Better clear signage is the biggest thing. The signs often do not match what the online information says. Start fining the people abusing current bylaws, not restricting those who do the right thing it's unfair and biased.
5391	An area set aside for dogs off leash in each region would be a good idea as they are very few and far between in Auckland.
5393	No
5402	All dogs in public spaces must wear a collar with a current registration tag. There is a dog in our area that never ever wears one. His owners do not have good control of it and while it is not an aggressive dog, it is a pest to many and it does not quit. It is difficult to catch as there is nothing to grab and the only way it's owners can stop it annoying other dogs is to try and corner it and then carry it which they do with limited success.
5449	Please don't make the changes to restrictive, it's hard to find places to take my dog already.
5455	If it's not broken leave it alone
5467	Restricting dog access to public areas puts more of a strain on the local communities.
5504	Whoever brought up the proposal is unreasonable and big chance they don't have a dog in the family and don't care. There are already limited off leash beaches that we can bring our fur family for a walk and water play. Dogs have their rights. Be respectful!
5585	I think the current dog access rules at local Parks or beaches are sufficiently strict.

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5708	In an urban environment having access to our local parks to exercise our dogs is important. Please do not let the minority ruin it for all. I would support dog walkers taking packs of dogs to have some form of licence to ensure they are capable of maintaining a pack at all times. But that should not penalise an individual owner
5841	You are making it extremely difficult for dog owners and pack walkers to have space to walk dogs. By changing these rules you will put more strain on the very few locations available causing tension and overcrowding in those areas. The problem isn't the access but those who don't currently listen to rules in other areas. You should be focused on policing those who don't listen to current rules and have out of control dogs rather than making it more difficult and limited for dog owners to enjoy the outdoors and some specific parks and beaches with their dogs. In addition there are so very few fenced in or dedicated dog parks as there is in Auckland so instead of putting more in place you are forcing owners and pack walkers to congregate in smaller areas and with more restrictions. Things need to be balanced and you are further rocking the already poorly balanced areas for dogs. I don't understand why dog walkers are not being properly consulted and listened for their recommendation on access and dog walking numbers and what can be put in place to take care of roaming dogs and those not under control. I really hope you listen to the feedback as if you don't make changes to this ridiculous proposal you will see more dog issues arise and then cause a lot more stress that then creates health issues to families such as ours who rely on dog walker help and having access to these locations
5897	There is a lot of joy for families and individuals out and about with groups or by themselves walking with their dogs, a sense of community and togetherness, enjoying the environment. Such restrictions and bans remove the enjoyment from our lives in Auckland.
6216	Provide more access to more off leash areas like Meola Reef.
6462	I walk my two golden retrievers every day at Takapuna Beach. It is important that they have unleashed play as they love to swim and spend most of their time in the water. Perhaps people who don't like dogs walk after 10am during the summer months .
6584	Auckland can be one of the world's greatest cities if it stays green and makes the most of its bush and beaches. This includes welcoming our dogs into these spaces. The default should be dogs are welcome and if menacing dogs are an issue in any given area then let's get tougher on those individual dogs - act fast and come down hard on bad dogs. Let's not punish good dogs or their owners who both benefit from free range exercise together in open spaces.
6793	Need more all day beaches
6796	No, I have given a thorough response and it shows I'm very much against changes that yhe council is proposing. The majority of dog owners are very responsible. Don't ruin it for people like myself.
6832	Nz has plenty of space and being more restrictive for times and access means dogs get neglected. All dogs need off leash times. Nz needs less laws not more. A system to report stupid dog owners but leave the rest in peace. Dogs are mans best friend.
7034	So many Hibiscus Coast residents have dogs as beloved family members and restricting their ability to enjoy the local beaches with their dogs can really limit residents ability to enjoy the beauty of their community. Not allowing enough off leash areas will make more dog owners go to local beaches where dogs are allowed off leash and will overcrowd them.
7148	I oppose Kaipatiki being on lesh.
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590	Dogs are part of many thousands of families. Dog owners are a substantial demographic. Restricting access to off leash areas will force more dogs into limited spaces risking reactive behaviour as dogs are overwhelmed without space to avoid each other. I think the responsible dog owners should permit could be expanded to include rights to park access provided behaviour continues to be managed. I think the council has a responsibility to provide more generous access for dog owners to enjoy Auckland. Bad dog owners should be policed with greater resources provided to do so. I would like to suggest that the responsible dog owner
789	Dogs should have on leash access at all times at all parks and beaches.
1080	Dogs responsibly under leash should be permitted in Parks and to ban them (and by extension their owners) is unnecessarily exclusionary. Beaches are a different case, where dog excrement left behind poses a health risk.
1253	Dogs should have their own parks to run and play in and should be on a leash all the time when they leave home
1365	No I am happy with the off lead dog parks that we have, we have been walking our dogs at these parks for years. Something the council forgets that our pets and dogs are part of the family and in order to keep them happy and healthy they need some good areas to run around and play.
1847	In addition to more dog access, there also needs to be better provision of bins. It is the councils removal of bins that has led to dog owners not picking up dog poo as there is nowhere to put it. Expecting dog owners to walk for miles to find suitable disposal or worse take it home with them is ridiculous, it is poo! No one wants bags of poo in their car, that's just gross, provide bins at parks so these areas can be nicely maintained, this isn't just related to dog poo, the increase in littering since the bin reduction is substantial and upsetting, especially at areas near the ocean where this litter just blows into the water. You can minimize waste by just not dealing with it, that is a ludicrous approach
1854	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
2059	no
2483	Stop limiting access to responsible dog owners. If not either lower or do away dog registration fees. Currently fees paid are used for other council operations
2695	Please put people (particularly children) and our birdlife at the forefront of decision making, over dog owners who think it's their right to let their threatening dogs run wild.
3126	Lots of options but not all have closed off areas for pets to run freely - it would be great to see more parks or beaches with enclosed areas for dogs to run around in.
3676	There are areas where there are a lot of dog off leash when they shouldn't be eg Mangere Mountain. You should focus efforts to ensure that there is rule following by dog owners who use that mountain. In addition the area has a lot of dogs that are not secured on their property so end up on the beaches along Kiwi Esplanade (some dogs friendly and some aggressive)
3766	Thanks let them free
4142	It's one thing to change wording and rules but until you fund enforcement more and animal control, irresponsible dog owners will continue to go unchecked.
4826	I think there is more of an issue with roaming dogs than there is with people who responsibly walk their dogs in off lead parks and beaches. Roaming dogs is where Auckland Council should focus it's attention not on removing off leash areas of parks that are being used responsibly by responsible owners.
4872	No

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4918	Much bigger, simpler and clearer signage is needed as many of the sign are small, difficult to see and have overgrown plants covering them. They need to be 'in your face' not hidden or little symbols on the top of another sign. Something as simple as 'Stop! Your dog must be on a leash from here' in a stop sign type of sign at the entrance to all walkways. Another simple idea (and relatively unobtrusive plus cheap) would be to use templates and spray on the footpath /walkways similar to the cycle lane ways the rules. Then no one can 'claim' they didn't know and enforcement and fining should be easier
5081	More bins are needed. Seaside park in Otahuhu has i believe 4 bins to cover the whole area. This makes use of bins for dog waste difficult and doesn't take in to consideration the special needs of those with disabilities access to bins (2 of the bins are on top of the verges which you need to step up on to and then walk to the bins). I cannot walk long distances without many breaks and I require assistance to get myself up on the verge 1-2 foot high so I can get to the bins. It is embarrassing to ask for help, i have even been turned down by people who don't want to be near the dog poo. It also encourages littering and I find keeping my dog under control while I shuffle to the bin difficult.. especially if they discover someone 's litter like KFC etc. I know this was done as a cost saving initiative but it has isolated many people and leaves our parks looking worse.
5390	I do not support the changes! I support option 1 – to keep the status quo.
6024	It is important for council to remember that they are there for ALL users of parks, not select groups. That creating policies that actively discriminate one set of users, contributes significantly to poor public safety and increases the already large fractures in society between groups, including socioeconomic differences. Reactive policy making, and reactive policy review does not achieve equitable outcomes.
6050	Let dog have the freedom they deserve. Impose more control and patrol at the park and train the owners rather than restricting the dog's freedom and rights. The problems are caused by ignorant and irresponsible owners, not dogs.
6109	Put up more signage at each entrance that off leash is only in the bowl a sign at the off lead part that states this is the only part off lead . Imagine the issues is not the off lead part it's because owners are not putting them back on lead when leaving that area. You want revenue fine people if dogs are off leash in the wrong area. Also more time should be spent on roaming dogs not on people who are walking their dogs responsibly. I signed at petition but understand you are only counting that as one signature. Bureaucracy at its best, Very, very wrong,
6127	Leave the responsible dog owners to be able to access parks and public spaces freely. I should not have to tell you how to manage AGGRESSIVE DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.
6177	Council should concentrate more on roaming and unregistered dogs and irresponsible owners and animal neglect

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6278	At both Onehunga Bay, Monte Cecilia and under Mangere Bridge there need to be more rubbish bins where people can put their bags containing dog poo. The bins also need to be emptied more regularly as they are often overflowing which is unsightly and unsanitary.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD	
28	Once again please don't take away off leash rights for dogs
45	As previous comments
215	Should be under their owner's control at all time
222	Have more dog friendly areas and not less.
396	Please be sensible across the board. All people currently have good access to parks and beaches and dogs are usually excluded at peak times or restricted to on leash. Most of us are responsible dogowners who pick up droppings, train our dogs well, follow rules and are considerate to other park users. This has been the case for many years and as usual most problems are caused by a small minority of owners who flaunt the rules. Please do not penalise the rest of us on this basis.
628	I do not support any reduction in dog access areas. Doing so will create more problems as more dogs have fewer places to go. Focus your efforts on responsible dog ownership and dog welfare rules instead.
1053	I think dog access off leash should be restricted times during peak periods but allow more freedom of time during off peak periods.
1223	Generally the signage at parks is pretty good or absent. If this was updated, it would be great.
1342	Happy to SHARE local parks with Professional Dog Walkers and their packs - which can sometimes be as large as 16 or 18 dogs.
1424	I do not support!
1755	A few owners ruin for everyone. But unfortunately council should recognise Manurewa is rife with lazy useless dog owners and it's tiring and frustrating to see the posts in the botanical gardens, hill park and Manurewa facebook groups. A lot of these people don't even live locally yet local people are being impacted
1788	Consider these limitations again, and think about how many routines and habits this would affect
2011	It's important to consider dog enrichment requirements, ensuring that dogs have access to spaces where they can exercise, socialize, and engage in healthy activities. Focusing on responsible ownership and increasing enforcement for negligent owners would help maintain safety and protect the environment without restricting responsible dog owners.
2295	Same. On leash. And certificates of obedience should apply. If you can't do it in nz. Fast too many dog bites and fights. Wake up council. We all want to enjoy walking dogs. Cycling. Running. I myself have had to give up on those passionate sports and relaxation just because of where I live and pay rates.
2981	Can you please create off-leash areas for dogs that keep native animals safe but are pleasant for dog owners? Fenced walks? Or walks through areas that are already destroyed by human activities like farming? So people with dogs can get exercise, enjoy the outdoors, and not feel persecuted.
3894	Responsible owners abide by the rules ! Making them more stringent may result in people not abiding by the rules. Unfortunately there will always be idiots

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
3940	Please take into account the great increase in the number of dogs in public spaces these days. Maybe it's time that all dogs are required to be on leash in all public areas, including beaches over all holidays. Far too many uncontrolled dogs have been present on beaches even on winter weekends, much less when many people are out and about over holiday times. People who don't own dogs rarely make formal complaints to the Council so the statement that most dog owners are responsible and considerate is not based on evidence I have experienced. The proposal needs to also clarify the rights of people who aren't dog owners to experience public places without being harassed by dogs. We have seen and personally experienced dogs running up to people, adults and children, unasked. Not ok, yet a frequent happening. It is not even about whether the dog is friendly or not, as some people seem to think, it's harassment. Dogs jumping up at people, not ok. Dogs running up and biting a total stranger's hand on a beach. Not ok. Free-ranging dogs urinating on beach-goers bags while they are in the water. Not ok, terrible. We now put our things in a plastic bag for protection. Dogs chasing shore birds. Dreadful. The definition of 'control' of the dog needs to be explicit. Dogs not obeying verbal commands, is that animal 'controlled'? This is a common occurrence yet the animals are not on a leash. It would be good to see all dog owners having to be licensed and tested about their control of their animals before being allowed to take them into public spaces. Is it also time to consider a safety requirement that all dogs must be muzzled in public spaces except designated dog parks? If even a minority of owners continue to take uncontrolled dogs into public spaces, irrespective of the law, how is safety provided for other people, children and adults as well as for dogs on-leash?
3982	I agree with the rules of allowing specific times for walkers and their dogs, but I think, like all council run places, it is also necessary to give the staff the correct powers to be able to do what is necessary. As with Totara Park, there are notices saying no stereos or generators, the notice is tiny and people ignore it repeatedly all the time, sometimes there are 4 or 5 family groups with different stereos on and generators going too, and nothing is done about it.
4063	Please rewrite rules so that people , birds et al are not impacted by dog behaviour.
4166	The council should put more focus into punishing the few that are breaking the current rules and not keeping their dogs under control, rather than punishing everyone by introducing and enforcing a multitude of new restrictions.
4505	No
4792	Dog signage rules would help, but alas we all know what happens to signage & other people's property
4843	Restrict dogs on beaches to on-leash only, and strictly enforce this rule. Any dog is a danger to native birds/wildlife. Owners are often irresponsible and cannot control their dogs. Enforce the rules, conduct random checks, seize dogs and fine irresponsible owners. Owning a dog is not a birth right.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
5448	There needs to be strict control of the rules.
5530	Dear Board Members I am writing to formally request a review and reversal of the recent bylaw change allowing dogs to be off-leash in local walkways. Since this change was implemented, there has been a noticeable increase in dog attacks, raising serious concerns for the safety of residents, children, and other pets. While I understand the intention behind providing more freedom for dog owners, the reality is that not all dogs are properly trained or controlled, leading to an increase in dangerous incidents. Many community members, including families with young children, now feel unsafe using these public spaces. As a local business we interact with local residents on a day to day basis, and hear/share stories about what's happening in the community. It has also a frequent occurrence, where someone posts an issue with a dog on the local facebook grapevine. I personally have been involved in issues where a big dog has charged at my 3 year old daughter, chased a neighbors cat into our property and also attacked on our own small dog where our she needed to be taken to the VET. These have been in different instances. Reinstating the requirement for dogs to be leashed would provide a balanced approach, allowing responsible pet ownership while ensuring the safety of all walkway users. I urge the board to reconsider this bylaw in light of the increased risks and to prioritize the well-being of the wider community. I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.
6215	I strongly oppose the proposed changes to dog access laws and urge the council to keep the current policy in place. These changes are unnecessary, unfair, and target the wrong audience. The existing Dog Policy 2019 already provides a balanced approach that considers public safety, responsible dog ownership, and the well-being of dogs. The proposed restrictions will significantly reduce access to off-leash areas, despite no substantial evidence of increased risk or public concern that justifies such drastic measures. Rather than punishing responsible dog owners and well-behaved dogs, the council should focus on better enforcement and education for the minority who do not follow the rules. Blanket bans and excessive restrictions penalize the majority of responsible pet owners while doing little to address genuine issues. Additionally, changing the language of the policy to frame dogs as a “nuisance” rather than a valued part of the community is deeply concerning. Dogs provide companionship, improve mental and physical health, and contribute to vibrant local communities. Limiting their access to public spaces goes against the very principles the council should uphold Please listen to the thousands of Auckland dog owners who want fair and sensible policies. I do not support these proposed changes, and I ask the council to reconsider.

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6286	Dog owners should be required by policies and bylaws to control their dogs so that their dogs don't go closer than two metres to someone who hasn't given implicit permission for the dogs to approach. This would make it clear to dog owners that when an area becomes crowded with other people the dog owners need to put their dogs on a leash. As the area has become crowded to the extent that the dog owners can't control their dogs well enough off leash to stop their dogs approaching other people.
6319	Stricter rules in place to ensure dog owners pick up their dogs faeces
6548	Dogs need an area to exercise in, reducing the areas and times dogs are allowed off leash are not conducive to a dogs well being.
6580	Auckland already lacks sufficient dog exercise areas, and further restrictions in regional and local parks will make it harder for dog owners to provide their pets with sufficient exercise and socialisation. Additionally, further restrictions will either push responsible owners to break the rules or force dog owners into unsuitable areas where conflicts are more likely to occur. Dog owners use parks for exercise, companionship, community and stress relief. Restricting access may negatively affect the well-being of both dogs and their owners. Instead of reducing access, Auckland Council should be expanding designated off-leash areas with proper fencing and signage to accommodate responsible dog owners.
6850	Please focus on people picking up after their dogs! It is awfully frustrating to step in dog poop or worry about children coming into contact with it.
7116	Also regarding the proposed changes to Botanic gardens in Manurewa. I oppose the changes reducing the dog off leash area. Recently council bought 1.6 hectare adjacent property on Hill rd for \$12 million in 2023. They have this additional area to make unavailable for dog walkers. No need to Make changes to existing boundaries.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD	
14	I kindly urge the Puketāpapa Council to keep the current access and rules for Monte Cecilia Dog Park unchanged. This park has been a wonderful space for dogs and their owners, attracting regular visitors from all over Auckland. Over time, we've built a close-knit community here, and Monte Cecilia has earned its reputation as one of the best dog parks in Auckland.
18	I think that dog access to all of the parks across should be reviewed and wider (off leash) access considered, but only if the number of dogs being handled by any person is limited. If there were more off leash areas permitted then you would have less concentrations of dogs off leash and give owners more choice about where they can exercise their dogs. There are lots of suitable places and many of the off leash parks are far from suitable (lack fencing etc)
79	Yes - the dog access rule signs are incredibly confusing. Firstly, all the park sites on the council website have verbal descriptions of where you can and can't go in a park with your dog, which is very hard to decipher. It would be better if there was a map of each area with the areas highlighted. The way the dog walking rules are laid out are super confusing, please get a BA or UX designer to review as it takes me 5 mins staring at the sign to work it out and even then I'm not sure!
90	Have better and clearer signage for the public so they can understand dogs have the same rights to utilize the area as well.
106	Could Onehunga Beach reserve be lease off a certain times?
131	I would love to see the whole of Monte Cecilia Park opened up as leash free for dogs. It is such a beautiful park and the majority of dog owners in this park are responsible dog lovers.
180	Please make more areas on a leash (or off leash at off peak times) and make the rules more enforceable.

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204	Get owners to have a license to own pets. Should be the same case for people who children
235	New Zealand is rated as the most dog friendly country. I believe there should be more accountability for ignorant people that aren't aware of/respect the space that dogs require and less blame on the dogs. I have had too many issues with humans who feel that they don't have to listen to me when i ask for space to support my dog and let their dog at her or ride their bike to close to us, despite being asked not to.
249	Dogs require a mix of off leash and on leash areas to ensure they are mentally and physically tired out. As the dog population increases and dogs live in small houses or apartments, appropriate exercise areas need to be readily available
255	Keep Monte Cecilia off leash. Fix and dredge the Onehunga Bay Reserve lagoon so we can actually use it.
341	Please keep Auckland a dog friendly place.
367	No
387	Leave the rules as they are! People pay enough for dog registration and there are not enough safe parks or green spaces for their dogs!!
470	Stop red taping the world put efforts into people who aren't responsible dog owners and leave the majority to continue to enjoy our local surroundings
548	While restrictions can sometimes be necessary it's important that it is not only the non-dog owners who are listened to. Dog owners pay rates and they deserve reasonable consideration. The sports users at Madill's Farm repeatedly attempt to change the dog rules and deny access keeping a large majority of the park to themselves, I feel this is selfish. Council needs to allow everyone to use the park for the purposes that suit them.
639	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in all locations.
651	It's not the dogs, it's the owners. Please don't make it hard for the majority of people who are responsible dog owners, just because there are a few who aren't.
688	Your current method of prohibition of dogs in areas rather than encouraging training of dogs and the ability of dogs leaning to interact with people and dogs is concerning and will lead to more problems done the line
696	Just that local facilities should be kept, as much as possible, for use by the whole community
698	Auckland council should put more action towards their policy with dog ownership. Why would responsible dog owners suffer the effect of irresponsible dog owners? Responsible dog owners should be able to enjoy the freedom of living their lives with their beloved family in this country. A number of academic research support the positive effect of dog and nature in the wellbeing and mental state of people. Why should we hinder this by limiting the owners time to spend outside with their dogs?
719	Dogs need to be banned from the playing fields so that the horrible injuries we are seeing from the holes they dig can be eliminated
736	Please consider the wider implications of these changes.
783	Please increase compliance
840	Please stop people from breeding dogs in their backyards, unless they are registered breeders. Thanks
856	No

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943	The majority of dogs and their owners are perfectly safe, responsible and harmless. There is a small group of dogs and owners who are not. This group should not ruin it for those of us who take the care to train and socialise our dogs correctly. There possibly needs to be some use of the Responsible Dog Owner License beyond a discounted renewal cost. Perhaps responsible dog owners should have a different tag and different rules, so that members of the public who may not feel safe generally around dogs can see that that particular animal is registered as safe.
993	Responsible dog owners are not the problem
1169	Great having daylight saving beach times- well done.
1228	Creating more bans on where dogs can and cannot go heavily impacts responsible dog owners who will follow the rules if they change. Please consider better signage and fines in order to better police areas where irresponsible dog owners break rules. Auckland is already so dog unfriendly compared to other places (including other larger cities overseas).
1293	We need to amend the restrictions on Maungarei to allow off-leash dogs. There's no stock or cars on the maunga anymore, and it's not a habitat for threatened species so the current rule just doesn't make sense anymore. Dog owners already ignore the rule, and dogs are not causing problems on the maunga, so why not just amend it?
1330	No
1488	Fine irresponsible owners but don't penalise all dog owners
1548	Focus on real issue like owners not taking care of their dogs. Going off leash under the current law and rules. These changes are punishing good behaving dogs and dog owners.
1718	Please support our dogs right to exercise safely by allowing spaces such as monte Cecelia available for off leash
1724	Like I said before, why is the cost of registration so High when we barely get any benefit from this, would rather animal management spent their time picking up roaming dogs or taking mistreated dogs away from scumbag owners instead of hiding in a bush and fining people for having a dog off lead in a park when no one else is around. Auckland rules are pretty stupid and Unfair to dog owners, give us more places where dogs can go off lead not restrict more.
1763	Prosecute those that don't obey the rules, very simple!!
1767	No
1953	I think the overall rule now is good, limiting access in summer when there is more people and allowing it in winter or at times where the beach or parks are not as busy
2040	No.
2200	I would like to be able to take my dog to more locations. More on lead access at parks would be great. More enforcement of existing rules would be good too.
2312	Please stop making it harder. Its already incredibly difficult to find walks where you can bring your dog on a leash, let alone off leash areas. As homes get smaller and denser, with smaller gardens, it is more important to have safe exercise areas. Otherwise we're just depriving dogs of their need to run, sniff, swim and play.
2351	Rather than stopping all off-leash activity, if any changes were to be made, it would make more sense to have dog hours like at most beaches, i.e. before 10am, and after 5pm
2371	More patrols and stricter rules need to be in place for on lead times at pt. Chev beach

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2434	Let common sense prevail
2481	Why are you doing these changes. I would like to know your real reasoning behind the proposed changes
2515	Keep the signage well displayed and very clear. I think once people in general understand the rules they will abide by them.
2545	no. this is merely Auckland Council wasting ratepayers money. (again)
2599	Again consistent well sign posted rules and enforcement , you can have all the by laws in the world but if you dont enforce them you are wasting your time
2670	Please seriously think about the impacts these changes are going to have on our furry friends. You are just clearly thinking about non-dog owners with these changes and not realising the significant impact this will have on dog owners and the dogs themselves.
2767	I think there is inadequate off leash walking available. Dogs need off leash walking to be able to sniff, explore and walk freely. I think the dog park concept is terrible, people standing around while their dogs play and get hyped up is not good calming exercise. I have never heard of trouble at Waikowhai, where people walk (and don't stand around). The TMA's management of the mountains with long grass and generally decreasing access, is further reducing places to walk dogs. The council needs to provide more off leash places. The Watercare park in Creamery Rd Mangere could be taken over and maintained properly, the cemeteries could become dog walking places (probably on leash).
2809	No
2876	We need to give the dogs our pets a good life, and where they are able to run and socialise with other dogs- off leash areas are important with good smells and good access to home (walking distance or short drives) as well as having a cafe is great as able to practice social skills of relaxing at cafes for dogs. makes greater use of the parks and beaches
3470	I would like to see more effective responses to dangerous and unsupervised or under supervised dogs. I imagine this would involve better resourcing for animal control officers and likely more of them.
3720	The more you continue to restrict off lead areas, giving dog owners nowhere nearby to go, the more people will ignore the rules altogether. And that would cause more harm than good.
3771	Once again more policing needed.. regular patrols in our parks. Dog control rarely visible in parks.. too busy with urban street issues. Love to see parks and reserve dog rangers.
3915	They should have plenty of doggie rubbish bins for owners to dispose of poo
3959	Council should focus on getting rid of unruly people that make life harder for their community Dogs are usually loved and people who make an effort to walk their dogs usually are aware of the rules around this
3960	Please preserve as many off-leash areas as possible! This leads to much happier, more settled and less aggressive dogs.
4152	More dog access is wanted not less. Deal with those who break rules rather than change rules for all.
4211	Have more areas onleash only between 10am-5pm all year. Dog owners are a minority they can use the park off peak, dogs prefer to be out at these times anyway.
4533	It's really important to have off leash areas for dogs in central Auckland especially. Many people have small or no backyards and the public off leash spaces provide the dogs critical spaces to exercise and socialise.

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4595	In general I think that good data should be collected about whether there is any serious concern to wildlife or humans on every beach or park. Dogowners should be consulted.
4794	Pets improve our physical and mental health; they are the best medicine for our general well-being. Dogs make us happy, reduce stress levels and are great companions. Please don't ignore the importance of our pets having a place where they can run free off-leash.
4876	I would like to see some proper fenced off dog parks so I can take my dog to meet other dogs who are ok to be off leash rather than the open areas where you get a mix of both off leash and on leash which can lead to tensions
4960	Please listen to the communities that will be greatly affected by this.
4964	There are so few options for dog owners please do not restrict across Auckland just because of a few bad owners
5022	I think it is really important to remember that dogs need a safe space to run and exercise in. Monte Cecilia is ideal for this. It is easily accessible to a lot of people and I've never personally had an issue with dogs and/or people. I fully support the restrictions in place at beaches in particular summer hours, and along areas where there may be nesting birds.
5044	Reducing open space for dog to exercise will not reduce dog attacks.
5133	Dogs should be allowed on beaches at all times but on leash over the summer period. Also, the summer period for dogs not being allowed on beaches is too long, it should match the school holidays
5163	No
5169	No
5360	Please keep Monte Cecilia off leash. Thanks you for addressing the professional dog walkers that have got out of hand with too many dogs.
5382	If you restrict access as planned, this will create unsocialized dogs with risky behavior around the public and other dogs. People will break the rules even more if their local dog park or beach is no longer accessible. We need more safe spaces for dogs, and information about these locations must be clear and easy to find for dog owners. It is currently very difficult to find dog-friendly locations and to understand exactly which areas allow dogs, what the access routes are, etc. Even adding a search option on the council website that allows users to find all current off-leash locations would make it much easier. Instead we rely on friends/locals to suggest dog-friendly places, have to search on the council website for those specific locations, with the exact name, and dog walking section. I'm sure there are many places near me that I don't know are dog-friendly simply because the information is so hard to find on your site. If this were easier, there would be less rule-breaking, as people would actually know where to go.

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5469	Dogs do need access to beaches and parks, maybe before and after times when the general public make the most use of those areas. Dogs (and owners) do enjoy being off lead/watching their animals run freely on beaches and at parks. Dog owners do understand that having dogs running around busy areas at peak times is stressful for all. Removing access to areas is stressful for all pet owners and pets who do have their own social crowds they enjoying running with.
5500	Auckland is a hard city to have a dog in
5522	Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options
5642	I think we should allow for more off-lead areas for dog walking.
5679	More off lead parks for dogs would be great. There is becoming less and less places to run dogs off lead.
5879	I do not support the removal or reduction of off leash dog areas at local parks or beaches. In fact, I believe that more places should be considered for off leash areas. For dogs to get proper exercise and have good mental health they need to be able to run around, burn off ebergery and socialise with other dogs in a safe environment. It is proven that dogs are friendlier and less hostile to unknown dogs when interacting off lead. The value of their exercise on lead constantly is just not the same. I can't run around with my dog on lead due to his speed! There are already only limited places in central Auckland that are off leash, please don't reduce these places, they are so valuable to our communities. Thanks.
5920	I think these law should fine those people who are not responsible to their dog and environment but most of people are lovely and respectful so they should loss their right to enjoy the life just because of that 1%
5937	Signage about the access rules should be prominent and up to date, ensuring all are aware and can comply
5941	Is it possible to have animal control officers patrol To ensure dogs and walkers are safe, especially at the Onehunga Basin., Perhaps volunteers could be given the authority to report unsafe dog management if there are not enough funds for officers? I am too nervous to go to the Onehunga Basin as I am nearly 80yrs old and fully appreciate the expertise and support of dog owners at Mt Cecelia,
6008	Definitely restrict the number of dogs a dog walker can have. Those have got a bit out of control
6013	Aucklanders live in smaller spaces than ever, and have record numbers of companion animals. It is only responsible of the council to cater for the wellbeing of our dogs and our people by developing dog friendly on and off leash areas.
6031	When on holiday at Piha beach last year during winter, I noticed differentiated rules along the beach. It ranged from off-leash over on-leash to no dogs allowed. The latter was an area where Little Blue Penguin were breeding. I noticed a man with 3 Pitbull-type dogs off leash walking the entire length of the beach, totally disregarding any signs/rules. Dog owners clearly disregard the rules, particularly when they seem to be given a choice. The lack of enforcement further encourages dog owners to disobey the bylaws. There seems to be a chronic shortage of animal management officers. If dog owners were fined a minimum of 300\$ for not keeping their dogs on leash in clearly signposted areas, that would not only send out a message to defiant offenders but it would also generate revenue to pay for a sufficient number of animal management officers.

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6057	Only that with more accommodation within Auckland having very limited outdoor area, it is important that dogs are given the opportunity to exercise and socialise readily and locally. We do not want owners to have to clog up Auckland roads taking their dog to off leash areas many kilometres away. Owning a dog for many people is extremely beneficial for mental health reasons, with many owners congregating at off leash areas to meet, greet and chat.
6074	Please don't make monte Cecilia park on leash
6078	More off leashes spaces please!
6090	No I think council is doing a good job re dogs. 🐕 I don't think it needs to change
6103	It should remain the same stop with nonsense and stop changing the rules
6107	Overall I feel all beaches should have a section that is permanently dog free no matter the season. Some parks can have dogs (on and off leash) but some parks should have no dogs at all. Especially where there are play grounds dog rules should be more strict or prohibited to avoid confusion. There are some really nice and rule-following owners but unfortunately they are a small minority in my experience so clearer rules and more no dog areas would reduce conflict, confusion and all can enjoy these spaces more.
6129	Signs with expectations displayed reinforce habits.
6140	What's the purpose of changing should be the first thing to consider. If it's for environmental reasons, yes that's good to discuss. Not because these people have no where to take their kids?
6146	Majority of dog owner's are responsible. Larger consequences for the small minority that break the rules, but that shouldn't have to mean all dog owners have to be punished. More house holds have dogs these days, and the local board should acknowledge this and continue to support these local communities
6148	please don't change the rules no
6166	There will likely be a growing community of urban dog owners in the Auckland region that are looking for accessible dog-friendly parks and beaches for off-leash activities. This needs to be taken into account by local government to accommodate this needs, both to accessible dog-friendly areas, and dog-friendly transport options.
6172	Why are all these things being proposed to be removed? Have there been issues? I always see so many young people making community groups. Which is so nice to see
6344	Dogs off leash areas give the dogs a chance to play and socialise. It's great for their wellbeing & the mental health of the owners.
6427	More off leash time on the beach in summer
6444	I have recently been the victim of an aggressive dog. My dog was nearly killed by this dog at Waiataru Reserve. The attacking dog had history, no collar, no leash. During the event, it bit my husband too. This happened 10 October 2024. The dog has now been realised from the shelter back to the owner. My point is - let's get the problem dogs out of the community for good. The responsible dog owners and families need to be safe from these dog and NOT have unfair restrictions place on them.
6532	Stop making our parks less useful
6581	We desperately need more freedom for registered responsible dog owners
6598	Please reconsider these changes and don't leave dog owners with even less places to go
6654	No

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6756	Please don't stop me from enjoying the local parks and beaches, with my dog who is my companion. Designated areas allow those that don't want to be by dogs a safe space and a safe space for us to play with our dogs
6789	Please see my written submission
6801	Reducing the number of parks that dogs can access and the number of off-leash areas will funnel more dogs into less spaces - this can be dangerous if there are too many dogs accessing one park, and if some of the dogs are reactive.
6840	Dogs should be on leash at all beach and parks and playground. At the moment dogs just come up to others without control by their owner. Many young children are scared of dogs and should be able to enjoy been out without feeling scared.
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11	See prior comments about animal management officers being more frequently visible to enforce current rules.
60	Beaches are for everyone. Too many dogs at suburban beaches is awful. Owners ignore rules and have seen several not pick up poo, gross for everyone else
109	As above. Good dog owners exercising friendly animals are an asset.
167	Responsible dog owners should have their dogs under control when allowing their dogs to go off leash, and I think there could be qualifications that people can go through with their dogs to prove that e.g. canine good citizen.
173	I think as a rate payer for 31 years in Auckland, and I've always been a responsible dog owner with a dog license that I should have the right to walk and exercise my dog responsibly at my local park as I've always done.
197	No
268	As an active member of my community, I strive to see the benefits of both sides of these proposed changes. I understand the importance of creating a safe environment for sports, which plays an instrumental role in fostering community spirit. However, vastly limiting dog access to both Madill's and Glover Parks risks creating an unwanted divide within the community, undermining the inclusivity and shared enjoyment these spaces provide.
282	Dogs are becoming more and more widely recognised as family. Westfield Newmarket and many local malls ie Eastridge and Orakei Bay Village welcome dogs as do many hotels. In Victoria it is illegal to discriminate against renters on pets. Why is Auckland Council going against progression and punishing responsible dog lovers.
306	No
320	I honestly have no idea why i'm even bothering filling this out. as it's an auckland council proposal, this will go ahead completely unchanged and no-one will even read this feedback. STOP RUINING AUCKLAND
322	With so many proposed plans reducing dog access to sport pitches, should some of them succeed, I think there's is an increasing need for regular dog access areas throughout the year in all residential suburbs. For example if sport pitches and beaches are prohibited, what extra provisions are being made in local beach communities?
339	It is essential that dog access in parks is expanded not restricted, there are already too few areas

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344	Kohi beach
346	Stop wasting money trying to amend rules that don't need amending and focus on the bigger issues in our community!
361	In Orakei I don't believe these restrictions are a good idea at all.
365	Dogs need freedom! And to socialise to learn to be well mannered and tempered.
371	You have a requirement to listen to the majority of users. Not just a minority that use the park as a sports field for sporting activities. We all pay our rates and therefore should all get access to our parks whether it be walking dogs or playing football. It would be completely undemocratic to stop dog walkers walking their dogs on the sports fields at Glover Park.
372	Dogs deserve a place to run around off lead and taking that away isn't fair for them or their owners.
379	dogs deserve places to run free and smell too
386	Restricting parks further for dog users only means limited options to walk dogs, having to travel by car to get to a dog park and more dogs on more limited space. There are plenty of dog free parks and areas already and people can choose to frequent these if they don't feel comfortable near dogs. No reason to add more restrictions.
388	Summer access for beaches makes absolute sense (and likely helps save dogs from being taken on hot sand on hot days) but the off leash on water line to on leash on the beach is complicated and confusing....perhaps just allowing off leash under control (which off leash should always be) on the beach anyway?
390	The proposed changes seem unbalanced. I don't complain about cyclist using these paths at parks. We all have share and just get on with it but be respectful and responsible.
397	Over the bureaucratic right that eastern bays football think they have over residents in the area - don't play football but the rubbish they leave behind is far worse than a dog
398	There should be more areas with off leash where dogs are held under control
403	Yes these changes seem to be confining dogs to private property. How is the council proposing to deal with the animal welfare issues which will arise as a result?
406	The number of people using the Mairangi and Glover parks for sport significantly exceeds the dog users. We need to value our green spaces and allow the continued use for physical exercise.
417	There should be a better mix of dog off leash walking beaches and people/children/non dog lover beaches at all times of day and year. For example from Mission Bay to St Heliers there are a number of beaches all with the same dog access rules which preclude responsible dog owners from being able to walk and socialize their dogs except at certain hours which do not align with everyone's schedules. If one or two of those beaches were dog off lead beaches at all times and year round, people could have the choice of which beach best suits their vibe and needs. The same for all Auckland's coastline and beaches so that all residents have all options nearby at all times of day and all days of the year
422	Dogs are great and have the right to these spaces
426	No
430	The proposed changes are progressive towards balance
450	Unclear if "allowable water areas" includes the sand right next to the waterline. Dogs run in and out of the water while walking along the beach and not sure if this is allowed after 5pm in summer or if they would still need to be on a lead
455	No
461	Have large openly available spaces for dog off-leash training or you will push the problem elsewhere
468	No

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473	The times dogs are allowed off lead/on lead in summer and winter is reasonable as it gives both humans and dogs a chance to enjoy the local beaches in a safe manner.
480	Keep in mind demographically dog owners tend to have the time and energy to lobby aggressively. Less so eg parents with young children. The dog lobby has been given a lot of access rights in the past decade or so. Enough is enough.
489	We're very lucky to have so many parks and beach areas. Unfortunately the beaches often have dog excrement on the sand and the parks have holes in them. I think if dog owners needed to keep them on leash this would improve. Thanks
490	No
497	Maybe more fenced areas for off leash dogs, as I don't think a lot of city dog owners today understand what "under control" actually means.
505	I would like Council to consider allowing dogs on beaches during peak time like summer only if the weather is raining and unlikely to be used by families wanting to enjoy the beach.
519	No dogs should be allowed at local beaches and local parks. Especially weekends when people are out to enjoy
520	Council is gradually stopping areas for dogs and want them leashed all the time xx target bad owners not all dogs .
549	If madills farm is no longer an off leash park for dogs, then please develop a local park where dogs can be off leash.
551	Keep the current arrangement
567	Appreciate that the councils allow us some off leash time on the city beaches in the summer. Very beneficial for helping keep dogs exercised & settled for the day
587	n/a
600	We need significantly better enforcing of dog regulations and a public education program to identify and discourage antisocial dog owner behaviours. Owners may love their dogs but they need to realise others may not and that everyone (including those who are intimidated by dogs) have a right to enjoy our parks reserves and always without harassment
610	On leash is generally fine. People will always take their dogs off leash and as properties get smaller and gardens get smaller, people need places to exercise their dogs off leash. Please do not ban all off leash dog activities. I do not support restricting dog access in places they were allowed. I might support on leash changes.
611	All current rules work well. Please do not change them
621	No
637	Clarifying the rules is sensible but care should be taken not to prejudice the majority of the park users.
654	This is all anti dogs. Dogs needs public spaces, by restricting dogs you are discouraging people from taking them out, exercising and socialising which will lead to negative effects on dogs wellbeing and socialising and thus cause behavioural issues. It's also cruel. ***** this person coming up with these proposed changes.
658	No. I respect dogs and humans alike and see the needs for rules. Shame can't ban humans though.
660	What is the point of having dog access rules when council fail to enforce them. Hand out instant fines in the same way that you enforce parking rules and we would suddenly have almost universal compliance.

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662	New Zealand is already the most unfriendly dog place I have ever lived, compared to Europe and the USA. Dogs are life companions and while they need to be under control at times, they have very little access to public places. In other countries, I could take my dog everywhere, to the library, on public transport and into shopping malls. NZ is really lagging behind.
678	Keep dog off leash areas at Madills and Glover Park
691	No
702	There should not be a reduction in parks where dogs are able to have access to / be off leash). I pay my rates, as well as PAYE, so I don't see why people playing sport should have more "rights" to public spaces as I should with my dog.
717	Frequently dogs off leash during on leash hours at st Heliers beach. Seen numerous times people being knocked off their feet by off leash dogs.
729	Clear signs on beaches and parks. Signage is very confusing. Please do not cut down the area allowed for madills and glover, for our four legged friends. Infill housing has cut down dogs lawns! Enough enough council stop taking! Why not fully fence two of the soccer fields. Leave te rest for the rate paying public to use and enjoy.
737	As a resident living next to Glover Park, I can confirm that there is a much bigger burden placed on the park by sports people than by dog walkers. We are constantly unable to access our driveway by sports people blocking it, and by causing traffic congestion around the area. In addition, there is copious rubbish left by sports teams.
760	As long as dog owners are responsible I dont see nay reason why dogs should not be allowed in local parks.
769	Absolute joke. Have some common sense and allow dogs who most consider family members the freedom to run off leash. I've never seen one harm anyone or destroy the ground. Stop controlling it's disgusting and allow people to use common sense
806	I support the current beach access (season and time) rules and hope that these do not also change.
808	Please keep Madills ava for dogs .
836	Status quo in Maddills/Glover please. Change Crossfield reserve to off leash at all times on the outside of the path around the park
874	The council needs to reconsider this proposal and prioritize solutions that reflect the diverse needs of all park users not just the few. A balanced approach can safeguard sports surfaces while ensuring sufficient off-leash space for dogs and their owners.
875	Thanks for doing a great job of managing these really important community spaces.
879	Dogs under control represent a significant social good for the community. They promote harmony and community spirit among all of us. Pitting dog owners against sporting people is a terrible idea and should be dropped. These facilities are public and should be available for all to use.
890	CREATE MORE NOT LESS! STOP TAKING ACCESS AND OFF LEASH AREAS AWAY.
907	Too many dogs on Auckland beaches
927	Local parks should be used by the locals not for sports clubs.
931	No
937	I support dog walkers with many dogs. They play an important part to our community and our pets. The dogs are trained to socialise with other dogs, get well exercised and a happier pets and owners.
944	As a woman who walks her dog alone most mornings it is important to me, and other women , that we have access to a flat, open park where we can see and be seen from all angles. Heavy bush may conceal predators which makes Madill's Farm a particularly safe, sociable park for local residents' recreation. Not all of us want to kick a ball to get our exercise, and we have the right through the payment of our not-inconsiderable rates to enjoy our local amenities as we see fit.

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947	I believe current rules are working well and don't need to be tampered with
952	All you are doing is making the parks more restrictive for dogs. Dogs are part of the family and should be allowed on leash.
953	No
962	Dogs off leash at beaches after 5:00pm and before 10:00am
997	I love how our city is dog friendly in many areas. Please consider adding more opportunities for off leash dog areas in our ever expanding city. Building more houses on less land does not equate to a happy living environment for animals and humans. They/we need space to run and be free. Many families chose to move to Auckland originally because of homes with gardens, parks and space. The kiwi dream (especially in the city) is getting less dreamlike every time you add more restrictions to our already limited off leash resources.
1023	Give dogs space to play. Don't just take them all away!!
1028	We need increased compliance monitoring and an instant fine process for those who breach the rules . It is frustrating that owners think it is ok for dogs to be off leash on streets leading to off leash areas.
1032	We shouldn't discourage exercise for dogs on beaches and in parks if the dogs are under control and owners pick up poo. Deal with the small number of delinquent owners - don't penalise all.
1037	Stop penalising dog owners!!!! Our dogs are our family. What about stopping careless cricket/football players and their supporters from leaving food scraps and garbage behind after a game every single weekend that we have to clean up.
1056	No
1064	leave the rules as they are. They are not abused. you will end up having people break the rules because there will be no where else to run their dogs.
1107	Don't change things, there are no reasons for change
1117	Responsible dog owners should not be punished for the few who may not obey the current rules
1126	Signage is often inconsistent with an old sign re dog seasonal hours still up when replaced - St Heliers beach is an example of two signs with conflicting information.
1128	Good dog owners should not be punished with restrictions because of bad dog owners. More/higher punishments for bad dog owners. Leave good dog owners alone.
1133	Forestry is my dogs favorite beach and he would be devastated not to be allowed there again
1183	The Council need to be mindful that dog owners need to have community park areas available for dog walking.
1188	Parks and beaches are there for all to enjoy with existing restrictive rules allowing this to happen. No more unnecessary regulations dreamed up by a bunch of bureaucrats please
1248	Very pleased to see so many changes. Too many dogs everywhere and uncontrolled. Please make sure there is an email address or phone number on each sign so that people can report people flaunting the rules.
1251	Why has this even been suggested?
1270	If the motivation is to reduce dog attacks, I have NEVER in my 12 years in the area seen a dog attack at madills park
1278	N./a

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1279	A dog is often the substitute for humans and is a huge emotional crunch to many people living on their own. Hiding behind the excuse to remove present access to public venues because of dog faeces being left behind is not a good enough excuse to changes these present rules. Police the present rules. Also please publish the list of those elected officials who vote for the rules to be changed so that those complaining can vote for them at the next election.
1304	Please bring back the bins!!!!
1313	No
1338	No I've already said it thanks
1349	Council is making it too hard with these new changes. Keep it simple!!!
1361	As a dog owner I think the swimmers only areas on beaches should be more clearly defined
1409	Leve local park alone - keep off the off leash dogs areas as is, there is not enough of them as it is.
1416	Waitarua Park
1420	I would like to know how many current OLB members have a dog or dogs and who voted for these changes.
1421	Dogs should always be allowed on lead and in most places allowed off lead as well. It should be an exception where this is restricted.
1436	really just in general, would like more beach access for dogs - this contributes to the quality of life, both physical and mental. We all need fresh air and green open spaces!
1564	No
1631	When there are sports in play (including organised club or school practices) then the rule is that you either walk your dog on the footpath or you leash your dog and stick to the perimeter of the park. That's fair. A lot of also walk these parks early in the morning and there is no one in sight so prohibiting dogs 24/7 is barbaric !
1711	Please do not change Waiatarua Reserve in Ellerslie. This is a wonderful, well used, off lease dog park. Thank you.
1715	The beach rules are pretty clear and make sense.
1778	Leave the rules as they are. Do not complicate anything. It is only going to cause separation within our communities.
1789	current beach and park access is a useful off leash exercise space and need available rubbish and water stations for cleanliness and welfare. It is just hard when these places are over run with pack walkers
1811	This cannot be changed, it would be such a tragedy to all those who enjoy the shared use of these parks.
1844	I think there needs to be consideration for opening up fenced dog parks and dog beaches locally. The closest dog peach is 40minuted away, if they have there own space it means people and dogs can co exist peacefully.
1871	No
1886	I appreciate data could be difficult to collate on this, but having read the 2024 findings report, I struggle to see how this could reasonably support such restrictive changes to dog exercise areas.
1905	stop restricting dog access more and more, it creates more problems. create more spaces for off leash dog exercise.
1915	Current rules are sensible and accommodate for all people in our community.
1938	There will be hundreds of devastated dogs if you ban them from Maddills
1949	Please do not restrict dog access. There is already a shortage of off-leash dog parks/beaches and a growing number of local households that own dogs.

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1951	Parks are there for everyone to enjoy. Most of the families who take their kids to play sport at these parks have dogs.
1952	Dogs are a “family member” and should be allowed to be at sports fields etc UNDER CONTROL.. during sports games they should always be ON LEASH. I think prohibiting dogs from sports fields is wrong and over the top to be honest!
1957	More fenced off leash dog exercise areas would be a huge benefit to the city.
1963	Please review your Proposed Policy in Appendix A, and the proposed maps for local parks in Appendix B as these contradict eachother
1971	No
1978	No
1997	Please consult people who train dogs, such as the Blind Foundation, before making any decisions
2030	Dogs are an important part of a social, happy city. They provide opportunities for interactions, reduce stress and anxiety. The problem is never dogs but owners who haven’t trained or don’t take good care of their dogs. The focus should be on those not in limiting the liberty of good dogs and owners.
2032	I love the shared spaces in our community. I don't think that these parks should be exclusive for one type of community member (those who don't have dogs, those who play sports). Dogs have important health benefits for their humans and they deserve a good quality of life themselves. Off leash areas are really important for the exercise of dogs and their owners.
2048	Stop being exclusionary of dogs and their owners.
2057	Stop punishing responsible dog owners.
2067	Mt Taylor to be allowed dog friendly with controlled off leash any time
2094	I really like that dogs are restricted at Auckland beaches and not banned altogether. If people follow the rules then the beaches can be enjoyed by everyone.
2108	Please help us to retain Madills Farm, Kohimarama as a happy and secure area for everyone to enjoy. It gives a great deal of pleasure to many dog owners and especially those with little interaction with other people - a very important social centre in the heart of the area.
2139	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2160	No signs up in the park with the proposed changes, you honestly seem to be making it as hard as possible to understand this and constructively comment
2180	I use Kohi beach with my dog regularly and I think the rules there are very fair to all and should remain as is. Parks and beaches are for all Aucklanders to enjoy and use NOT just a chosen few. I have found dog owners very conscientious regarding their pets behaviour and picking up any waste as they appreciate having the use of these great spaces
2214	The proposed changes are unnecessary. So many potential negative consequences that will cost the council money it doesn’t have - simply to silence a few people who complain about the rare instances an owner doesn’t pick up after their dog.
2217	Don't change
2224	Please leave it as is. Madness that the council thinks all cannot live in harmony! Thank you
2237	Yes, open them all up to dogs and let them live their lives.

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2259	The council I see is also trying to change dog access to beaches by only allowing dogs off leash in the water. That is quite ridiculous, especially for those like me whose wheelchair is not waterproof.
2262	They should be allowed assess.
2267	Not at this time;
2287	No
2298	No
2306	Better enforcement of rules around keeping dogs on leash on beaches is needed. Bigger fines needed as deterrents.
2344	There should be more enforcement action rather than restricted rights for everyone, because restricted rights for everybody simply impacts those who are already responsible owners, and those who are not continue to cause issues and the changes won't achieve the intended result
2353	Beach access times in summer and winter make sense Not allowing them on unused or open sports fields doesn't especially when walking from home.
2360	no
2385	I believe all owners of registered dogs have a right to use the parks freely. During the Summer months only, the only beach rule I would consider fair would be to allow dogs on the beach in the morning until 9.00am then again after 5.00pm thereby giving beach goers an opportunity to use the beach without dogs. this could apply from mid December through until school returns at the beginning of February or just after Waitangi Weekend.
2394	Please take care of our environment.
2401	Council is trying to classify all owners and all dogs as the being the same rather than trying to educate and if necessary, prosecute those who do not act appropriately and after being educated fail to change.
2406	Different beaches have different rules so please put the rules up. Orakei local board- why are dogs not allowed off leash in the summer? It seems unduly restricted when there are not people around.
2415	Please don't make it harder for dog owners to exercise our beloved pets. We pay (quite hefty) registration fees for our dogs and deserve to reap some public benefits from this. Restricting access would also be yet another barrier to dog ownership, which should be encouraged given how overrun our animal shelters are. The vast majority of dog owners are respectful of the dog access rules at parks and beaches. The council should be directing their resources towards helping stray and violent dogs, rather than further restricting the access for responsible dog owners and their well trained and loved pets.
2427	The current rules should stay the same and dogs should be allowed at local parks, as they are meant for everyone in the community to enjoy. The parks were given to the people for this reason and going against the wishes of those who donated it is quite upsetting and they would be disgraced.
2439	I do not have the time to review the rules at all local parks and reserves, suffice to say, there needs to be decent off-leash areas for dogs to run and play. Dogs become naughty when they can't get the exercise they need, not all of us are capable runners and able to run our dogs on a lead but most of us are responsible owners who do their best by the community and their pets. Do better and provide more options for dog owners who obey the rules rather than imposing more rules because of the complainers.
2463	It is important to maintain areas for off leash walking of dogs in the central Auckland region. A majority of dog owners are responsible. Aid good behaviour by sufficient bins and offering recyclable bags. Continue to maintain areas and provide good cover for bird life with plantings.

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2467	.
2469	Nobody at council enforces the current rules so why bother changing them? Secondly, dogs and their owners pay rates to access local parks and beaches. The proposed changes are draconian and ban dogs from completely empty spaces.
2495	Keep Madills and Glover parks open for all dogs to use and do not implement the proposed changes
2541	Responsible dog owners pay their dog registration to fund the collection of bad dog owners. We have very few places where we can exercise our dogs. The majority of down owners these changes affect are rate payers too. Every second house in St Heliers has at least one dog. We are dog lovers and want to be able to let our pet dogs run unrestricted off lead. The only 2 places in Orakei board we can go you want to reduce in size. I do not support this at all.
2548	I think all rules work at the moment. Most dog owners are responsible enough to look after there dogs and collect there poo and dispose of it. Please do not take away dog parks , these are safe places for dogs and also there owners
2557	Adding further restrictions will do little to address the main problems in the dog community, such as roaming dogs and owners/walkers with no control over their dogs. Instead, resources should focus on enforcing existing bylaws and addressing these larger concerns. The current system works when applied effectively, and no changes are needed.
2569	Stop making dog ownership harder.
2574	Big mistake reducing options for authorised off lead areas
2576	Someone obviously has the pricker.... This needs to be fair and reasonable for all park and beach users. This is getting way to PC, be real, allow the parks and beaches to be used for their intended purpose...
2594	As per comments
2604	The people that are creating these amendments need to get a dog and stop being sad
2618	No
2656	The park is owned by ratepayers and therefore should be used by all people including dogs. I have never witnessed any issues with any dogs in the years I have been there and the damage to the fields is being made by the soccer players not the dogs. There are no other safe and enjoyable places to take dogs who need outdoor off leash exercise so these parks are needed for them.
2657	No. Just very hard to balance all interests.
2660	We should be addressing dog owner responsibilities through education and tackling the large number of roaming dogs. This will have a greater, more positive impact on everyone. Tightening rules will cause frustration by good dog owners and no change to irresponsible dog owners who won't care.
2677	Don't change anything, there are plenty of places and times that dogs aren't allowed, so don't take away the few that are left
2683	Beaches off leash should be banned after 7am. I often go kayak fishing and when we return dogs are running at the kayak and jumping all over it to smell the fish. My son quiete often doesn't want to go as he's worried about dogs.
2703	Re Madills Farm and Glover Park, perhaps there is a hybrid option where 2 of the more heavily used fields are taken out of action? Is there a summer vs winter option that might enable a bit of a compromise. On Madills Farm, can you remove the 5th field closest to the playground from the restrictions so there is somewhere for the dogs to run that enables them to stretch their legs.

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2744	I think it is good to have allocated areas where dogs can be off leash. Kohi beach is a good example. It's sports fields that I personally see as a real issue. Not sure how you change the attitude of the owners but that whole sense of entitlement is the other issue you encounter when you ask owners to be respectful and responsible. I've even seen a goal disallowed in a National League game (this is the highest level of domestic football in NZ) because two owners had their dogs off-leash beside the field and let them play. Their response was "they're only having fun"!!!
2745	In areas where dog owners are responsible the rules should be liberal for the benefit of all.
2752	Educate the people!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! First and foremost.
2755	Do something about the unregistered and dangerous dogs in south Auckland.
2766	The dog community cares about dogs and parks. Most of us are very responsible and pick up after our dogs. There will always be a few who don't, but they should not ruin it for the majority. Maybe you need a refresher education campaign reminding people to pick up the dog poo not a blanket ban on the land. Leave Madills as it is, it is a valued community asset and the sports people do not have the right to take this from the greater community. Lets work together to all enjoy it the way it is.
2776	The current rules and access works and there is no need to change them and make it more difficult for dog owners to find safe spaces to meet and exercise their dogs.
2786	I understand changing rules for the safety of our wild life but changing them so that private companies can have 'better' access completely defeats the purpose of a public park
2792	No
2817	I feel that responsible owners are penalised again for the ones who don't care - they should be not allowed to own dogs - register the owner and any breaches then ownership of a dog should be taken away
2825	Please take into consideration the place our dogs have in our families. Other animals such as cats are not being restrained to this degree and it's unfair.
2831	Please take this feedback onboard, there are many unhappy dog owners.
2835	I like and abide by the summer winter rules for beach access with dogs. I love walking my dog along the beach everyday. I frequently pick up rubbish whilst your council employees sit and enjoy the view. Please as a council do more about the disgusting rubbish and litter left behind everyday at Mission Bay. Never any dog poo. Ok maybe the odd incident but far more lazy people. We need litter fines. We need enforcement on alcohol drunk on the beach, glass bottles left behind. Focus on this as a council please.
2836	no
2861	I think that the Summer times for dogs of before 10am and after 5pm is well-balanced.
2926	More provision should be made for dog exercise areas, particularly off leash. prepeople who take their dogs for exercise are responsible dog owners. The problems associated with dogs are due to unregistered dogs and dogs that are allowed to roam freely, these often being unregistered animals. Council should focus upon enforcing registration and preventing wandering dogs. Council should not punish responsible dog owners by removing facilities for dog exercise and play.
2941	Yes this is grossly unfair for the dogs and dog owners who pay taxes and dog registration All we want to do is share the fields.
3041	I do not agree with the new rules that Auckland Council are proposing for Madills Farm.

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3074	I feel that 95% of dog owners are responsible. Focus on the stray/roaming population and the abuse cycles that are happening constantly leading to more and more dogs being put down in the pounds.
3096	Please make any changes sensible and focused on addressing specific issues, not knee-jerk blanket bans because a very small group of dog owners can't manage their dogs.
3097	Dog owners, who allow fouling of parks, beaches, etc. should receive a large fine. Responsible dog owners shouldn't suffer because of a few irresponsible dog owners. The sports clubs are not the sole arbiters of Madill's Farm, which was gifted to the community.
3107	Please start by fixing the root cause of the problem (irresponsible dog ownership) & take the opportunity to reframe what dogs look like in a high-functioning society as per France, the UK, Hungary, Germany. The proposed rules curb my individual freedoms & access rights - why should this be so when I'm responsible owner & my medium sized pup leaves only his paw prints behind? Take the opportunity to reframe dog access - make it more generous in line with modern times. Make dog ownership harder to have - sort out the good folks from the bad.
3135	Help educate rogue dog owners and wandering, non registered dogs. We dog owners who are responsible bring in over \$17 million in revenue for Auckland Council - let us use the parks
3238	Keep madills farm dog friendly
3251	Regarding the beaches. I think rules around dog access should be consistent across Tamaki Makaurau for the times dogs can be on/off leash in the morning and at the end of the day. At the moment, you have to look up the times beforehand for each beach - why? More clarity is needed. There is a place for dogs to be on the beach as they just love the space/water etc. so again provide the fun for the dogs/families with clear rules across all the beaches.
3262	Again it would be a shame to see Madills Farm rules to be changed. You could ban trees as kids fall out of them on the park. This would be silly but soccer, touch players will be injured. My grandsons both play on fields that are only for sport and they still get injured.
3273	NZ is a country of dog lovers with a high percentage of pet owners. Despite this, we have so many rules and regulations that are restrictive, overbearing and unsupportive compared to other countries. The truth is NZ is not as "pet friendly" as we pretend to be. I find that frustrating and am always rather shocked when I find a place that is warm and welcoming toward our 4-legged child.
3287	No
3305	The rules are fine the way they are, just leave them alone.
3311	Leave the dog access rules for Glover Park and Madills Reserve as they are. Option 1
3325	Not at the moment.
3327	The lack of publicity over the proposed changes has been woeful. Council haven't bothered to put a single up in Madills Farm to notify park users of what is under consideration. Appalling.
3345	More patrolling to catch offenders please
3351	I feel that dog walking services abide by the rules and are more responsible than many of the general public. I myself have witnessed over many years that some dog owners can be most unreasonable when exercising their dog but the professional dog walkers have a reputation to uphold and only employ staff who understand dogs and carry out their task in a responsible manner. Perhaps the dog walking professional handlers should be registered like the dogs they control and look after.

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3358	Yes, I've been making these submissions and presentations to Auckland Council for fifteen years and it's the same issue again and again. You have a media headline of a dog attack on another animal/s or person and use that to demonise all dogs and their owners. You're quite happy to take our rates and dog registration fees but loathe to discuss the real problem we have with dogs in our city - unfit owners who refuse to desex their dogs, are cruel and abusive to their dogs and leave it up to the many faceless independent animal welfarists to rescue pups, desex dogs and rehome them if we can and finance it all ourselves. During Covid there were messages from various local and national politicians spouting how important our companion animals were for our mental and physical wellbeing and that's true. But then when there's a negative regarding same the kneejerk reaction is to blame us all and ban dogs from being part of a community's every day life. Our dogs need off leash access to a variety of parks 24/7 and we to our beaches at certain times during certain seasons which we've submitted and presented on as well. It's called sharing your community. The soccer and cricket clubs have a place and no one is saying they are to be banned. But stop allowing some very selfish people from taking over our parks purely for their own leisure. It's undemocratic and frankly, it's revolting.
3430	no- except keep as they are
3442	No not for the moment but I'll likely get back again to you once I've looked into your proposals for Kohi beach.
3457	For the most part I do not see any need to change the current rules and regulations read dogs at beaches and parks, all I see is that there is a move to limit Dog and their owners access to these areas when it is not necessary
3468	These laws are made by people who have are ill informed and who do not have the communities best interests as a priority. They are in the wrong job
3479	The rules as they stand are satisfactory
3487	The existing rules provide a great balance of amenity to all users, being dog owners, and non dog owners. NO CHANGE IS NECESSARY.
3499	I get that some people dont like dogs but dogs are absolutely a part of our everyday lives. Dont't curb our dog walkers and dont make it impossible for dogs to enjoy the beach and off lead time as they absolutely love it!
3504	Council parks should be for all users and it is up to the council to implement a solution that works for ALL users. The park isn't privately owned and we all pay rates and dog registration fees which mean we contribute to the upkeep of the park and have the right to fair use.
3514	Please leave access as it is.
3515	Please don't restrict dogs and their owners anymore! Dog owners are rate payers and have rights too! Dogs absolutely love the beach, please don't deny them an absolute pleasure of being able to run freely on a beach and in the water. Give dog owners some credit that they will appropriately manage their dog so no incidents occur. Dog owners tend to love their dogs more than anything and want more than anything to keep them safe so won't do anything stupid to put their dog or other dogs, people at risk.
3524	No
3527	Well behaved dogs and owners should not be penalised.
3535	Stick with proposed changes despite the barking of the dog owner lobby groups
3536	Get a real job.
3540	need more space for dogs to play while off leash
3571	No

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3575	Please don't remove off lead parks on communities unless there is going to be another off lead area added - it seems you're basically discouraging families to have dogs?
3582	The more you remove dog access off leash access from some parks the more pressure that will then put on the surrounding off leash dog access parks and beaches, which in turn will get more crowded with dogs (as you are restricting access to other areas and by time) and non dog owners will then complain there are too many dogs on the remaining areas. If you restrict access for dogs , the dogs don't go away, they still need to be walked and have off leash time
3591	Allow people to utilise common sense and leave the current restrictions as they are.
3594	I'd like to see more enforcement of the rules
3599	To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Council's proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw, as well as the regional and local park dog access rules. It is my firm belief that these changes undermine the fundamental principles upon which Madills Farm was gifted to the Council. Madills Farm was entrusted to the Council with the understanding that the public would have unrestricted access to this valuable community resource during times when organized sports are not being played. This access is vital for the community, providing a space for recreation, relaxation, and the enjoyment of nature with our canine companions. The proposed updates threaten to restrict this access, which would not only diminish the community's enjoyment of Madills Farm but also contradict the intentions of the original gift. It is essential that we preserve the spirit of openness and accessibility that has been a hallmark of this space. I urge the Council to reconsider these proposed updates and to honor the commitment made to the community regarding access to Madills Farm. Our parks should remain places where families, dog owners, and all members of the community can come together and enjoy the outdoors without unnecessary restrictions. Thank you for considering my views on this important matter. I look forward to your response. Sincerely, 
3601	Allow the good dog owners to continue as they are but to please really police those who are ruining the freedoms we have as good dog owners. I feel the council has almost failed us because now the rules are changing only due to council not really talking hold of the issues when they started. Why now are there wardens at the beach shoulder tapping about poo or whatever when this could have been happening all the time before this new submission to change so many rules under one full sweep. Thank you for my freedom and continued well being for having these freedoms.
3604	Simplify rules - some people ignore them because you need a law degree to understand the signage.
3609	I have lived at Madill's for more than 20 years, and do not believe there is any issue with dogs at this local park. There is no reason to change the rules.
3614	Clear signage of rules for dogs need to be visible

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3618	Keep things as the are. Alter nothing.
3646	The current rules seem to work perfectly well so there is no need to change them.
3648	Just leave the rules as they are. I am all for 'rogue' dogs (and owners) being penalised but the 99% of dogs do no harm and give their owners (and families) huge pleasure. Why regulate everyones lives...increase the penalties for irresponsible dog owners and leave the responsible owners (and their dogs) alone!!!!
3655	As a rate payer I would assume that much has been spent by the council to maintain this swamp area. Therefore why is there a threat that we can't all use the land for our various activities?
3656	No
3663	Yes. The Orakei Board is being pressured by a soccer club that does not represent the community to change rules that are part of the recreation reserves long standing by law which was part of the original gift of Madills farm to the council for the community and not for a soccer club. The Orakei board should refuse to buckle to the pressure being put on it by a sports club
3665	Overall, I feel that dogs have taken over beaches and parks. There are dogs that are out of control and dangerous. They are a very real threat to families and someone is going to get seriously hurt. Parks and beaches should be for people, not dogs. People should be able to enjoy these places without fear of harm. I am extremely concerned about a small child being killed in a local park by an out of control dog. That situation should never occur yet the current rules are completely blind to this risk.
3666	No
3667	I think it's important that local parks and beaches remain accessible for local dog walkers. Otherwise more cars will be used for "walking the dog" and the traffic in Auckland will get worse.
3674	The status quo is perfectly fine and should remain.
3682	I trust the council in making the correct decision as after all 95% of the time dogs and their owners use the parks, so why should a football game once per week restrict that.
3685	I believe that access to all amenities that people and animals share should be fair and considered. For the most part I think that beach access (later in day, off and on leash times seasonally) is balanced to give families etc the undisputed use of the beach during the day and popular times. I would hate for cookie cutter policy to change how our local park is accessed and in fact all off leash parks that are in danger of losing out to vocal sports clubs who don't want to share.
3694	Why reduce and constrict the usage of this wonderful public asset when the current rules work well and have been in place decades.
3724	I would like all humans to be reminded and enforced to take every scrap of food / rubbish / plastic/ fishing tackle home or put in the nearest bin when leaving any beach or park. Far more mess nuisance and at times injury or illness is caused to dogs by humans not taking thier rubbish home .
3741	Stop over-complicating what is, by convention, supported by common-sense behaviour. I seriously question the enforcement of these rules, which really puts in doubt the purpose of them existing in the first place (words and actions).

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3749	The Policy Objective of the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2019 is "To keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders". To my mind "keeping" is a key aspect of this. The region's dog population is growing and we need more dog access to public spaces, not less. - Any restrictions should be offset by additional dog-friendly spaces, with as much of these off-leash as possible. To do this the Council may need to fence off areas as they do successfully in the UK. - dog access rules should be kept very simple . I favour a simple traffic light system (Red - prohibited, Orange - on lead only and Green - off lead) with these same rules applied year round regardless of time of day or season. Dogs don't differentiate, why should we? - We need clear and frequent signage so people know what is expected. Current signage is inconsistent and sparse.
3752	For the reasons in my submission, I would not like to see further curbing of hours of use and restrictions that curb the socialisation of dogs and people.
3763	Please, please reconsider this proposal. You will make a lot of people very annoyed in our area. Every second house around Kohimarama has a dog and there are a lot of people that you are excluding from using the grounds.
3770	No, thank you.
3785	no
3796	Parks are for the whole community and not for just sports. Things seem to be working as they are now. Can't see a good reason to change. More dogs will be on the beaches which will cause more problems than in parks.
3799	No
3801	Beaches have fair on-peak and off-peak rules. However, these restrictions mean dog owners are limited to few accessible local parks. Restricting these parks further severely limits the community's ability to fairly exercise and socialise themselves and their dogs off-leash.
3816	No change please
3860	Any changes need enforcement through active council ranger action.
3891	Auckland Council's 2024 Dog Policy Review Findings Report suggests that the existing dog access policies are generally effective. Any considerations around balancing public use of shared spaces must consider: 1. The need for clarity: Many dog owners struggle with inconsistent rules across different parks and beaches, making it confusing to know where and when dogs are allowed. 2. The importance of flexibility: Blanket restrictions can be unnecessarily restrictive, especially for responsible owners. 3. The success of current regulations: If there's no ACTUAL evidence of issues at Madills and Glover Park , there's no justification for tightening the rules.
3900	Please see previous comment
3920	Provide bags. We have dispensers at Madills but never any bags.
3925	It would be a very sorry day in Auckland and in fact New Zealand if we didn't see people out with their family and friends enjoying our beautiful recreational areas. Our dogs are one of our family who needs exercise and socializing. What will happen to them and their owners if they can get outside to have some freedom. We shouldn't just give in to the sports bodies who seems to think that parks are just for them. I pay my rates to I have places to walk around and enjoy and appreciate that we can share these spaces amicably with everyone else.
3932	no
3936	Issues with individual unruly dog owners should be taken up with those people, not blanket policies affecting the 95% of us who are responsible dog owners

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3939	While I understand how important dogs are to their owners I think children and families should take priority. That's why I think the beach and park access rules should be tightened and most importantly policed with fines issued to those flouting them. I feel there is not sufficient publicity about dog walking rules so maybe a lot off dog owners are unaware of them and not deliberately flouting them. This is especially important as there seems to have been a huge increase in dog ownership over the last few years with many families having more than one. A few TV and radio ads might help.
3946	No
3952	They need to be fully consulted before changes proposed.
3963	Keep out of it you will only stuff it up
3990	I think dogs on a leash should be allowed anywhere but we need more dog wardens fining people for letting their dogs chase wildlife and not cleaning up after their dogs. Council would make a fortune on the Eastern Beaches alone as dogs run free all the time ignoring rules.
3994	No
3998	St
4002	As there is an abundance of owners not following the rules would be great yo see beaches and parks patrolled more regularly
4012	No
4013	Keep it status quo. There is no need to change as it currently works well. Don't listen to just side of the community
4018	No
4021	The current rules are adequate for all users.
4039	No
4042	I don't want dog owners to disappear from these areas. They can let their dogs off leash in the designated off leash areas, but just keep them on a leash in the sports designated areas.
4066	The local beaches already have time limitations for dogs set; to take away the next best thing (Madills) leaves us without much option.
4068	With the existing beach time restrictions in place it only adds weight to to need to provide access to all areas of Madills Farm Reserve. With the potential for both to be comprised... together with Glover park - where does Council expect Dog Walkers to exercise their Dogs. Seemingly happy to collect annual [increasing] dog licence fees but want to restrict access to where & when they can go. Local Roads are a Health & Safety issue with the volume of traffic in Auckland and is counter to the stipulated desire to adhere to this policy.
4069	Definitely support a limit of the amount of dogs that can be walked by one person.
4072	I am a dog owner and I have had my dog attacked whilst on lead by dogs off leash at crossfields reserve and when I confronted the owners both said it's an off leash park and there is no signs to say otherwise, now I know there is but perhaps make them much bigger and at every entrance to the reserve and hand out fines to owners of dogs off leash.
4089	No
4101	As far as I am aware no other sports field in Auckland allows dog access to the sports field apart from Madills Farm / Glover Park. This access should be rescinded
4108	I feel dogs should be allowed on beaches at all times-under control They are part of so many families
4109	Dogs need spaces where they can exercise and socialise. The proposals restrict their access to many of the parks around Auckland, leaving very few options where dogs are allowed.
4110	Thank you for thinking about this

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4112	park is not a ballgame or athletic training ground, we taxpayer have the right to use the park freely with our dog as long as there are no health and safety violations
4115	Deal with the dangerous dogs and leave the law-abiding dogs and their owners alone.
4117	Please analyse with greater objectivity and commonsense the perceived problems. There is no justification to tighten all ready tight rules. The over arching principle is bad law comes from focusing on exceptional or extraordinary cases. We need to focus on creating a resilient and robust community that celebrates the diversity of its community and its members -including dogs.
4119	If the people don't follow the rule, what will happen next? We reminded the people who didn't follow the rule while they were very angry.
4122	I do feel that dogs on Kohimarama Beach could run free between the hours of 6am to 8am in summer and perhaps 6am to 9am in winter. BUT on a leash at all other times AND not on the beach at all during the summer restricted period.
4131	I would support more spaces not less to be accessible to dogs.
4132	Restricting the space dog owners have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4134	No
4139	Add more sport facilities and keep the current dog parks open.
4147	No
4151	No
4156	No further comments. I think Madills Farm and Glover Park are great resources that needs access rules to change slightly so everyone can enjoy them with increased safety
4163	It is quite satisfactory as the rules are now. Dogs don't cause holes on Madills. Goal Posts do.
4171	N/A
4173	Keep Madills access for dogs the same.
4188	Dogs will behave worse if you contain them to small backyards. People work longer hours and often both parents work now too so dogs need a chance to burn off some energy. Kept them locked up at home and you're asking for more issues.
4206	na
4216	In general, more leashing is better.
4217	The existing rules for dogs at parks in my local vicinity cater well for our community. Indeed at Glover Park, the dogs and owners are the predominant groups that regularly, on the daily, utilise the park. The sports fields are utilised by many different codes however I am yet to see the same connect to the park and responsibility that the dog owners of the region take in keeping it cleaned of rubbish, report graffiti, report any misbehaviour or damage at the park. I am nearly everyday cleaning up rubbish left behind by sports clubs and my fellow dog walkers are doing the same. We have a special connection because it is our communities park and I for one take the parks well-being seriously.
4222	In my opinion, dogs off leash around children is never ok - for the dog and the child. Both can be unpredictable. Appropriate spaces for dogs to be off leash which do not include sports grounds or playgrounds seems a logical solution.
4250	Yes, if there are identifiable issues around dog access, it is the responsibility of the council to monitor and police these and ensure compliance by the very low percentage of dog owners who do not comply
4254	I think the hours for off leash on the beaches are good

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4259	No.
4261	No
4262	The current rules for dog access to beaches appears to be abided by and working well. Because there are already restrictions to beach access, further restricting reserves/parks, would render little to no areas available for the majority of local responsible taxpayers.
4264	Especially regarding Madills: The majority of dog walkers are locals who utilise the area most days if not every day of the year. The football club members come from a wider area as can be seen by the number of cars, ie not local and not involved in the community. Football games take place on Saturday and Sunday from Easter to Labour Day, Training happens 2 or 3 times a week for short periods of 1 or 2 hours. Cricket games occur sporadically during the summer. The rest of the time the fields are utilised by many dog walkers throughout the day. Dog walkers are always careful to keep their dogs away from the areas where games or training are taking place.
4271	No
4274	Well, I played football for Eastern Suburbs for 8 years and trained 3 times a week at Madills Farm and Glover Park and played games on a saturday. My playing and training experience was never once disrupted by a dog or their doings (poo and holes etc.) Dog owners know to keep their dogs at distance when the fields at Madills are being used for sports etc. Also if dog owners and their dogs are made to keep to the edges of the park it becomes more dangerous as it is closer to the road. For both owners and their dogs. For example if my dog ran across the road (baddley Ave for example) I most certainly chase him and in the moment i just am so worried that I forget to really worry about myself. This could really cause serious problems for drivers and not to mention to myself and my dog. Dog owners love theior dogs so much and worrying about their dogs is a very normal thing to do. Walking your beloved dog is supposed to be relaxing and nice for both the dog and owner but if made to walk near the road it becomes stressful. This change is likely to affect the mental health of dog owners. My dog only ever has run onto the road if I am walking around the edges of the park, he has never gone beyond the little hills surrounding Madills Farm when I am walking him in the middle. If this change goes through, there will be many disappointed local people with dogs, this is not the right thing for the community!
4277	I would like to add that as a dog walker at Madills Farm for the last 3 years I have found it to be a very safe park to walk my dog. I have observed dog owners as friendly and responsible and their dogs are really well socilaised here (off leash) and therefore well-behaved at the park and nearer to home too. Therefore, it is a really important space for many locals and their dogs as part of their daily routine to have local access to off leash space such as Madills sports fields.
4283	Leave them alone. It works fine as is!
4284	Please consider the broader community wellbeing and do not progress these changes. You will devastate this community where groups of people gather and socialise alongside their dogs if you do so. Restricting dog access at Madills Farm would adversely affect the community and contradict the reserve's original purpose.

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4293	All dog owners should control their dogs and look after their health which includes recreation facilities. If owners in other areas do not follow rules, manage to control or do not have well behaved dogs or respect other users of a shared facility then those areas should not set the precedent of rules to be applied to Madills Farm. By passing this BAN ALL DOGS from Madills Farm at all times you are destroying part of what makes this area a place we are proud to call home. Please DO NOT make me sell and move out of Auckland after I have been a rate payer all my life!!
4303	No
4390	NO
4396	Beach hours are sensible - don't change. Current Park rules are sensible - don't change
4398	Dogs are part of the community and should be allowed in as many parks as possible and as often as possible!
4400	I agree that dogs should not be off leash on parks while sports games are in session, but this is a small part of the time. Madills is not zoned as a sports facility even though it accommodates soccer and hockey games and as such I think the current rules should stand. When no actual sports games are in play - we should be able to run our dogs on the fields as the park is intended for use for the entire community including dog owners.
4401	No
4407	So tricky as with smallll kids I don't want dogs around but I understand they also need a space!
4420	Please consider this carefully and only restrict access between 10am - 5pm like with beaches.
4526	Keep it status quo, and SHARE the entire Madills Farm
4548	No, see my general submission.
4549	I support the Status Quo
4572	The Auckland Council is doing amazing work but cannot believe this has become a focus. Local parks are for the enjoyment of all including dog walkers. We walk our dogs mornings and evening at our local sport fields (off the leadd)and have had no issues with anyone regardless of when the fields are busy with sport or not. Don't under estimate the benefits this activity provides to our physical and mental health. "If the leads not broken don't fix it! Come on Auckland you are better than this.
4580	Yes glover park should remain as it is. Dogs don't ruin the sports surface! I live on Glover rd and have done so for 15 years. In this time I have had 2 dogs and met many people who know how to sensibly walk their dogs there without imposing more rules. We pay a huge amount in rates and should be allowed to use our LOCAL park fairly. We have to put up with hundreds of people coming in from outside the area to play social cricket every weekend in summer. This is not the sports teams cricket but visitors way outside Orakei come here and we are inconvenienced enough by parking over our driveways without more restrictions on when and how we can use our own local sports field and park,
4585	No
4604	Eastern Suburb beaches, particularly Kohi and St Heliers should allow dogs off leash all summer.
4606	Would be great to have an all-year round off lead dog area on part of a beach somewhere in Orākei Board area e.g. St Heliers beach by the cliff.
4624	there needs to be better enforcement in my area if the rules don't change to at least guarantee children are safe
4634	My comments go for all parks and beaches really. Although speaking for Madills and Glover I go there often and don't see why we should stop dogs having a good run on the field that isn't being used for sport at the time.
4647	I think they are fine as they are now

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4650	The majority of owners are responsible, perhaps you could use some of your dog-catchers to police areas where there are on-going problems
4656	Make better decisions.
4660	Summer hours should be 9am -5pm not 10am. Children should be able to stay safe from dogs in hours that are more sun-safe. Further, the definition of 'playground' should be reviewed. Modern playgrounds do not always have a clearly demarcated play surface area and are more likely to blend with the environment/have grassed or astroturfed areas within the play surfaces. This creates significant confusion. A radius rule could help with this. And/or prohibiting dogs from any park that contains play equipment, for clarity and simplicity.
4698	Please make Auckland a more dog-friendly city. Owners should be held accountable with serious repercussions if their dogs act up or attack other dogs/humans. Most dogs are very friendly, so its not fair to punish all dogs just because some owners are irresponsible.
4733	Council have their priorities wrong. You work for the people, not sports clubs
4762	if the dog strictly on leash policy is not implemented this council will be partner to human loss of life or serious injury in a dog attack
4764	replacing dog bins/dog poo bags in parks would be useful
4775	If these rules do change I can see a lot on aggressive behaviour between the groups which is totally unnecessary as the current rules are not in need of change
4793	Local parks & beaches should allow dog owners to walk their dogs off leach if under control. To make dogs only have access for walks in their neighbourhood on a leash does not make for well socialised animals. Most dog owners come across other locals on a daily basis and the dogs exercise and play with each other. This must remain the norm. A few intolerant people who cannot be bothered with dogs disagree, they can walk somewhere else and leave us to happily walk our dogs in peace.
4798	Extreme importance for neighbouring families for community and mental wellbeing
4799	All dogs on a leash at all beaches all the time - dogs larger than a certain size should be muzzled - heavy fines for dogs fouling beaches
4831	One area not really addressed is actually providing more off leash areas for dogs. This will provide more controlled areas where dogs can be (whether walking packs or individuals)
4860	Please don't take away the joy that using this park gives our wider community.
4867	I am horrified at the collective reduction in off leash access across Auckland, at a time of increased dog ownership. The council should be supporting increased safe spaces not reducing. The issues that have escalated with roaming and dangerous dogs is not addressed by these changes, rather with force and increase in the volume of dogs in smaller spaces - any roaming or dangerous dogs will put these family pets and responsible dog owners at risk further, with concentrating spaces they can go, rather than keeping dispersed throughout the communities. This feels like a really unsafe decision across the board.
4889	There should not be any change to the current bylaw in relation to Madills Farm.
4913	The proposed changes to the bylaws for Madills Farm and Glover Park should not be approved.
4925	No
4935	It would be good to have poop bags back in the parks to encourage owners to be responsible for picking up their dogs mess.
4937	No, thank you.

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4943	They should be allowed at all times in the winter and before 9.30 in summer.
4953	Dogs are an important part of our community people who are out walking dogs should get in enjoy the limited green spaces that are in our city with non dog walkers ..
4965	No
4967	I think the council is making it difficult for dog owners. Dogs are family too. We pay huge rates to Auckland council and always clean up after our dog.
4973	I think dangerous breeds should be prohibited at all local parks and beaches.
4997	No
5007	dogs should not be allowed on beaches at all times.
5010	More enforcement of the rules.
5012	Take a fair and balanced view for all users of these facilities
5014	I oppose any future limitations on dog exercising by responsible owners / careers. Any breaches of current legislation should be policed and dealt with by those offending.
5021	Restricting dog related activity in local parks should be counter-balanced by offering other more suitable public spaces for off-leash exercise. Stop making us continually fight to preserve what we have! It fosters resentment.
5025	No
5031	Leave Madills and Glover parks alone under current rules
5041	There should be more areas for dogs to exercise and potentially separate areas for big and small dogs
5050	Please don't do this
5052	I think the current rules around dogs at beaches suffice. Early morning & later in the afternoon accommodates everyone.
5058	No
5061	Dogs and pets are important for many people's mental health, including companionship and helping alleviate loneliness. They are a part of our culture and society. Rather than restricting dogs, I believe children and people should be educated in dogs behaviour, and what to do and not do around animals. Normalize having a dog. Not encouraging fears.
5068	Reducing off leash areas does not make it safer for anyone. All it does is push dog owners into unsafe situations, increases congestion in remaining off leash areas, reduces the exercise dogs get, and discourages families from spending time with the whole family, which includes their pets.
5069	The same comment goes as the one for madills and glover park. Dogs and people should be allowed to use the space together, dogs need an open space to socialise and burn off energy. Removing this space, and essentially giving them a tiny little section full of wild grass is cruel and abusive to dogs.
5073	There are not enough large areas for dog off leash exercise currently in the eastern Auckland areas of St Heliers and Glendowie and Kohimarama, so I feel strongly that they should not be further restricted. The Madills Farm area is not solely intended as a sports ground but to serve as a space for enjoyment for all.
5077	no.
5078	There are obviously entitled dog owners who spoil it for responsible dog owners and there is no changing that.. you get that in all walks of life .. unless you are going to police dog areas more vigilantly which would be a ridiculous cost.
5086	Owners should be fined if they don't collect poo

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5091	Dogs are owned by rate payers for the maintenance and upkeep of these beautiful parks and council wants to ban the people who pay for it ? Council needs to appreciate who pays the bills in this city
5092	No
5104	Please refer to previous comments about runners not pooper scooping and lack of council provided poop bags
5111	Yes, the Council's animal regulatory team would do so much more good if they were to rectify the tragic circumstances in which so many Auckland dogs have to live: confined to kennels, chained up, neglected and abused. While I realise this is a not a central government issue, there is so much more that could be done at a local level.
5122	Summer hours should be reduced, and off leash allowed after 5
5139	I'm not anti dog at all, I just think sometimes dog owners could be a bit more respectful of other users of public spaces.
5141	I believe that well-regulated off-lead access to parks and beaches is essential for the physical and mental well-being of dogs. Exercise, socialisation, and outdoor activity contribute significantly to dogs' overall health, and our parks and beaches provide invaluable spaces for this. I support maintaining and, where possible, enhancing dog-friendly access across our community. I encourage the Council to work collaboratively with dog owners to promote responsible pet ownership, such as ensuring dogs are well-trained, supervised, and cleaned up after, rather than imposing overly restrictive regulations that could impact the welfare of pets and the enjoyment of their owners. Balancing the needs of all park and beach users is important, and I believe current rules generally achieve this without unnecessary restrictions on dog owners. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
5153	Please do not make it impossible to use these public spaces for dogs and their owners. It is very important to allow fair access to these spaces. Dogs are good for people and communities. There is an anti dog vibe from council already.
5155	Yes, please consider changes to dog access rules at Kohimarama & St Heliers Beaches and on the GI-Orakei Shared Path (Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai) that I submitted separately. We are fed up with unwelcome encounters with off-leash dogs on the shared path and at these beaches during summer when dogs are supposed to be either on-leash or prohibited.
5156	No, but I have photos I will try to upload to support my submission.
5168	No
5176	The current rules appear satisfactory for our local beaches and parks. Thank you
5179	The current rules appear perfectly satisfactory.
5187	No
5194	Dogs, with their owners should be able to have access to all parks & beaches, at all times.
5195	I accept the current rulings for beaches and dogs. I do not agree with making current off leash parks banned from dogs
5201	All dogs to be registered and chipped and aggressive dogs banned.
5203	No

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5204	Dogs and their owners are entitled to fair and reasonable access off leash at the local beaches and parks. Summer beach hours off leash have been working well with most people sticking to the rules.
5209	Dogs should be allowed anywhere on leash.
5214	No but Council should impose big fines for owners failing to pick up dog excrement
5218	Allow dogs on leach at Mission Bay at all times and off leash at certain times
5228	No
5231	I think I have said it all... Leave the regulations as they are or give us something better without obstructions..
5242	Stop making so many rules!
5248	Off leash parks and beaches are essential for exercising dogs. Giving them the freedom to explore and be dogs. Agreed that they should be under control.
5257	Keep it as it is. Fine owners for braking rules. Make owners of dangerous/aggressive breeds muzzle their dogs in public
5279	Dogs need to be banned at the new Karanga Plaza Harbour Pool.
5280	Dogs as much as part of a family as children are to many NZ's. Responsible dogs owners and dogs should not be penalised or banned from being able to enjoy free out door spaces. Cats do more harm to local wild life than most domestic dog would. More needs to be done about targeting those that are irresponsible and don't deserve to have a dog by their side.
5292	Please consider this as my submission, thank you
5308	Dogs should be on a lead near nesting birds, on the street around children's areas, etc. Otherwise they should be allowed to be off lead if the person is responsible
5309	Enforce existing bylaws regarding summer dog walking on Kohimarama and St Heliers beaches. Many dog walkers ignore the rules because of Council's fear of confrontation.
5324	If you enforce the existing rules, there should be no need to update to a more restrictive policy for dogs.
5339	NZ already has very restrictive rules around dog ownership, and these rules seem to be taking it further.
5341	I disagree with the council's attempt to create a blanket rule prohibiting dogs from playing fields when not in use. We have a growing population and limited outdoor spaces. to impose a rule which sees our parks empty for most of the time is an inefficient use of our limited spaces. I agree that dog owners should not be on sports fields when they are being used but, when they are otherwise empty, it is wrong for the council to ban other Aucklanders from using these spaces.
5351	No
5369	It is essential for us to have safe spaces where we can walk our dogs freely. The status quo allows for that and for the community to share spaces. The proposed changes are unfair and do not benefit the community as a whole.
5439	Increase in designated areas to walk dogs off leash to promote animal socialisation. Isolation and restriction promotes animal hostility.
5445	Local Beach and recreational park access for dog walking under the current rules should be retained and not eroded or excluded. Imposing a ban, and or introducing further restrictions to dog owners not being abled to walk (on and off lead) their dogs cannot be supported and displays a negative move by Auckland Council in eroding local community trust.

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5460	Enough is enough - your proposed ban on Dogs in Madills Farm is utterly perposturous. Health and Safety my backside. You have stuffed up most of Auckland with other crazy ideas - we won't continue to stand for more.
5474	Dogs should be allowed on beaches and in parks when under the control and supervision of their owners. Dog owners should be required to pick up their dogs pooh and be required to carry pooh bags when out and about.
5482	Stop thinking dogs are a problem. Those that don't have them are the issue
5520	Should make Auckland more dog friendly. Need a place to exercise our furry companion. The houses in Auckland are getting smaller, I don't have a back yard to exercise them, local parks, walk around the neighbourhood and beaches are the only place.
5523	Dogs are an intergral part of the local community and owners should be able to continue to run them off leash. I have children who play sport so I can see that point of view but there are many hours that the fields are not used and they should remain off leash when no sport.
5554	There should be penalties for those who do not pick up dog excrement. There should be more dog access. There should be more dog dog pooh disposal options at all parks - including bags and bins.
5556	Putting forward your new rules will obviously change the daily lifestyle of thousands of people. Many planned game take up a short amount of time per day compared to the daily use of the park by dog owners. Many, many owners and dogs in the park are already using the park early, during, and late in the day. - Planned games are not there. So why punish dog owners? I have been using Madills farm for nearly 20 years, and havnt come across any game disruption.
5565	As long as dog under supervise, I am happy to off leash. My kids are fine with that too
5575	More bins is the majority of the problem
5578	I think the current rules and regulations are perfect just the way they are. Why is there a sudden discrimination against dogs? Just like so many council rules, changes are made without providing suitable alternatives like dedicated dog parks.
5584	If anything dog policies are far TOO restrictive and we need to provide good spaces for our dogs, the more we do this the better they will be in public. Banning and limiting spaces just causes further anti-social behaviour by dogs.
5589	Needs of dog families need to be balanced against non dog people through time not blanket restrictions which are more likely to encourage complete disregard of the rules if they are too stupidly and unfairly restrictive
5613	It's a fair point that pets, especially dogs, play a huge role in reducing loneliness, so it would be concerning if the new laws made pet ownership more difficult or less enjoyable.
5639	No thank you
5665	Please refer my comments about my local parks. They also apply to all Auckland parks and Regional pay. Our dog bylaws are far too liberal and I support the proposed changes.
5677	Leave the poor dog walkers alone! There are many more pressing issues to deal with and soon we will not be allowed to leave our houses with the precious pets we love and nurture.
5689	Glover Park access has also had restrictions for off leash dog walking. This also should be reconsidered as there are limited areas and times that dogs can be walked off leash.

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5695	I am very concern over the potential loss of number of off-leash areas. Auckland already has limited off-leash parks and reducing these will only lead to more frustrated dog owners and stressed pets. There are plenty of on-leash areas, but spaces where dogs can freely socialise, are vital for responsible dog owners who follow the rules and contribute through registration fees. Limiting the number of off-leash spaces will only lead to more congestion at existing areas, making them less enjoyable for both pets and their owners. Additionally, it will increase travel costs—not only financially but also environmentally—if people are forced to drive further for access to off-leash areas. It's disheartening to feel that we're not being given more consideration, and such a change would cause frustration for many in our community. I urge the council to reconsider any plans to reduce off-leash spaces.
5716	Please don't take away our happiness with us .
5727	Auckland council have far too many restrictions across Auckland where dogs can go.
5733	Please don't stop dog access to madils.
5735	Submission on Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madills Farm To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Dog Madills Farm and Recreation Reserve is a unique and shared community space which should remain wholly accessible to all in our community as it was gifted to the community not a sports club. This submission is made in the strongest possible opposition to the planned changes proposed by the Ōrākei Local Board which effectively ban dogs from the majority of the community space. The first part, will highlight the significance of the Recreation Reserve to the large community of dog owners who regularly use the farm, often for more than exercise. The submission will also strongly refute the claims that dogs have damaged the turf by digging holes which have caused soccer players to roll ankles and injury themselves. ACC figures regarding injuries to soccer players will be presented as will the findings in 2024 Ōrākei Local Board annual report re the reasons for unsatisfactory ground conditions, which are blamed on bad weather and subsequent lack of maintenance. The magic of dogs at Madills centres around wellbeing and community. Off leash exercise for dogs is vital for their fitness, socialisation and mental well being. It is a special place for new dog owners wanting to socialise puppies so they will be happy and well rounded dogs. The off leash exercise is also hugely beneficial to dog owners who can freely exercise and experience

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5740	Please consider reviewing how many dog owners you will be restricting access to. Also take the time to consider learning how other countries responsibly incorporate fenced off leash areas into their cities.
5742	Just don't take it away we pay for the use of these areas and taking this from us is punitive. Think again please!
5746	It would be so frustrating if council restricts access to dog parks and beaches any more than we have already. One thing you could do is ban certain dog types.
5747	It is very important that citizens are able to exercise their dogs regularly and both keeping pets and keeping active ought to be encouraged.
5821	No
5825	No
5831	Please don't ruin the community that we have worked so hard to make our home. A lot of us have grown up here freely, and our furry friends deserve so too.
5837	No
5838	I also don't think Dogs should not be allowed access to be walked in Purewa Cemetery. Again it's a wonderful and safe place where many people walk their dogs!
5859	Leave them as they are.
5863	Apply a democratic view and not have a minority dictate who can and can not use public parks, reserves and beaches. Our local parks and beaches are for all to use and enjoy including pet owners and their pets. This helps makes Auckland an enjoyable place to live.
5865	They seem to be perfectly fine as they are. We walk our dog daily and frequently down at eastern bays. I have never come across any problems.
5875	Well-behaved dogs who are under control of their owners should be allowed to play/exercise at local parks and beaches.
5886	I believe that most dog owners are very responsible and are more than happy to allow summer hours for dog access so that families and other people can enjoy the beaches and parks free from dogs. But equally, outside of these times, dogs should be allowed to enjoy these spaces with their owners.
5891	Dogs off leash at low tide times on all beaches and on lead under control at other times.
5893	Please don't take our parks and the few beaches that are left open to us and our dogs to exercise away from us, we are rate payers too.
5913	No
5917	Not at this time
5918	There should be less restrictions on dogs off leash and under control so that the Auckland community can provide support for our 4 footed best friends.
5922	Not now
5936	no
5942	I strongly believe our beaches and parks are better suited for human use and not for dogs. I look after a reserve in GI that currently has no regulations, there is always poop on the ground and sometimes plastic bags full of poop are just chucked in the bush, which is even worse.
5949	Current rules are enough for well behaved dogs. More enforcement of the rule breakers are needed if the owners do not abide after they have been warned.

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5950	Auckland Council needs to seriously think about how dogs in this community are treated. Stray dogs in Glen Innes are a much bigger problem - concentrate on dealing with bad owners rather than disadvantaging good owners. A lot of the dog walkers of Madills are very respectful responsible elderly residents who appreciate Madills as a more manageable place to exercise their dogs.
5960	Keep the status quo it has been working fine
5963	The vast majority of dogs in the Eastern Suburbs are small and well behaved. Aggressive and/or large breeds (e.g. rottweilers, pittbulls, german shepherds, etc) are very rarely seen. Instances of antisocial behaviour are rare, and I would say are likely not going to be improved upon by maintaining the current stance.
5969	Summer rules at beaches are fine and the current rules for parks do not need to change. Don't fix something that's not broken
5988	Facilities should be shared in an appropriate way rather than looking to remove certain users rights for the sole benefit of others
5994	There needs to be greater enforcement of the rules as people just ignore them and there's no consequence
5995	My comments on Madills Farm apply to Glover park too
6002	Current rules are ok. Back off
6009	I appreciate the time allowances on Kohimarama Beach related to the seasons.
6012	All as previously said
6037	Rather than limiting the acces, let dog walks and owners to continue having this access so they can enjoy the areas
6041	Yeah, stop being so controlling. Let owners make the decision about their dogs, after all they know them best, not you.
6054	Change the rules shouldn't just be about restricting dog-owner rights, it needs to balance all users. If you're taking from dog owners, there needs to be something offered in some way to help offset the negative changes. Target the problem owners, not the others.
6061	Please don't change madills farm rules. The dogs love it. It's a safe, contained area for them
6065	There will always be idiots, changing the rules impacts on the majority of people who are sensible and community minded. Deal with the idiots more effectively instead of a blanket approach that punishes those that do the right thing daily. Dogs roaming and being unregistered are more of an issue in New Zealand than the occasional dog poop on the playing fields in Glover park.
6069	Dog access rules are not really controlled at the present time.
6083	Stop increasing the restrictions and, instead, invest in enforcing the instruments that you already have.
6101	Dog access seems to be becoming increasing restrictive at a time when dog ownership is increasing. I don't like my rates supporting that.

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6116	I do not agree with restrictions to use. As ratepayer I should be entitled to use these areas in a respectful and responsible way alongside other users. As a responsible dog owner I find this an abhorrent dogs are no more problematic than tourists, boat owners and children. Auckland should be more dog friendly and not less.
6122	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.
6126	It feels like there is a lot of dog haters on the council
6131	am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendment that would prohibit dogs from all sports surfaces at all times. While I understand the need to balance public use and safety, I believe the current policy is already a fair and effective approach. The existing rules ensure that dogs are only allowed off-leash on sports fields when they are not in use, preventing disruption to activities while still allowing responsible dog owners to exercise their pets in open spaces. Completely banning dogs from these areas, even when unused, is unnecessarily restrictive and limits accessible off-leash spaces for dog owners. Dogs require adequate exercise and socialization, and for many residents, sports fields provide one of the few large, open areas suitable for this purpose. Removing access to these spaces could lead to overcrowding in other permitted areas, increasing the likelihood of conflicts between dogs and other park users. A more balanced approach would be to maintain the current policy, which already prohibits dogs when sports fields are in use while allowing responsible off-leash exercise when they are vacant. If concerns exist about dog waste or damage, education and enforcement of existing rules—rather than an outright ban—would be a more reasonable solution. I urge you to reconsider this change and support a policy that accommodates both dog owners and other park users
6143	If people complied with the existing rules in these parks, then I believe the proposed changes would not be required. It is only the rule breakers who are creating this situation and I do not believe that just changing the rules will increase compliance. If anything it will increase non-compliance and normalise such non-compliant behaviour. The existing rules in these parks cater for all users. It is only the rule breakers who are spoiling things. It will be more cost effective to improve compliance of the existing rules than to introduce further restrictions.
6158	No thanks. I think you have heard enough from me
6161	Don't try and fix things that are not broken.
6163	no
6165	NA

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6185	Please don't change what is working just fine in Orakei. These are suburb, neighborhood parks and restricting use of dogs off leash will only increase traffic due to people trying to find a place that is off leash
6217	see my word document. Same applies for beaches, removing all accesses in summer does not make sense.
6218	Only that in my years of attending Madhills I have never seen a dog dig holes which I believe is a concern?
6219	I don't like dogs on beaches. People ignore the rules even in the summertime. There are dogs will have the place when they're a little kitties playing and I know most people to pick up their dog poos but there are people that don't. And dogs should be under control simple as that. Not everybody loves dogs and even people that do love dogs don't want strange dogs jumping all over them or attacking their cats or children.
6224	No
6229	Just leave it all alone and spend resources in other areas
6231	Council is making it harder and harder for dog owners to exercise dogs locally under control off leash. It is such a shame for dogs and dog owners
6243	There needs to be park Rangers patrolling these parks to enforce any changes that are made as currently no checks are done and not all owners are responsible
6257	If people are responsible dog owners, which council can measure from registrations & RDOL, don't punish them & restrict their access to community areas. We let people who litter & don't care for our community areas return week after week. Where's their consequences??
6264	Please don't do this. Thank you
6269	Create more off leash areas that also have bush. These areas need to be fully fenced.
6271	No.
6275	Work together as a community. Stop dividing and conquer attitude - so yesterday! Aucklands now live in smaller spaces with little or no yard. We a elderly (who cannot submitt feedback as intimidated by computers and overwhelmed by accessing where to send thier "letters". We must embrace our lifestyles, mobile, immobile, young, old, and our dog pets we all have. The community at Madills is vast and we as local dog owners share the space on a DAILY baiss and respect eachother onad our dogs and the space we loved and hav shared for decades!!! The vast majority of pet owners love and cherish their dogs and are responsible. Like the majority of parents love and cherish their children and are responsible. Like the majority of sports people visiting Madills cherish sports and being a member of sport's team and are responsible players and respect the space. A few should not impeded the majority.
6288	There is already so few off leash dog parks it's such a shame that the ones we do use and love are at risk - where are we expected to go?!?!
6292	There should be more off leash dog parks.
6294	There are no parks in Glendowie that are on leash or dog free. It's really hard for kids who are scared of dogs. The number of parks that are off leash need to be reduced.
6298	Dogs should be allowed as long as the owners pick up their poos. There should be more fines given out to owners who do not pick up their dogs poo
6300	Madills Farm
6302	Dogs are so beneficial to us all and we all get such pleasure seeing them running around at these parks.

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6305	I think by the amount of dollars Auckland council are receiving through our yearly dog fees, we should be allowed to keep walking our dogs and letting them have a run around when NO games are being played
6312	Dogs should be allowed! Why don't we focus our efforts on more important things like fixing parking and roads. Or cats who are killing native birds
6313	No
6325	I would like to ask the council to let the rules stay as they are now in Madilis Farm and Glover Park, overall the owners of dog are very conscious regarding our dogs and dogs deserve to have a place where they can run freely and release its energy. Thanks a lot.
6332	Please maintain access to BEACHES as THEY ARE.
6346	Madills Farm started off as fully off-leash area for dogs at all times. Gradually, the sport clubs have also increased their use and shared the park with the community of dog owners. Any attempt to oust us dog owners from the park is simply ridiculous. Sorry, no way!
6369	We pay registration for our dogs, we pay rates, we have the rights to use the land just like others. Police the ones that aren't doing right thing not punish everyone
6372	I can't help but feel that a very large sport organisation has bolstered their stats to amplify a problem that doesn't exist in order to benefit their organisation. I would like to see a balanced solution for all user groups and for now I would request that no changes are made at this time.
6388	I find this punitive and restrictive approach to the significant increase in reducing safe places for dogs to be offleash in contradiction to the approach of creating rules that put responsible dog owners first. In most cases, you are punishing those that are good community members. Where you have taken a sensible appraoch and propose to allow more shared community use (e.g. Onetangi, John Moore, Oneroa) it will benefit the community. Right now, Auckland Council is not enforcing rules around dangerous and aggressive dogs. Example being an aggressive dog with four council documented attacks (humans and dogs) has just been released. This dog nearly killed a wonderful family pet and bite the owner as he tried to save his dog. Animal control found the dog, were wonderful at investigating and removing said aggressive dog. Now we learn that, unbeknowest to the officer, the dog has been released with the owner bragging to the community and blatantly walking this dog outside the injured parties house. How can you allow this to happen and push good dog owners out of safe offleash and onleash areas - forcing them to walk on hot and unsafe footpaths and road. Dogs that are not able to be effectively socialised and exercised can be become probelmatic. Dog owners who live alone, may have low mobility and isotation issues will no longer be able to take a short stroll to their local recreational area for community, recreation and connection.

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6395	There are not enough free access for dogs in Auckland already and putting further restrictions is going to have a detrimental impact. Dogs need opportunity to exercise off leach and to socialize freely with other dogs. Not allowing this will cause significant behavior issues for many dogs and impact on the health and wellbeing of dog owners. The council is not considering how important it is for dogs and owners to be able to exercise in parks. It's not possible to properly exercise a dog on its leach, it simply can't burn enough energy. These dogs will then become a bigger problem, barking and showing frustrated/nuisance behavior at home. Dogs need to socialize with other dogs especially when young, without ability to do this freely and in off leach environments there will be more problem behavior also.
6402	Some city beaches should be considered for rules such as will occur on Waiheke, for example St Heliers
6405	There are already too many rules! And where have all the dog poo bags gone?
6406	We are becoming increasingly anti dog in Auckland. We travel to Australia to visit family often and they have much greater off leash access than we do. It's becoming very noticeable and it's not great for happy well socialised dogs.
6412	If you compare Auckland's dog access rules to those in Australia and other countries we have become very anti-dog here. We should be encouraging well behaved, well socialised dogs to be part of Aucklanders active lifestyles and allowing them in more places.
6420	No.
6451	There are far more important issues for Auckland Council to resolve than amending rules and regulations that are operating efficiently and effectively.
6452	No.
6454	I have lived next to Madills Farm for over twenty years and have been part of the community either playing sport, walking dogs, making friends or just improving my mental health in general by being there and watching others (including dogs) enjoying themselves. Unfortunately the community will now be denied these experiences as the council and the soccer club achieve another incremental step towards turning Madills Farm into a single use facility.
6456	Let us all work together and provide safe places for everyone including resposible dog owners
6459	It is crucial to maintain the current shared access arrangements for our green spaces. As Auckland's population grows and our city becomes increasingly dense, these communal areas play a vital role in maintaining our quality of life. Our parks and reserves are essential breathing spaces that contribute to Auckland's unique character and livability. Restricting access for any particular group would set a concerning precedent and could have far-reaching negative impacts on our community's social fabric and wellbeing. The strength of our city lies in its inclusive, shared spaces that bring people together rather than divide them. By preserving equitable access to our green spaces, we can ensure Auckland remains the vibrant, welcoming city we all love.
6460	This survey s not user friendly and unclear on which area we are to comment on - especially from a mobile phone

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6471	As one of many dog owners, part of what makes Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland a great place to live is the access to some wonderful off leash areas to explore with our dogs. My perception is that dogs and their owners vastly increase the utilisation of these areas with very little detriment to the areas. I understand off leash restrictions on beaches when they are well populated but the parks are never as well utilised as a beach in the summer months.
6488	Most dog owners are extremely conscientious and do the right thing. They don't wish to negatively impact others and act to make sure this is the case. However, dog owners are also part of the community and it is equitable to at least provide some times and options for full use of local beaches and park areas.
6490	Don't restrict law abiding citizens who control their dogs
6491	To maintain a balanced and fair approach to all ratepayers and community members, and for Council to be acting responsibly given their desire for housing intensification, there should be parks available within communities where dogs and run around off leash.
6501	I apologise, I seem to have uploaded my submission more than once.....
6502	More parks and beaches around the Orakei ward (eastern bays area - Kohimarama, St Heliers, Glendowie) should allow for off leash dog access under control, not further restrictions limiting area or time.
6507	More local parks and beaches in the Eastern Suburbs should allow dog access and off leash walking / play in order to not discriminate those responsible dog owners and families from using parks and beaches and facilities in their local areas in which they pay rates towards.
6524	I would like it to be compulsory for all dogs to be registered and then owners prosecuted/fined for any breaches
6528	No
6545	I believe there is a responsibility for local boards and the Council to have sufficient areas for residents to safely exercise their dogs. This means enough area and throughout Auckland - not confined to a few small locations or severely limited spaces within parks.
6552	Stop making life difficult for dog owners. We are a big part of the community. The health system is in strife as it is and if you take away dog exercise and walking areas you create more health risks diabetes, heart attacks, respiratory illness. Stop being so incredibly short sighted.
6579	Please leave them as they are. So everyone can exercise and get out as a family. The parks should be for everyone. And their dogs. But provide funding - through local boards to monitor more. With dog patrols.
6595	Auckland is becoming an increasingly unfriendly dog city, compared with similar cities. I do not think a strong case has been made for these changes. These restrictions will do nothing to address more serious issues of roaming dogs in urban areas. Walking the dog is an important motivation for exercise and family bonding, and dogs are often part of the family taken on outings. As Auckland intensifies spaces to do this, including off leash become even more important.
6603	No
6617	There should be no changes. Where do you expect us to walk dogs?
6624	It is becoming increasingly difficult to free run dogs in many places with increasing restrictions being introduced. I can't see why instead of patrolling and fining people currently not doing the right thing the council is determined to introduce rules that are draconian and they will not have a hope of enforcing, Also, perhaps the council could spend it's money on dealing with unregistered and/menacing dogs instead of harassing law abiding dog owners.

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6639	Auckland can do better - the lack of dog parks for a city they desires to be one of the worlds most liveable cities is disappointing. There seems to be very little going for Auckland in the 2020s.
6642	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization. 1. Community Impact: Madills Farm serves as a vital recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall enjoyment of the reserve. 2. Health and Well-being: Regular exercise and social interaction are essential for both pets and their owners. Limiting access to suitable areas could negatively affect the health and well-being of dogs and their owners. 3. Original Deed Conditions: The deed of gift documentation for Madills Farm, as per the Official Information request, outlines conditions for the reserve's use. While the specific conditions are not detailed in the available documents, any changes to the reserve's usage should align with the original intent and conditions set forth in the deed. It is imperative to review these conditions to ensure that any proposed changes do not violate the original terms of the gift. 4. Counter-Argument to the Claim of Dog Damage: The local board has suggested that dogs are damaging the fields, but this assertion must be balanced against the reality of the wear and tear caused by other activities, particularly sports like football. • Field Usage and Damage from Football: Football games, along with other field sports, create significant damage to sports fields over time. Data from various sports management organizations,
6652	I believe the current regulations are fair for all users of the beaches and parks
6661	No
6673	I believe that owning a dog should be viewed as a privilege, and that in an urban environment all dogs should be on-leash at all times when being walked outdoors to avoid any possibility of creating health and safety hazards.
6687	I believe the current rules are adequate and Council should spend their energy and resources on educating the public on what is expected of them as responsible dog owners.
6689	As a general comment, dog owners make an active choice to have a dog in a highly populated city. They should be permitted off-leash in designated areas, but not be permitted off-leash at any beaches or parks that have sporting or other non-dog uses.
6698	Council should be letting local boards decide on dog access to parks.
6728	Beach access should be extended to 10 am in summer
6738	In general we support the restrictions (as currently in place) at beaches; therefore we recommend the status quo for parks. We need to ensure we have appropriate places for dog owners and dogs to have 'off leash' exercise.

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6741	This process asked me to comment on the park(s) that interest me. I have done that. I acknowledge that the Council is aiming to apply a region-wide set of policies. My comments apply region wide, not just to the park(s) local to me.
6742	Over-regulation doesn't solve the real issue of already restrictive rules and risks non-compliance in other areas where it would be a real problem.
6747	One trusts that the Council wants well behaved dogs. If that's what it wants, this overbearing effort to restrict the space in which dogs may exercise is flatly idiotic.
6753	It is extremely discriminatory to prevent the local community to be on a park and playing field when there is no sport underway. On average, sport will be played 11-15% of the overall time. The proportion of taxpayers that would like to use the park and playing fields outside the hours of sports will significantly outweigh those in the sport. It will destroy the community environment and is completely against the intended use of such COMMUNITY spaces.
6771	Keep the dog excess rules as they are. They are very restrictive already and it would be a mistake to restrict the access even more. Most dog owners are very responsible dog owners. It will be a mistake to punish everybody with their dogs for the shortcomings of a few owners of menacing dogs.
6772	There is no need for change, other than implementing time and season's rules to all areas and taking careless dog owners into accountability. It is not fair to punish dogs and owners who follow the rules and pay their taxes. Prohibition will cause trouble such: dogs not exercising properly and getting anger issues and being harder for the owners to manage. Dogs not being able to exercise would have to stay home and they would bark creating noise nonsense. Dogs being dumped by irresponsible owners as it would become harder to control the dogs
6775	Current rules have been fine.
6778	Unfortunately it appears responsible dog owners / dog walking companies are being treated based on the behaviour of those who do not care for the welfare of their dogs and ensure they are able to be controlled and enjoy public areas at all times.
6783	Dogs are very important. They are great companions to many people. NZ has one of the highest dog ownership rates in the world- approx 1 person in 5 has a dog. We need to ensure that we protect our spaces so that dogs can get adequate exercise and socialising, especially as our housing becomes higher density. Apartment dwellers for example will be very dependent on access to parks so that their pup can be exercised, Thanks for asking for our feedback.

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6785	This is my submission regarding the Proposed Amended Policy on Dogs 2025 Please keep Maddill's Farm dog access as before: A time and season rule where dogs are NOT allowed on the sportsfields when the sportsfields are in use, but that they ARE allowed on the sportsfields off-leash at other times. Reason: This reserve is popular with dog walkers and it doesn't belong to the sports clubs, it is a public park. Dog owners are rate payers as much as sports club members, so it is not fair that dog owners always have to accept restrictions in favour of other users. Maddill's farm consists mainly of sportsfields and the small strip of land around it is inadequate to exercise dogs if they are not allowed on the fields. If they are confined to just the small strip of land, this is too close to the road, meaning that the rule effectively makes the remaining park on-leash only, as dog owners will worry to have their dog play this close to the road. Please also keep Glover Park dog access as before: A time and season rule where dogs are NOT allowed on the sportsfields when the sportsfields are in use, but that they ARE allowed on the sportsfields off-leash at other times. Reason: This reserve is popular with dog walkers and it doesn't belong to the sports clubs, it is a public park. Dog owners are rate payers as much as sports club members, so it is not fair that dog owners always have to accept restrictions in favour of other users. There used to be a rule that for any area that gets restricted to dog owners (ie from off- to on-leash, or from on-leash to prohibited), an equivalent size place nearby must be offered. What has happened to that rule? Finally, I wish to point out that it was rather difficult to "Have your say". If you can't go back on a section and there are no links to documents or explanations, and the questions are deliberately kept
6787	I've said a fair bit already! I would add that this whole process has been handled shockingly bad. The Dog Policy 2019 requires there to be a 'structural change' or a 'significant risk' before any change should be considered and the evidence that has been provided is low impact and tenuous at best. The findings of the reports have been written in a way that seems to favour a predetermined outcome to significantly reduce dog access in public places. Further, the process to publicise this process has been severley lacking and the feedback process and timeframes significantly condensed to the point of being unreasonable. Most people and most responsible dog owners would (and according to your survey do) support sensible changes to improve signage and more enforcement... but these proposed changes are NOT THAT! Keep it simple. Listen to your people, don't make these changes.
6798	Yes but not enough time
6803	When my daughter and Grand daughter go for a swim at the beach it's lovely that I see our dog enjoy it too and be allowed to do this any time summer or winter

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6814	I enjoy all areas of Orakei and I see no issues with any dogs here. People here seem very responsible and you council should stop spending money on areas that are working. The sports teams are the ones doing turf damage and injury , not dogs.
6816	I believe the council has a responsibility to provide sufficient off leash dog usage areas. It is important that dogs have access to areas where they can run and learn to socialise with others. By reducing the number of areas in which this can occur, the areas left will become overrun, and the number of dog behavioral issues will rise. Therefore when considering dog access in specific areas, a wider view should be taken.
6818	No
6821	I found this feedback survey very limiting. I suggest reviewing the mechanisms for consultation and feedback to ensure participants have a wide range of response options.
6827	Existing off-leash dog access rules strike the right balance.
6830	In general, there needs to be better enforcement regarding dogs. Also has the council investigated the use of DNA to track dog faeces and fine owners? I have seen various "those in charge of a city in Italy are so disgusted by the dog mess in their streets, that they've come up with an unusual solution. Owners have been ordered to have their pets DNA tested" . My understanding is that the fines are used to pay the costs involved. See: https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/68018142 https://www.poopprints.com/how-it-works/
6831	Auckland is severely restricted in the number of fenced in dog exercise areas available. Before access to the existing areas is reduced, a reasonable number of properly fenced dog exercise areas should be made available - for example at Madill's farm a proper fenced in area could be provided, same with Waiatarua reserve. This model works well in other large cities including Buenos Aires and would demonstrate that the council actually wants to address this issue properly.
6833	I am not sure what the rules are at Kohi beach actually. I'm a dog lover and enjoy seeing them around but I really don't like it when owners lose sight of their dogs, their dog poops and they leave it for someone else to find, especially near or on the beach.
6835	All dogs should be leashed at local parks and beaches at all times There should be clear signage, regular policing and enforcement If dogs were to be off leash, it should be an area that is enclosed and well fenced
6843	Not at this time
6849	Put some time into doing something that will actually improve the area of auckland. It is a waste of time to further regulate dogs areas of exercise. The number of off-leash areas should be increased rather than reduced, as there are far too few areas for dog owners to walk their dogs in the first place.
6851	I find the 'no dogs' on beaches rule rigid. I do agree that most of the time (between certain hours) they should be on leash. But why ban them altogether?. Shouldn't on leash be sufficient?
7038	Please take notice of these submissions. Thanks
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD	
3617	Waitawa Regional Park should have larger off-leash areas (easily possible). Lambing season restrictions are fine.

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3899	I think they should remain the same.
4740	No but do keep the dog off leash areas though
5267	Please stop reducing off leash areas or taking it away from us. It's the one thing a lot of us look forward to not only to see our loved animals happy but for the owners mental and physical happiness.
6691	South Auckland/East Auckland population, dog ownership; not enough places available *I regularly walk my border collie; train her to sit/lie down as people/toddlers walk by (dog onrs overseas, ie Sweden? where dog onrs get free training *I educate children when they come rushing up to my border collie; I share with them how to approach dogs; that not all dogs are the same; and always ASK THE DOG ONR if ok to pat. Goes both ways
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD	
49	There are very few places in Auckland (comparative to the dog and owner populations) that we can take our dogs now. Council and Central Government are investing heavily in dense infill housing in urban areas, most new houses and those that have been subdivided have minimal space on the property to ensure dogs have enough space and room to play and exercise. Responsible dog owners who pay their registration fees should expect Council to use them to fund dog friendly spaces of an appropriate size and hold developers accountable for providing this in new subdivisions. An example of where this has been poorly executed in the newish dog park in Auranga, Drury. There are thousands of houses being built there all with very small section sizes and the houses take up almost all the space on the sections. A dog park has been developed but it is extremely small and an inappropriate size in comparison to the size of the subdivision. Currently very few houses are occupied and the dog park is too small for more than 7-9 dogs. When dog spaces are too small this does not allow for less social dogs to have space from dogs who want to play together and also does not allow enough room for groups of dogs to run freely over larger distances. Dogs feeling cramped and stressed is what leads to problems between dogs, even dogs who are usually well behaved with other dogs. Council seems inclined to collect registration fees from responsible owners and only use them to fund Animal Control and dog pound facilities for dogs who are roaming, not looked after or not contained by non-registration paying owners.
544	Dogs are already limited in the spaces they can use, and removing more and more of these areas makes being a dog owner mire difficult. Rather than punishing responsible owners, I would like to see more enforcement of current rules and harsher penalties for dog owners not following current restrictions
557	Local parks are often the only spaces available for people to exercise their digs (and themselves) cou cil should be aware that reatricting too far or without clear reasoning these areas will lead to hardship in these communities, and increased likelihood of irresponsible owners breaking "unfair" rules (leading to lesa safe outcomes).
619	I do not support the prohibition of dogs on sports fields. Responsible dog owners do not allow their dogs to wreck the playing surface nor leave dog poo lying around. These are wonderful safe areas for a family to take their beloved pet. For us who have an autistic son this rule restricts where we can go and play as the dog is a support for him. It means having to travel further which in itself is a stress for our son.
773	It is nonsensical that I can't have my dogs with me when I go fishing at Kariotahi or Muriwai, especially when I go to the far end of the beach.

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1298	Thanks this is a great initiative providing excellent balance between the needs of offlead dog walkers and on lead dog walkers.
1357	No
1427	No
1574	There are so few places for us to legally and correctly exercise our dogs. Rather than shoving dogs and dog owners into corners, why not make spaces more accesible to educate the pubilc and owners on dog ownership and correct dog behaviour. Again, a license to take dogs off-lead in areas or parks could be an idea. Owners can get a license (not some silly annual thing, for the life of the dog), to take their dog in spaces such as parks.
2231	Ahhh, do you jobs and clear up the stray dogs in south Auckland, instead of worrying about the law abiding registered dogs being walked responsibly in these areas that you're now shrinking! My dog has been attacked four times while out walking locally and the council have taken action once. Absolutely useless. What exactly do my dog registrations pay for...
4162	Stop trying to control everything! We pay so much money for councils to do stupid stuff like this which limited the freedom of our dogs. What we have at the moment is fine and if bad dog owners break the current rules, fine them. Don't punish all dog owners and all dogs by changing the rules
4197	Dogs aren't inherently bad or dangerous - they reflect the owner. Teach the owner to control their dog, and the dog will be calm, respectful and under control, posing no risk to others. Teach others how to appropriately respond when a dog approaches them and they are fearful; or educate them to go elsewhere - dogs are being limited in where they can go for recreation, there are significantly more dog prohibited areas than there are areas where dogs are permitted, so those who don't like dogs can go elsewhere.
4461	Just leave what is not broken - leave our dogs alone
4535	Dogs should be allowed on all beaches at any time of day, all year round if they are controlled on a leash. What is the reason for not allowing this. Off leash can be left for early morning and evenings.
4619	Drop the red tape and regulations. Sort the roaming dogs out and not the under control dogs on leash
4696	Safety has to be the first priority, both for dogs and humans with the dogs need for exersize coming second, but also space must be provided for this. I still think the main problem is the dogs that are not under the control of their owners, i.e, dogs that roam on their own or in a pack.
5060	Dogs should be allowed anywhere on-lead, and there should be more off-lead areas. The dogs are not the problem, and restricting where they can go will do more harm than good. Instead of restricting dog access, we should be requiring owners to hold a licence to own a dog, and be required to attend training classes once they have the dog/puppy. I understand prohibiting in areas during lambing and calving season, but even so, if the owner has a licence and attended training, the owner would have no problems on-lead.
5428	Beaches , we could have times that dogs are allowed there . Parks with children's equipment, dogs should not be allowed in or near it . Having places dogs are allowed in every town would be beneficial
6461	The current dog access rules for local parks beaches work very well. I do not agree with any of the proposed changes.

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32	I think the rules need to be consistent across Auckland.
63	Ensuring our dogs have regular places to go to and get their dose of exercise is important. These limitations and severely restrict where people take their dogs for walks and exercises which can impact the health and well-being of dogs and can cause behavioural issues and more harm.
84	No
97	N/a
134	Just reiterating the importance of off leash play and socialising for dogs in a safe place. If owners are actively watching their pet and engaging in play then I don't see why any rules need to change.
148	No
211	Thank you for considering this change.
299	Nil
413	Monte Cecilia park - I could not find the option in the drop down menu. Monte Cecilia Park is a wonderful dog friendly Park that many people show a patronage to. We have a great community and there's never any trouble. Making this a lead only park would lead to many to choosing another park to walk their dogs. We've had open discussions about this with at least 40 dog owners and we are all in agreement. Lead only might be suitable for other parks but definitely not for Monte Cecilia
534	Please make changes with our yearly registration fees in mind. Dogs are like our kids. If kids are causing nuisance and I ask for all parks to be removed, we shall see how the general public would react. Thanks for considering.
562	There should be more off leash areas for dogs around Auckland.
588	Off-leash areas for dogs are an excellent and important resource for the people of Auckland, to reduce the number these spaces would be detrimental to the livelihoods of dogs and their owners. With less and less private outdoor space being available with ever increasing population density, the off-leash areas in local parks make the world of difference for dog owners - the owners and the dogs can exercise and socialise, which is important for everyone!
614	Keep some parks separate for big and small dogs off leash
620	Make few parks off lead. You can propose changes to dog on lead at all times depending on the breed and size of dog and how well the dog has been trained not to jump on people or attack other dogs but not all breeds of dogs z
701	All dogs must be on leash at all times. Fine should increase to \$5000 so people follow the rules and not get away with a few hundred dollars of fine
723	No
798	NIL
868	Enforcement of regulations and bylaws regarding the muzzling in public of Menacing Dog breeds such as Pit Bulls should be enforced rather than further restrictions being imposed on other members of the public. That obviously flouted area should instead be dealt with effectively.
884	I support the changes in general to make spaces enjoyable by all and not just dog owners (although I am a dog owner myself).
887	No

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898	The council is at risk of creating unintended consequences by overly reducing the areas that people can have their dogs off leash for the following reasons: 1. Reducing off leash areas means that those remaining will become overly crowded and this will create stress for the dogs and likely cause more dog fights and negative human/dog interactions. This is already a problem at Onehunga Lagoon Reserve (I wouldn't go there on weekends for this reason) and Meola Reef 2. Lack of opportunity to socialize dogs means that dogs miss out on learning social skills in a safe environment. I predict that this will create more "problem" dogs who have not been trained properly. 3. Lack of playtime with other dogs will lead to frustration and dogs being unable to work out their pent up energy. Again this will create more problems than it solves. 4. Lack of access to dog walkers due to price and lack of suitable locations means that dogs will be left at home, left outside and generally will have a poorer quality of life. This is cruel and will lead to poor behaviors when the dogs are finally allowed out. In general, I think the proposals are an over reaction to a problem of roaming and poorly socialized dogs and these changes do nothing to address this but rather punish responsible owners, whereas irresponsible owners won't abide by the rules anyway. I agree with the changes to help protect wildlife but, again, we have seen that irresponsible owners are the main culprits and, without enforcement, nothing will change to the benefit of the wildlife. In most cases where wildlife has been killed, the dogs are in areas or off leash where they shouldn't be and increasing the number of controlled areas won't change that. It is already an offence for dogs to chase or harass wildlife but there is no means by which this can be enforced unless a council worker happens to witness it, which is very rarely. In most cases, the owners are unaware that chasing seabirds is against the law - I know this because I am the one telling them off - so an education campaign here is likely to be more effective than what is being proposed.
900	No, other than please kindly leave Monte Cecilia operating as is.
995	Having a range of off-leash areas is important for dogs and is part of them learning to socialise well. A focus on anti-social behaviours and problem dogs would be a better use of council resources.
1057	No
1096	It seems like there are so few places to walk dogs or take them for a swim in Auckland. I am a responsible dog owner who is trying to ensure my dog is happy and fulfilled but there are so few places for us to go. It seems like responsible dog owners are being penalised for the actions of a few irresponsible people. It is fine to set rules but they are no good if they are not policed.
1127	I have visited a number of dog parks and Monte Cecilia is a park with a very friendly bunch of dogs compared to other dog parks. The dogs are generally labs or golden retrievers who are playing with other dogs or wandering through looking for a pat or a snack. This proposed change appears to be a change to appease a few people who do not like dogs. If there are concerns about behaviours then this could be addressed with a requirement to complete mandatory dog training.
1214	No

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1497	Any parks near schools should have like for cars "pick up drop off black out times" so on leash only if kids are walking through en masse. There should be clarity that guard dogs or dogs that could be a danger to any other person are never allowed off the lease in off the lease areas and can only be exercised within their own yard or ON the leash. Signs up for parents to remind children not to scream or squeal at dogs but instead to be quiet or shout in a deeper voice "no" if they do not want the dog near them. The main issue I have seen is people who are scared of dogs who walk nearby without calling out please keep the dog away who then scream or squeal which makes it hard for owners to recall their dogs since essentially someone is screaming excitedly so all dogs will naturally want to come to them not away. Education is important for any shared spaces.
1580	As long as the presence of dogs does not damage the ecosystem of the place I believe that any dog should be able to exercise freely in these places. With the increase in population of the city and the slow disappearance of houses with yards in the city it is absolutely essential to have designated places for dogs to exercise freely.
1820	Please consider the needs of the well-loved dogs in the city. Dogs who have a past or have not been cared for well will continue to roam the streets whilst the majority of responsible dog owners generally abide by the rules. We can all use the facilities together...
1899	There should be no dogs off leash at any location, apart from specifically designated dog parks only. People cannot be trusted to do the right thing.
1928	Increase off leash areas. Dog ownership has risen massively in the past few years not decreased.
1934	Please leave Monte Cecelia Park as it is, where dogs can safely exercise off leash.
2284	Please don't take away our dog off leash spaces!
2327	Priority on stock welfare is taken on regional parks during lambing by prohibiting dogs. The same focus should apply to protecting our valuable wildlife during breeding season, particularly ground nesting birds. All beaches should be at minimum on leash at all time during the bird breeding season (September- February). Unfortunately, irresponsible dog owners have already caused significant harm with the disturbance, harm and death of threatened species (dotterel and penguin).
2382	No
2471	Having plenty of safe spaces to exercise dogs off leash is really important to avoid people taking the law into their own hands and doing so irresponsibly.
2499	I drive to areas my dog can have off leash exercise in. However this won't always be the case so will need to know my local area will have options for this in the future
2590	There should be areas where dogs can be leash free.
2602	Please stop limiting the places we can walk our dogs. The fewer the off-leash spaces, the more crowded (and therefore unsafe) they will become. Rather focus on ways to support dog owners to be responsible, such as supplying poo bins and poo bags.
2610	Dogs need to have access to off leash dog areas in Auckland City. There are becoming fewer and fewer spaces where dog owners can take their dogs off lead. Instead of the harsh measures of not allowing dogs off lead why don't the council invest in some relevant signage in these areas so those people who don't own dogs understand where the boundaries are. Makes me wonder why we pay dog registration at all - no point if there are no spaces for dogs to exercise!
2628	No
2753	Nil

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2790	Yep, the plan is poorly thought out and has very little connection with the opening statement of encouraging responsible dog ownership. Short sighted and will make NO difference to the minority of dog owners who flout the existing rules. And yes I do think their needs to be rules. Poor effort AKL council. Please try to see beyond your own prejudices on this one.....
2810	With the exceptions outlined in this submission, I am happy with the general rules around dog access and believe they give good balance. There are many choices within walking distance and I have clear preferences if going further. I have never been unable to find a good space for exercise and only in one case (Panmure Basin) have felt unsafe doing so due to the actions of others.
3459	Overall, if there is a kids playground, dogs should not be allowed at all, whether on or off leash.
3592	Allow more access to beaches for friendly and controllable animals.
3681	THIS IS ABOUT COMMUNITY, FREEDOM, AND FAIRNESS Monte Cecilia Park is one of the very few remaining spaces in Puketāpapa, Tāmaki Makaurau where dogs can be off-leash. It is a place of connection—a space where dogs run, people gather, and community thrives. The proposal to restrict the bowl area to on-leash use is not about safety; it's a cost-cutting shortcut that ignores real solutions and punishes responsible dog owners. A LAZY FIX THAT FAILS EVERYONE Instead of investing in fencing, signage, CCTV, and proper enforcement, the council is taking the easy way out. Other countries successfully balance off-leash access with public safety—why is Auckland settling for less? WHAT WORKS IN OTHER COUNTRIES? In places like the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, off-leash dog parks are designed with safety, organization, and community well-being in mind. Auckland should be looking at proven international models instead of imposing a blanket restriction. How the U.S. Does It Right: ✓ Fully Enclosed Off-Leash Areas – Parks are fenced with double-gated entry points, reducing the risk of dogs escaping and ensuring controlled access. ✓ Size-Specific Play Zones – Many parks separate large and small dogs, preventing intimidation or injury while ensuring all dogs can socialize safely. ✓ CCTV Surveillance & Park Rangers – Cameras monitor activity for safety, rule enforcement, and incident resolution, while park rangers ensure compliance with park rules. ✓ Clear Rules & Responsible Ownership – Well-placed signage reminds owners of leash laws, waste disposal and behavior expectations. ✓ Amenities for Comfort & Cleanliness – U.S. parks invest in waste stations, water fountains for dogs and people, and shaded areas with benches ensuring a clean, comfortable and well maintained environment for everyone who visits. <i>✓ Permit Systems for Responsible Owners – Some cities, like New York and Chicago, require off-leash</i>
3710	Don't let the minority ruin it for the majority
3902	PLEASE SEE COMMON SENSE AND DO NOT CHANGE THESE RULES, RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS SHOULD NOT SUFFER FOR A FEW NON RESPONSIBLE OWNERS, RESPONSIBLE OWNERS PAY THEIR REGISTRATIONS AND SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO EXERCISE THEIR DOGS AT RATEPAYER/TAXPAYER FUNDED PARKS OFF LEASH WITH GUIDELINES OR DESIGNATED AREAS PUT ASIDE.

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3924	Off leash exercise is important for physical and mental health of a dog. Restricting off leash areas is making it difficult for responsible dog owners to provide dogs with this experience. The policy on dogs requires them to be controlled, even in off leash areas, thus well socialised and controlled dogs should not pose any risk to the public. I support the restrictions on out of control, dangerous and menacing dogs, but well socialised and controlled dogs should not be restricted further than they already are.
4076	No
4201	Please consider these changes very carefully. Auckland parks and beaches are for ALL Aucklanders and unfortunately non dog owners are unaware of the importance of off-leash areas for dogs to exercise and socialise. Many dog owners simply want to be out and about with their dogs and not to be forced to unsuitable areas for their dogs and own well-being. Auckland Council could help educate people from all walks of life how to tell the difference between an aggressive and friendly playful dog. Maybe have (or increase) signage at parks on who to contact if there are any issues and signs with some helpful hints about dog behaviour for owners and non-owners alike.
4205	I think we need to look for ways to solve the problem which is posed by a very small portion of dog owners, which does not remove the rights of responsible dogs owners. Most other countries seem to be moving towards a more dog friendly state whereas we are having more and more restrictions placed on where we can bring dogs. I have seen a comment that these changes are to ensure "there are places where people can enjoy without dogs" but there are already extensive areas where dog access is restricted (parks/beaches etc) so do not believe we need to further limit dog access when this is already quite limited.
4221	Please stop imposing unnecessary restrictions when one rule to restrict dog access does not fit all parks or beaches. Dogs are a very important part of many Aucklanders lives and we need to have close access that we can walk to where we can exercise dogs off lead.
4312	Changing the off leash area rules at Monte Cecilia Park would be the biggest upset. I have signed the petition against this change as well as I believe another 700 petitioners. This is not a good proposal in the slightest
4335	If anything they need to be more relaxed as it is becoming so hard to enjoy these areas and to be fair I thought it was all about inclusion not about picking on a group DOG OWNERS who are just wanting to go about their day with enjoyment with there buddy/family member etc
4358	The dog access rules are so badly communicated and not easy to understand. The communication around dog access is probably half the reason why there are issues. Why are red signs used to say yes to dogs?? Makes no sense!
4366	Off-leash areas are important for dogs to exercise, socialise, and stay healthy. Reducing these spaces will only create overcrowding in the remaining areas, making it harder for both dogs and owners. There are plenty of places where dogs aren't allowed, so restricting access further is unnecessary.

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4391	Would you like us all to become hermits and stay in our house!! It seems it would make you all a lot happier. Next you will have us applying for permits to leave the house with a dog! My dogs are what keeps me sane and off antidepressants. They are a mental health assistance and should be treasured not put down on for existing like you are wanting to do. I have to use my local sports field because I can't walk that far. I throw the ball and they run backwards and forwards for their exercise. I pick up after them because I am a responsible dog owner. Perhaps you should look to those who are not responsible instead of penalizing those that are!!!!
4424	Just allow more access to everywhere
4432	I sadly, no longer go to Monte Cecilia park as I have been abused for telling an owner to put their dog on a lead in the on lead area. Many people clip their dogs on to the lead and when they think you are not looking they unclip it again. My dogs have been rushed at whilst they have been on lead in the on lead area and many a time the dog owner does not care. I vote for the park to be on lead everywhere so people and dogs can feel safe walking there again.
4436	It is important to maintain dog access to parks and beaches where possible, especially where likely conflicts are limited. There needs to be clear signage to provide information to both dog owners and other users.
4448	No
4848	A good compromise across the board maybe keeping off leash hours to early morning and evening hours only
4883	It's demonstrable that rules on their own don't and won't solve problems with dog behaviour in public parks and beaches. Compliance must be policed.
4910	Yes we need greater access for walking Dogs in Auckland not less as I believe there has been a large uptick in dog ownership growth in Auckland. Lets face it these bylaws are in response to complaints of supposed (and in some cases warranted) intimidating dog behavior. To remediate problems of aggressive or out of control dogs as a first step would be to have Auckland council sponsored programmes for dog obedience and a greater drive to ensure all dogs are licensed even as far as, that it is illegal to own a dog in Auckland City if it is unlicensed. The new proposed by laws are in general not attacking the root cause of any dog problems. Simply placing a sticking plaster over the cause and listening to a biased small, blinkered, dare I say uninformed group who aren't prepared to tolerate a section of the population, is the wrong approach to the overall problem.
4999	I am very concerned that the council is viewing Big King reserve as an alternative to Monte Celia Park for off leash dog access. I think Monte Celia is a much safer park, I have never seen dogs roaming around whereas I have at Big King. I have also felt safe on my own at Monte Celia Park. There are also parts of the Big King park where I definitely wouldn't want to walk alone as a woman on my own! There are sooo few safe places in Auckland that dog owners can walk their dogs off lead.
5197	Stop making rules so we can live in this city happily. It's getting out of control with rules on top of rules.
5329	I do not understand why these proposed changes are being made and wonder if it is because of people who do not like dogs. I don't like cats but yet they are free to defecate and go where they want. Bring in rules for cats please.
5494	I do not agree with the proposed changes
5635	Please consider all park users, especially when making drastic changes. My dog is my life Thank you

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5726	Please support the community to keep dog parks - agree that all dog owners must follow the council rules . Eg time limits,
5816	No
5844	A lot of people in Auckland own dogs and we need places to take them
5874	Please consider the impacts of taking away amenities that have been enjoyed by people and pets for many years. Education via better sign-posting of rules is the way to go.
5878	I think all people should be able to enjoy parks. and beaches without harassment or intimidation by unleashed or unruly dogs.
5895	I think you have to put a board for aggressive dog owners to have a leash on at all times instead of applying this rule to every dog owner. May be name the dog breed. Whenever I see a an aggressive dog I put a leash on my dog so that he doesn't get hurt. I am a responsible dog owner.
5925	Don't change anything
5939	No
5968	Please don't do this to dogs and dog owners :(
6001	Please consider a process where areas are off leash first, unless there is a good reason to be on leash (stock, playgrounds, proximity to road etc). Dog owners are a significant part of the population and we enjoy the opportunity to let our dogs run round free with other responsible owners - it helps keep them happy and healthy (which in turn helps with less noise and behavioural complaints).
6039	Please check on dog stats before decide the change.
6071	I think it' will be helpful to put more clear sign and comment about the fine if they don't collect their dogs business rather than changing the dog park rules. Thanks
6084	Pet ownership, in particular dog ownership is on the rise with less couples being able to afford children. Our pets are our children and we want the best for them. It is already difficult to find places you can exercise your dog off leash in Auckland, particually locally. Some of us have disabilities that mean we cannot walk our dog on leash for hours to replicate the amount of exercise they need. These local parks provide a safe place for us to exercise & socialize our dogs. This keeps them happy and content. Under walked dogs & under socialized dogs become aggressive. By looking to remove the local parks you are increasing the population of poor dog ownership and aggressive animals.
6095	Just my earlier comment of not allowing dogs to access Karaka berries, in off leash areas of parks and beaches by stopping future planting of Karaka trees.
6115	keep the existing unless the place structure has physically changed.
6169	The littering rules should be policed and have visible signs with fine notice like Tauranga district.
6201	Don't restrict unless there is a solid reason to.
6212	No
6250	Why are you wasting time with these changes. We need to keep some off leash parks

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6297	I strongly oppose the proposed change to designate the bowl area of Monte Cecilia Park as an on-leash zone. This area has long served as a safe and cherished off-leash space where dogs can exercise and socialize. Responsible dog owners already manage their pets effectively, making this restriction unnecessary. The current off-leash policy should remain in place. It is concerning that, despite a petition with over 1,000 signatures opposing this change, the council is treating it as a single submission. This approach undermines the collective voice of the community and may lead to decisions that do not accurately reflect public sentiment. To ensure a fair and democratic process, the council should count each signature as an individual submission. Furthermore, the council's "Have Your Say" process is notably inaccessible. In today's fast-paced world, many individuals cannot afford the time to complete a lengthy survey, rendering this system ineffective and disconnected from the community's needs. Simpler solutions, such as implementing QR codes, could streamline the feedback process. Currently, residents must navigate multiple steps merely to voice their opinions. The lack of adequate publicity regarding this proposed change is also troubling. Many community members are unaware of the consultation process, making it even more challenging for them to express their concerns. This lack of transparency appears intentional, allowing the council to advance a proposal that favors certain interests without genuinely considering broader public opinion. Moreover, the council's website requires significant improvements to enhance user-friendliness. A more intuitive and accessible platform would encourage greater public participation. Given that this proposal directly impacts numerous dog owners, it is perplexing that the council did not proactively inform all registered dog owners in the Puketāpapa area about the potential changes. Considering that reminders for registration fees are routinely sent, notifying dog owners about proposed changes affecting local dog parks would have been a reasonable and expected action. This omission suggests a deliberate attempt to minimize public awareness and reduce the number of voices expressing
6308	Don't change the rules at Monte Cecilia. Please consider your community and not your own personal opinions.
6311	Keep Monte Cecilia off lead!
6339	There is no need to change access rules. There is a need to train / licence and police dog owners and fine them punitively for inappropriate dog behaviour or not cleaning up after their dogs
6381	Off leash areas are very important to a balanced dog ecosystem for a better behaved dog world. For people who perhaps unwisely got a dog in the pandemic they are a saviour I'm sure. I dont have a dog but I support them for balance. The biggest dog behaviour problems come from no enforcement and there is a gradual shift towards non compliance on droppings and leashes on beaches that can easily be remedied with a small amount of enforcement/education/ warnings
6436	na
6446	please use the stats and location structure to decide the access rules.

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6500	Underwood Park, Wesley. This is proposed to change to on leash only and do not support this change. Underwood Park starts on the other side of Bealey Avenue and a lot of dog walkers from Walmsley Park walk through Underwood Park. No alternative parks have been offered for dog unleash areas under control. Freedom of movement and a balanced use of public places for dogs is required in Wesley for its residents.
6509	I think mixed or split designated areas are very difficult in practice. They require more than natural features (the "beach" area) and need to well defined with hard boundaries, prefably marked for visibility. For dog control officers to enforce it assist their role in disputes or excuses.
6511	Please keep Auckland dog friendly
6526	Wandering dogs without collars displaying aggressive behaviour is a common occurrence particularly at Big King/Three Kings offlead dog park. There are no repercussions for these dogs or the owners. There are at least 3 well known dogs which frequent this park and will result in responsible dog owners having to move away or finish their walk early due to the antisocial nature of these dogs which are often not desexed and display dangerous and territorial behaviour.
6535	N/A
6602	If it ain't broke, don't fix it
6694	At Monte Cecilia: I am writing to formally object to the proposed rule change that would require dogs to be on a leash at all times in Monte Cecilia Park. This decision is unfair to responsible dog owners and fails to consider the broader impact on community engagement, park accessibility, and recreational balance in the area. 1. Monte Cecilia Park is a Vital Community Hub Monte Cecilia Park is not just a space for dog owners—it is a place where the whole community comes together. People who don't own dogs often enjoy interacting with them, and for many, these casual encounters bring joy and a sense of connection. Whether it's children delighting in a friendly dog approaching them, elderly residents enjoying the company of animals, or casual park visitors who simply like the welcoming, lively atmosphere, the presence of off-leash dogs enhances the park's communal spirit. Dog owners also form friendships and support networks through their visits to the park. These daily interactions foster a stronger, more connected community, where people get to know each other and look out for one another. Removing the off-leash area disrupts this dynamic and takes away an important space for social bonding. 2. Health and Well-Being of Dogs Allowing dogs to play off-leash in parks like Monte Cecilia is crucial for their health and well-being. Dogs need regular exercise and socialisation, which is best achieved in an environment where they can run freely, interact with other dogs, and engage in natural behaviours. Off-leash play also allows them to burn off excess energy in a healthy, positive way, which can reduce behavioural issues and improve overall mental health. Restricting this access puts an undue burden on dog owners and risks the health of the animals themselves.

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6695	Please don't change any rules
6705	Pooped Dogs Limited is one of the largest dog walking providers in Auckland City. We believe that our safety systems reflect industry best practice, and have discussed these with council staff in the past. We encourage the council to consider evidence related to dog psychology, and in particular the unrealistic expectation for part of a pack to be on-lead while part is off-lead. As industry professionals, we strongly believe this would be a poor decision.
6723	The Council would be better placed investing time and energy into irresponsible dog owners and roaming dogs, rather than penalising responsible dog owners by restricting their access to facilities important for exercising and socialising their pets. Similarly, it would be more effective to regulate the dog walking industry rather than impose blanket restrictions on dog walking.
6769	No
6774	I don't think putting dogs on leash or restricting them access completely is a smart move to integrate them into life with humans. It's setting the expectation that everything is only for human to enjoy. Dogs are part of a family and need a space to run and play and release all the energy from being stuck in the house the whole time. And these spaces must be easily accessible in today's busy times. Some dogs are more protective of their space and owner when on leash too. I think local boards should work with professional dog trainers to see how to educate and support dog owners. But also how to educate people who are not dog owners too (it's not ok to let your kid to run to and pet every dog, especially without asking). More restrictions will mean less exercise for dogs and will cause more problems down the line
6805	There should be more parks which allow dogs off-leash.
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123	Sanders reserve, too many off leash dogs in the on leash area. More monitoring from animal control is needed so all can enjoy the reserve
199	Cats should not be allowed in playground areas. Constantly seeing cat poo buried in the bark. A lot more than dogs.
439	With smaller properties and more town houses being built, it is unreasonable to be restricting dogs access to areas to run away or even go for a walk. If more areas are taken away from dog owners, more dedicated areas or mixed areas should be set so they can take the dogs out without breaking the rules
487	Huapai domain has been infested with lots of dogs off leash with owners leaving the poo behind, and dogs running after ball which does not belong to them, making it hard for anyone to play safely at times
816	If you're not willing to put people on the ground to target the few bad dog owners don't make good dog owners pay. You should be willing to put your money and effort in, not just sit in an office and change a law
845	More dog walking areas are required!

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849	You can put in as many rules as you like, if it's not policed and if the fine isn't sufficient enough to discourage breaking the rules, then nothing will change. Will the number of AMOs across Tāmaki Makaurau increase to support being seen at parks and beaches? What training/ information etc are dog owners being asked to do/read/pass etc to lift the understanding of the humans who are the ones breaking the rules in the first place?
908	A well trained dog is often a source of delight & joy to those seeing them walking. I have witnessed many people stop & ask a dog walker if they can touch a dog which brings them joy & pleasure. Of course as with anything there are exceptions such as shy or unfriendly dogs. Dogs need socializing with other dogs & with people so as the population increases more not fewer dog walking areas need to be available in Rodney.
972	the need for safe areas for wildlife should take priority
980	I have already stated what I feel is the real issue here, which is the inability of Council to separate the few irresponsible Dog owners from the vast majority that wish to enjoy the simple act of walking their dog on a beach. Any Beach! Identify and prosecute the ones that are causing concern and leave the rest of us to enjoy life like we used to.
1066	No
1178	if you are considering taking away off leash running for dogs to socialise and keep fit and healthy it would be awesome to see a fenced dog free run area.
1191	Yes I've probably wasted my time telling you my thoughts as you take no notice anyway.
1252	My only concern as this is a waste of time as, the department does not have enough workers to manage all the regions. Unless you start putting cameras up in the parks and beaches.
1280	we need off leash areas kept. Aside from Kauri die-back / bird nesting restricted areas
1318	More on leash areas, less off leash areas.
1448	Auckland Council needs to provide more fenced off dog walking areas. They are sadly lacking compared to other regions, cities and towns.
1487	If a dog/owner has off lead, attacked another dog Then that dog should always be on lead in public.
1507	I often don't feel safe as there are always dogs running loose in beaches and many parks, even when they are meant to be leashed and the owner is present. I think it's becoming more and more of a problem.
1516	Dogs should not be allowed on beaches in summer
1528	Dogs are part of a family and should be allowed under control to come to beaches
1646	Why make the rules so much more complicated and unnecessary.. We need information as to why you propose to change existing rules that work. The questions are quite slanted in the way you have asked . How many complaints have been made? How many councillors have complained?
1652	I just think all dogs can be on a very long leash with dog owner Makes me feel better having a smaller dog We can all do it
1798	More reinforcement for people to follow the rules, as so many don't.
1829	Council visits to parks to do 'spot checks' on owners who have their dogs off leash at on leash parks and beaches, or not in control of their dog, and fine those who don't comply.
1883	For many people dogs have an incredibly positive impact on mental and physical health. Rules should be reasonable

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1888	Yes, build more areas where people can exercise dogs off- leash in a secure, contained environment
1891	Some experienced people manage more than 6 dogs very safely
1955	no
2129	no
2143	Dogs should still have access to beaches and parks, they are part of our families and the majority of owners are responsible. There are a few who spoil it for everyone but as I have said punishing everyone is not the way to go. Actually pick an area carry out a blitz of education and enforcement then move on.
2178	This survey is too long, too complicated. I favour HUGE dog access and walking tracks, beach access, forest access, camping ground access (or at least a dog friendly portion of camping areas - or just some camp grounds for dogs and some not.) I personally hate camping next to a bunch of screaming kids - but recognise that I was one once. We have the luxury of space in New Zealand - lets apply its use to everyone.
2187	As per my other comments
2240	No
2283	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban. Forestry Beach is the only nearby surf beach where we can take our dogs off-leash. It has become a cherished destination for dog owners, attracting visitors from across the region who are willing to drive long distances to enjoy its unique combination of open spaces, natural beauty, and the freedom to let their dogs exercise and socialize. A ban on off-leash dogs would have several negative implications: Displacement of Responsible Dog Owners: Many dog owners, like myself, rely on Forestry Beach as one of the few places to safely and responsibly exercise our pets. Removing this opportunity would leave us with limited alternatives, diminishing our quality of life and that of our dogs. Unintended Consequences: If the ban is implemented, many people will still visit the beach but leave their dogs at home. This could lead to an increase in barking, noise complaints, and loose dogs in residential areas as pets become under-exercised and frustrated. Community Impact: Forestry Beach is more than a recreational spot; it is a social hub for dog owners. The ban would erode the sense of community built around this shared activity. I respectfully request the council reconsider the proposed ban and explore other ways to address concerns, such as designated times for off-leash use or enhanced signage to promote responsible behavior. I am confident a balanced approach can preserve Forestry Beach as an inclusive space for all.
2421	No thanks
2479	Yes Takapuna and Milford beaches should not have dogs on lead in winter from 10am to 2pm dog walkers are the only people on the beach in the winter, so pointless a rule.

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2558	Having dog restrictions to beaches during summer is very restricting, especially considering the time window is from 10:00 all the way to 18:30. As long as dogs are under control on leash and there are no known native bird nesting areas in the beach, dogs should be allowed access at all times of day.
2575	None thank you
2600	I saw a good idea in Brisbane where they had fenced areas at some parks for large/small dogs to run around together and socialise safely with their owners. Perhaps this should be explored as a potential solution to some of the perceived problems.
2609	Mount Tamahunga would be a wonderful dog walk. I see no reason why we can not take dogs into the forest on a lead. I understand not allowing off leash to protect birds, but we could walk leashed dogs with no issue. It saddens me greatly that there are ZERO hikes that I can go on close to home with my dog, as you have banned them from both Tawharanui and the Mount Tamahunga area.
2614	Remember how many dog owners vote for council members. Dont let just a very few 'bird enthusiasts' set the rules for a full community - when those said enthusiasts will often be seen walking in the areas that everyone else is banned from. eg close up to the nests on the beach.
2638	At Algies Bay , particularly at Christmas there is widespread disregard for rules, so much so that one elderly resident was unable to go to the beach due to be harassed by dogs and their particular medical condition. This is a terrible and sad situation and is partially caused by very poor complex signage, some dog owner lack of care but mostly lack of compliance monitoring. There is no mention in the new regulations around dog droppings as Algies Bay has a serious issue with people not picking up excrement. By contrast beaches around the Catlins had dog excrement bags available on walkways and bins. We need something similar on our beach walkways.
2640	Dogs frolicking on beaches chasing balls and swimming should be allowed everywhere the constant regulations on every aspect of our lives is total overkill
2668	Keep things the way they are
2699	It is not listed, Forestry in Te Arai, not a busy pedestrian beach save for dog walkers. Are the dotterals there? Is there an area we can walk the dogs? Such a long empty beach in the morning.
2720	Dogs are more loving than a lot of people don't punish them
2736	Dogs do need spaces available for on and off leash walking, in walking our large, well trained and well behaved dog off leash we notice many owners of very small dogs panic and tell us aggressively that our dog should be on leash. Any interactions with our dog are friendly but distanced from our dogs perspective - any issues we have had have been from off leash small dogs being aggressive and untrained and also from other medium to large dogs off leash at a family beach while ours was on leash, attacked by 2 dogs and then the stupid owner tried to pat our dog. Almost calls to be certified to even own a dog!
2828	No
2842	Yes, there should be a big fine for anyone not picking up their dog poo! Dogs should only be allowed to poo on beaches below the high tide mark. It would be great to have some beaches dog free all summer.
2937	The prevailing trend of reducing access for dogs is unhelpful and stirs up community division. Some activists are becoming too adept in manipulating council policy.
3227	No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles. Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.
3236	No

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3242	It's high time that the council considers including dogs that are under control and on leash. It is time, well past in fact, for those myopic nutters within council and outside counsel to think about others and not just their own narrow self.
3285	No
3343	A vast amount of the dog prohibitions are unfair and unnecessary for under control dogs, many should be lifted or eased as these infringe on the freedoms of dogs and owners, limiting their use of outdoor spaces and overall resulting in significant negative consequences for both parties.
3367	Don't restrict areas without providing alternatives
3441	No
3485	no
3526	Dog rules all pretty regulated Put higher fines for those who don't comply rather than new rules . Seems unfair
3534	I am in favour of Forest Rd end of Term Afraid beach remains an off leash area
3545	NO I previously wrote.
3628	There are more important issues to really focus on than dogs. Sand dredging for starters.
3635	There is getting less and less areas to walk our dogs. We all enjoy the beach including our dogs who we call part of the family
3642	Acutally having dog rangers present to give advice to folk would be a novelty. P3erhaps have a section on dog registration that you need to read and then confirm your understanding. Guess for all the people that choose to let their dogs have freedom in the streets and at night nothing will alter their behaviours
3661	I strongly oppose prohibiting dogs either walking or off leash on Forestry Beach. The beach is huge, very quiet and has only ever been used respectfully by those I've encountered walking or running dogs there. There is ample room and eases some of the load from the beaches and estuary in Mangawhai. Please, please leave this as an area where dog owners can exercise their dogs- it couldn't be more ideal! Banning dogs there would be ridiculous.
3805	Far too restrictive on dog walkers.
3809	If further restrictions are going to be made on dog accessible tracks, at parks or beaches, then alternate arrangements should be made available
3883	Stop Being so restrictive!!!
3901	Please, I beg for some balance. I agree there should be dog free ares for people to enjoy without fear or noise of dogs, to protect wildlife. But also the needs to be fair access for dog owners who depend on these beaches for mental wellbeing. Sharing these beaches with our dogs brings so much joy to dog owners, these animals are our family and they love the beach, both swimming and digging in the sand. Please bring some balance and fair access for all to enjoy these spaces, there's enough for everyone to share. Increasing restrictions and reducing areas only creates a greater number of dogs in permitted areas, which becomes stressful for all
3933	I believe with the greater number of dogs in the wider Auckland area and the negative impact of their health being restricted to small or urban areas such as local roads there needs to be greater access to parks and beaches. The less ability people have to properly exercise their dogs with greater variety, space and freedom the worse the mental health of the animal and the greater the problem of aggressive and problematic animals increasing risk to the public.
3983	Better signage is needed at multiple entrances

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4084	I do not believe there should be any further restrictions of any kind for dogs in local parks and beaches. The Council should focus on menacing, roaming and unregistered dogs, and not make life more difficult for responsible dog owners who have their dogs registered and are also rate payers.
4111	Please restrict access to these areas for dogs so people and wildlife can enjoy them.
4123	Rather than complete restriction, either no dogs or dogs on leads, I am in favour of time restrictions in some places as a compromise, like we do on beaches.
4140	Keep them out
4186	No
4192	No
4278	Sometimes, in February no one is at the city beaches ... and I can't walk my dog after 10am? Can it just be a weekend thing instead?
4311	No
4314	The vast list of parks with proposed changes highlights how easily residents can get confused. I understand that Local Boards have delegation over local parks, but residents do not live their lives by council electoral boundaries. The site by site variation that is possible within and between local boards creates layers of potential confusion.
4341	No dogs at parks unless on lead at all times. Open up fenced dog parks where dogs have dog friendly enviroment & no nuisance to public. Dogs attacking dogs is not fair when responsible owners have dogs on leads. Dogs on beaches crapping everywhere & running around children is dangerous. Let alone digging up wildlife & chasing the birds. Too many risks these days with digging public
4352	Please make every effort to protect our native birds on beaches
4380	I preferred the ban of dogs on beaches at 9amm to 6pm . The extra hour at each end for the last few years was a bad move for families wanting to to enjoy our daylight saving hour in the beach WITHOUT dogs
4386	Please review the rules with a balance of bird wellbeing nad mental health of residents with dogs in the wider Auckland area. restricting dog space results in unhappy dogs and owners, so finding a compromise which allows access is the best solution. Nesting is not year-round, the bird life is very limited, the beach is huge, so blanket bans are not in line with what NZ stands for.
4388	In regards to Forestry beach, which I cannot find under your listings of beaches. Taking away this off leash beach for dogs will be so frustrating for dog owners in the surrounding areas, we have no where else to take our dogs any time of the year off leash. There are no dotterels on this beach, I have walked there nearly every day for 5 years. If you claim this is about protection of environment for animal welfare then how do you explain the deforestation and changes to that beach area for the rich that have happened over the last few years? This is a ridiculous proposition and will not stop people taking by there dogs there.
4426	You are yet again bureaucrats are allowing the few people that are not responsible with their dogs dictate to the masses with an overall ban. This is NOT the answer...
4527	No
4602	None
4631	Important to police the rules.
4639	If you keep taking away areas of off leash exercise for dogs you will increase the number of dog attacks as people as they won't get the exercise they need
4640	Enforcement must be givven a high priority,
4706	Dogs are band on beaches in California. They have designated dog parks

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4821	Please don't punish everybody and their dogs for the minorities' poor behaviour
4832	No
4857	The rules are too absolutist - please be more sensitive to the people that have used these areas on a daily basis for decades
4899	That's all for now
4906	Let owners and their dogs have some joy
4914	No
4950	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
4966	At ALL parks and beaches there is often signs of dog droppings regardless of current rules. A greater enforcement of existing and proposed rules should be applied. I have observed that even when some dog owners pick up and bag dog droppings, then they often chuck the bag into vegetation. Again, greater enforcement is badly needed.
4971	At all parks and beaches their is often signs of dog droppings regardless of current rules. A greater enforcement of existing and proposed rules should be applied. I have observed that even when some dog owners pick up and bag dog droppings then they often chuck the bag into vegetation. Again greater enforcement is badly needed.
4976	I think dogs should roam freely on beaches as they always have we have protected areas where we need them currently already there is simply no need to add more. Especially as it will inconvenience many people in the local communities Thankyou
5018	If there are time limits, then some attempt to police that would be beneficial. An bi-annual visit?
5066	no
5101	Forestry Beach - PLEASE LEAVE AS DOG ACCESS - Dogs should be allowed on the beach off leash - except for bird breeding areas (seasonally) - we are already VERY limited where we can go
5165	More funding for enforcement and compliance is needed
5207	We are a backwards nation with our dogs. You need harsher penalties for bad owners not more restrictions for good ones. I don't even have footpath for my dogs to walk on as we are on a dreadful, poorly maintained metal road. I don't know what I pay rates for??
5260	No. But please think about how complex and highly restrictive and punishing these tougher rules are on family pets.
5325	I will welcome the rules being standardised. Also, as more families move into this area they want to use the beaches. They want to feel safe.
5343	no
5345	Get the signs to match the website rules
5404	No
5429	I ask the ARC to rethink all these proposed rules and regulations . We pay the council with our rates so why don't they try to work with us and LISTEN!!! I hope this "squeaking wheel" gets some attention and these rules don't get set in stone but I won't hold my breath (big sigh)
5432	I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.
5437	Consider how dog owners will always be a minority so gauge how you review feedback accordingly. Limiting dog friendly spaces and causing congestion results in wider problems
5491	Again, should be aiming for more dog friendly not less.

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5717	already there is so little places that allow dogs have a good run. Dogs need a good run and with urban expansion, they are also losing out on the environments THEY need. to be happy, safe and socialised.
5737	Buckleton Beach is to REMAIN Off Leash, under control at all times. NO RESTRICTIONS to be considered for Buckleton Beach.
5800	Overall responsible dog owners and well behaved dogs don't pose a problem. We see more rubbish and damage from humans on our beaches and in parks than from dogs. We always pick up after our dogs and responsibly dispose of any waste.
5822	Simply astounding that dog owners are being repeatedly punished and banned from areas because they have a dog. I'm sure many have dogs as their friend and companion. Banning them from places only causes more mental health problems. Dogs are GOOD for us, please remember that!
5846	I am extremely upset that you are attempting to ban dogs from Forestry Beach, Te Arai. This beach is one of the only dog access beaches left in the area and for most of the year only used by locals walking their dogs. There are many other beaches close by where dogs are banned that people can enjoy if they do not want to be around dogs. There are hardly any dogtrotters on this beach. There are plenty of other 'safe' areas for them. Humans and dogs use this beach in harmony. I have walked my dog here almost daily for years and never heard of a dog 'danger' related issue, and locals talk. It is infuriating that within months of Auckland Council taking control of this area you are trying to remove this joy and access from us and apply Auckland based rules that are better suited for the Central Auckland beaches. This does not apply here!! If you were to do ANYTHING, which I do not support at all, the proposal should be more like peak summer (January) dog walking times before 9am and after 4pm or something along these lines. Your approach is so extreme and frankly infuriating. I am completely opposed
5899	Dogs are people's fur babies. I wouldn't let my toddler roam uncontrolled in a public park, so dogs shouldn't be able to either. They should be on leashes so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the park.
5908	We need more off leash areas, not less. Dogs need to be exercised off leash.
5954	I wish Council would stop penalising those of us who own dogs. As far as I'm concerned, dogs should be allowed anywhere if they're on leash but please do not ban dogs from Forestry Beach - there is literally no acceptable reason to do so. Leave it as it is.
6076	Please make sure ALL dogs in any parks or beaches are on a lead, and that only one can be walked at a time. This is for the safety of people and the environment, as well as other dogs. It is in their nature to chase and catch, and this is harder to control with more than one dog, even if it is on a leash.
6102	Same comments I made made in relation to Regional Parks
6170	Should be allowed at all
6335	Every park or beach seems to have different rules. Which, unless you know to look these up or there is good signage, some dog walkers flout the 'rules' anyway. It would be great if there was a blanket rule If it's about protecting wildlife, on leash until you reach the beach. If it's about protecting other beach users then dog walking 6am-10am and 6pm-10pm
6365	As long as owners have their dogs under control, then they should be allowed to have a dog in a park or on the beach at any time off a leash.
6387	Please refer to my previous comments - relevant to all beaches.
6470	Not at this time.

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6496	Disregard for the current dog rules is rampant in the Rodney area beaches. We would generally consider current rules were adequate if they were fully respected and enforced, but in the absence of such we therefore support the proposals to tighten rules.
6514	No
6682	Auckland is home to many dogs, and many dog-friendly parks and beaches are already constrained by the amount of use (particularly in summer where access is often further restricted, for understandable reasons). Further limiting the extent and number of areas that dog owners can exercise their dogs off-leash will only put more strain on these areas, which can only lead to more issues such as fighting and attacks.
6829	You need to focus on policing bad owners rather than those of us who are responsible and caring
6997	I regards to dog management, I find that all these proposed changes are a reaction to irresponsible dog owners, punishing the responisble ones. Instead of continuing to make smaller and smaller the areas dogs are allowed, how about actually target the irresponsible dog owners / "problem" dogs? (also actually start monitoring cats - they are regularly posted in the Omaha / Tawharanui page as breeching the sanctuaries there, endangering the dotterals, endangered wildlife) How about increasing patrols of Animal Management Units (encourage more into the role to be able to expand this). Responsible dog owners pay their registrations, take their dog to the vets, walk them (which is increasingly hard with the continuation of dog friendly places) pick up after them.
7018	I oppose any further restictions to dogs being exercised in regional parks and other reserves. The parks and reserves should be made available for as much public use as possible including for dogs. The parks and reserves administered by council belong to the people of Auckland. If council want to use them for instance for farming, then this should not stop use by dog walkers. Recreational use should be available. Other uses should take second place to this.
7023	We observe the birds during nesting season, when we first came to live here, no hatchlings survived. This year we managed to help keep safe and rear 5. All sorts of bird life is increasing, quails, pukekos , ducks 🦆. We make sure people know to keep their dogs from the birds (we have a wee fluffy dog ourselves). We consider ourselves the guardians of the wildlife. Other people here at Boathouse bay trap 🐭 rats 🐭, possums etc in the bush. We're making it much better. The dogs love the beach as we humans do. As long as everyone is sensible I don't see we need to make any changes to the rules. Please leave them the way they are. Thank you Susan Hutchings.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
7040	We are very supportive of the dotterels and godwits and we have been assisting with Snells Beach shore birds protection since 2021 and yielded significant results in pest control and public monitoring and nest monitoring. As a responsible dog owner, who doesn't have children I love walking our dog on the beach and often walk around to brick bay and sandspit on a leash outside of breeding season with no impacts on shore birds. The current rules work well and I would be extremely disappointed to see a total ban for dogs. As more people are reaping the benefits of dog ownership, total bans are too restrictive for those living in this wonderful environment. It is a dream come true to live beach front and compromising for the protection of birds is essential but not a total ban. On leash all year north of sunburst and a ban within 200m of nests only in breeding season is a sensible compromise to meet the needs of all. It's worked well for the past 5 years and there has been no evidence of dogs interfering with dotterel or nests. Cats have been the killers identified. A study should be taken, showing proof of dog disturbances before a radical ban is placed to prove that a ban is required, no one can argue if there is evidence and facts that dogs are a threat worthy of a total ban. The last study undertaken is too old and not relevant to be able to make such a dramatic change. If the council really do care about the shorebirds they would ensure every cat is registered and microchipped and mandate for cats to be kept inside during the night. Cats are the highest threat to dotterels in my first hand observations, also black backed gulls rodents, pukeko, children chasing them and people walking. I've helped photograph and track microchipped cats at night on the beach next to nests. Animal control did not have processes in place to respond fast enough to stop the cats returning night after night, hopefully this improves for the next breeding season as we were lucky to have 5 dot chicks fledge this season so there is plenty of opportunity to fix bigger threats before targeting and banning dogs.
7041	Please don't restrict dog access, especially when responsible dog owners pay additional registration fees and take great care of their pets, beaches, and the birds!
7045	A compromise is essential, a total ban has no supporting factual rationale for this drastic action to be taken when other threats to shore birds are higher than dogs and are currently being ignored. I.e; cats. Register, microchip and keep in at night.
7048	The current dog access rules work well with no access to dogs over the breeding season from Sept to end March. Five dotterell chicks successfully fledged this season. My experience since I've lived here is that the greatest threat to breeding birds are cats. Rules need to be put in place for cats such as registration, kept inside at night etc.
7049	Rules have to be fair to gain social licence and general public compliance.
7054	Nil
7085	Keep the dog rules as they are.
7126	Please consider these changes. A compromise that is rational and fair is the only way to support healthy communities and this submission is a great compromise for those with and without dogs and protects our environment
7153	Let the dogs have freedom on the beach

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
7184	As there is zero enforcement of the current rules, adding to them makes no sense. I would much prefer to see the current rules enforced properly by having animal control patrolling the sensitive areas daily during the breeding season. There are people who already don't abide by the the existing rules, and will not abide by the new ones either unless made to.
7192	No
7196	The rules that are current work well.
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD	
129	no
133	There are a lot of responsible dog owners out there and it is hard enough to find spaces we can walk out dogs either on lead or off lead. Ewe shouldn't be punished for the bad eggs out there
179	Need stricter enforcement
227	No just target the unlicenced dogs and untrained owners, I never see a van doing door to door in West Auckland you can easily see the unlicenced mutts, barking and snarling at everything that passes..
231	Currently it doesn't feel like any of these rules are enforced - I always follow dog access rules with my dog but constantly pass people who are breaking them when we go for walks - dogs off lead and not under control. They don't care because they know they are never going to get caught or fined and are abusive when you tell them they are in the wrong. Especially in Le Roy's bush where it is a significant ecological area and dogs are off lead all the time, in the bush in the stream. What is the point of having these rules of no one ever follows them
466	There needs to be stronger penalties and easier access to dog control. We have been out and our kids randomly nipped by dogs while standing still. Eg: two weeks ago our 4 year old was nipped while standing between us looking at the view at the top of mt Eden. The owner stated his dog will go a little kids and while the dog was on lead he didn't take it around us on the alternative path at the top. There's just no where safe for kids. It's rediculoius how dogs rule out lives. We have no rights or access to immediate help with menacing dogs. It was totally unprovoked and now we feel we can no longer visit this area. Our beaches , walkways and parks are covered in dog feces. As houses are build on less land people are taking there dogs to areas where they shouldn't be and there's no repercussions. Go to any playground eg takapuna playground any day and I guarantee there's a dog by the swings or slides. Clarification of rules are great but often people know and just do what they please. Consequences need to happen for change
664	During daytime hours dogs should be on-leash when visiting public parks and beaches, except where they are visiting a specific dog park.
846	Dogs are not your enemies. It's dog owners who need to be regulated, not dogs.
1140	Just allow well behaved dogs off leash everywhere. The owner must control their dogs or walk on a leash, but not be proihibited to use nice locations around auckland
1165	It needs to be standardised and easy it is so different in each are and restrictive . We pay dog licences to keep dogs but get nothing much out of it . Dogs need areas to run in

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
1266	Dog access within Auckland is too restricted. It's becoming increasingly difficult to find and access dog friendly walks. Walking around the streets does not provide adequate exercise or stimulation for dogs. They need access to parks and beaches where they can explore, run, and play.
1390	Auckland instead of placing full responsibility on the dog owners has decided on a system of nearly banning all dogs from beaches. New Zealand and especially Auckland is not Dog Friendly.
1394	This is a complete waste of rate payers money. Increase the penalties for people who allow dogs to do harm and leave those of us who are responsible the ***** alone
1496	Unfortunately we have seen a number of dog attacks recently and it is worrying. Maybe we need to have designated dog parks only.
1637	Beaches, some are unsuitable for dogs, some could have "dog sections" bit like ski lanes
1723	Communities need simple tools to enforce rules, like signposts anyone can point to when they meet the owners of uncontrolled dogs. Signposts can just say things like "this forest is full of poisonous karaka berries that your dog will definitely eat", or "haast eagle breeding area; off-leash dogs will be snatched by eagles".
1794	I think dogs should be on the leash in suburban areas as well. recently one of the dogs from our road attacked our dog, my partner and it was hard for the owner to control him.
1924	On behalf of responsible dog owners, thank you for your continued support of dog welfare and the positive quality of life this gives our dogs and us as owners.
2172	nil
2662	It would be useful for council to have a programme where fences are added to local reserves where dogs can be off-leash - it helps keeps dogs and vehicles safe.
2802	Have a look at the Rosedale area in Albany. There are no on-leash only parks. All are designated off leash.
2837	Council relies heavily on voluntary compliance due to a lack of enforcement powers and abilities. Having simplistic rules with clear reasoning behind them work best to ensure compliance with the majority of the population. There will always be people who disregard the rules and they won't care if the rules are changed.
3976	stop taking away the places we can take our dogs
4118	could we have more beaches where we can be dog free
4146	We need more places to exercise our dogs freely. You want to reduce the amount of dogs per walker, remove off leash areas or prohibit dogs from places which will increase dog issues since they won't be able to get the exercise they need. Why pay any rego if we are getting our rights taken away?
4172	There is to few areas dogs are allowed leading to these areas being congested
4190	Establish clearer signage specifying the amount of fines and strict enforcement regulations.
4289	All good.
4488	Dog owners rely on these areas to exercise their dogs, and further restrictions only make it harder for them to find suitable spaces. This not only forces owners to travel longer distances—adding to congestion on already busy roads—but also limits opportunities for dogs to simply be dogs. Restricting access to local parks is especially an issue in summer when extreme heat makes concrete surfaces unsafe, leading owners to seek shaded parks to prevent burnt paws and heatstroke.
4525	no

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
4540	I was a dog owner, they should never be off leash out of their totally fenced property. Because dogs are tempermentle & all owners aren't perfect.
5076	It is recommended that clear warning signs be placed at each entrance, requiring those who bring dogs into the park to use a leash, otherwise they will be fined, in order to protect the safety of other users.
5134	The current proposals do not strike a balance between dog owners and those who don't own dogs. They are far too restrictive on dog owners and unfairly penalise responsible dog owners when there are other measures the Council could take to address problems.
5261	Most dog owners are responsible and off leash times at popular beaches i agree with but parks shiyld be available to all citizens to use responsibly
5517	The health and well being of dogs in families has been proven time and time again - Yet you are unable to offer any real reason to change the rules and inhibit people from wanting to own dogs. Dogs are an essential part of life. Can you tell us what your reasons or purpose is in changing these rules. Essentially _ what is the problem you are trying to solve? From this side looking in there is no problem to solve. Please let me know if there is and what it is. ██████████
5685	Controlled access is vital - again breeches are the problem not the majority of users.
5702	Dogs should be allowed at all times on leash.
5880	The less access dogs have, the higher likelihood off issues. Dogs need exposure. Owners should have a licence to own a dog... the responsibility should be on the owners. Like firearms, in the wrong or uneducated hands, they can be dangerous. But with responsible owners we can live in harmony with our much loved canine Companions.
6261	In general we need to keep access at least before 10am and after 5pm
6386	No
6577	please have soe regulation concerning the number of dogs supervised as businesses caring for dogs are using public parks and beqches without adequate supervision of the dogs resulting in dogs pooing without it being cleaned up and roaming without supervision
7022	We pay dog rego for a reason, dogs shouldn't be restricted anywhere. They are part of the family and should be treated as such. If you want to avoid 'accidents' maybe supervise, but don't punish everyone who is responsible for a few bad apples. Humans and cats do way more damage than dogs. In the meantime cats are roaming free without consequences. If you want to keep restricting dogs from places, what's the point of being a responsible dog owner and paying for rego?
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD	
174	Tend to find that locals on Waiheke keep to dog rules very strictly. However those coming off boats and tourists flout the rules regularly. As can be seen when visiting beaches during the day during the summer season.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
187	Dogs off leash should not take precedence over the quiet enjoyment of the beach by young families, visitors and local residents. There are numerous events of enthusiastic dogs not controlled by their owners bounding up to young children and scaring the bejesus out of them, not to mention polluting the sand with faeces and urine.
420	Cameras and drones to monitor as there is a n extreme shortage of control staff on the island. Send fines after monitoring. Poo, by the way is the least of your issues. Wandering dogs are a big problem and people who have too many at a time. In a situation where even only 2 dogs pack and attack it comes out of nowhere and when they are off leash the owner can't get them all back under control. Dogs are fast and will return to attack again doubling back while the owner is trying to just get one of the dogs under control. More than any human can manage. Any owner with more than one dog accompanying must have all but one on a leash. Simple. Only one dog off leash at a time unless in an enclosed compound.
571	Think more about the rights and concerns about Non Dog Owners on Waiheke Island. We are the majority !!!!!!! Think of the impact to our lifestyle.
807	Put bells on cats don't go after dogs if you want to protect birds
861	I wish owners would get more comfortable with using a leash. "Under control, off leash" to me means instant recall and it's rare to see that. For most situations it doesn't matter, but big unknown dogs bounding up can be pretty scary.
973	Only change I would suggest is the hours dogs are not allowed on the beach. Change to 10am-4pm so there is time to walk the beach in the evening before heading home to cook dinner.
1381	Generally, as a dog owner, I support greater prohibition at all beaches, in order to protect native birds.
1435	No
1459	Not at this time
1513	Make the rules simple and easy to follow so they are easy to administer particularly for out of town visitors.
1521	Just that dogs can easily overheat (and burn their paws) in our harsh sun. Keeping dogs at home between 10am and 5pm is sensible to support the health and wellness of dogs in summertime.
1552	No
1657	Leave them as they are. The current restrictions in the summer are bad enough!
1692	Protect access for responsible dog owners & their pets and don't create unnecessary restrictions.
1716	No
2000	no. council is doing a good job on the whole.
2206	Ensure there are poo bags and bins if you increase access
2328	no
2487	If an off leash dog steals someone's dinner is the dog owner liable for the cost of this meal? Some dogs are too big and strong to fend off, especially when they are hungry. Dogs owners should know this and leash them appropriately. Fish and chips on Waiheke Island are not cheap.
2596	The great majority of dog owners on Onetangi Beach are responsible dog owners. The great majority are happy with the present conditions. This proposal is taking away one of the few safe places we have to enjoy our dogs.
2630	Keep it simple and the changes implemented by the Council a few years ago are well accepted. Don't change for the sake of it.
2644	same policy I argue for at Onetangi beach should apply to all beaches
2664	please keep it simple for everyone and every dog
2765	No

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
2771	This consultation is really hard. So long questionnaire to get to the point - with the relevant locations and proposed changes only showing at the end... I was about to cancel my submission feeling it was too hard
2881	No, i have made by submission
3054	More enforcement of current dog access rules would be welcome, instead of making unnecessary and confusing additional changes.
3127	Dogs should not be allowed on this beach or Palm Beach or Onetangi Beach in the summer at any time. The current rules at Palm Beach are terrible. They force all beach users to leave the beach at 5pm which is crazy in summer when it is light until 9pm. Dogs overrun the beaches and poop on the sand. Some dogs owners have total disregard for anyone else and do not pick up after their dog and do not have the dog under any type of control off-leash. I know of people who have had a strangers dog jump on them, been knocked over and broken their leg. It is completely unacceptable for the majority of beach goers enjoyment of the sand be destroyed by animals in the summer months by dogs when there are so many beaches on the island which are not popular and equally suitable for dogs to use.
3130	Dogs should not be allowed on Oneroa beach or Palm Beach or Onetangi Beach in the summer at any time. The current rules at Palm Beach are terrible. They force all beach users to leave the beach at 5pm which is crazy in summer when it is light until 9pm. Dogs overrun the beaches and poop on the sand. Some dogs owners have total disregard for anyone else and do not pick up after their dog and do not have the dog under any type of control off-leash. I know of people who have had a strangers dog jump on them, been knocked over and broken their leg. It is completely unacceptable for the majority of beach goers enjoyment of the sand be destroyed by animals in the summer months by dogs when there are so many beaches on the island which are not popular and equally suitable for dogs to use.
3245	No
3581	Thank you for addressing the issues raised.
3615	More fenced dog parks required please.
3660	I have images I took of how busy the beach is with cars trailers and people, I would like to show you.
3678	Too many dogs everywhere! Some people have had bad experiences with dog and are afraid of dogs but that is totally irrelevant to dog owners and they laugh at me when I tell them. Everybody should be able to enjoy the beach without fear, no?
3684	stop minimising dog areas for off leash. Dogs need to run & they need to socialise with other free dogs. Owners like me want more dog off leash space, big spaces.
3712	I think the public should be able to feel safe while visiting a beach. Not every person loves dogs but owners think you are strange for not liking their dog.
3714	None I agree with Oneroa and Blackpool
3717	Each beach has it's own environmental considerations. This submission relates to Onetangi beach only and while individual members of OBRA will be making their own personal submission, I (as chairman) have been mandated by a formal and unanimous resolution of 85 members to submit this submission on behalf of our association.
3893	No.
4003	Most dog owners are respectful and are often the main users of parks and beaches and as such should be given greater access. Better dog control officers are needed to deal with the unruly dog owners and their badly behaved dogs. Punish the guilty, not the innocent.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
4065	Dog walkers actually do a lot of the daily beach clean-up! There might be the occasional poo that got missed, but there would be far more rubbish on the beaches without the dog walkers.
4097	It is disappointing that such little consideration has been given to community usage and the importance of these beaches to the whole community. I hope the feedback is listened to as there is significant disappointment over this proposed rule change from dog owners and non dog owners alike.
4126	The existing rules work wells so we don't understand any need for change.
4159	Signage is insufficient, unclear and confusing on the western end of Onetangi beach at 'the 'rocky outcrop (crocodile rock)'. This signage needs to be more explicit that dogs are not allowed past the (crocodile) rocks. Enforcement and warning of penalties are required as many dog walkers totally ignore the signs - particularly those coming off moored boats who may not / do not see the sign at crocodile rock. Another sign is required at the far west of the beach. Contact details of enforcement officers is also required so that those reporting offenders have a clear process to follow.
4248	(This is not a criticism of our dog ranger). On Waiheke I feel we need dog ranger to be more visible & engaged. EX: Go to the 3 main beaches...Oneroa, Palm Beach & Onetangi on peak dog walking times. Check back at 11am (during summer hours) & see how many dogs are still on the beach. (The current rules are not being followed.) Talking to community via meetings or newsletters.. Get actively involved with educating our community. Too many loose dogs, unregistered dogs, dogs off leash in Oneroa township. Etc. The current rules are not being followed * as it is about safety of community & dogs we need to do better.
4371	Dogs should not be off lead on the beach
4404	It would be good to be able to have dogs on lead on beaches with no time restrictions, for people with dogs that like to picnic ect
4484	Should be on leash only . Dog owners do not control off leash dogs or pick up their poo
4635	No
4661	A small part of most beaches to allow dogs all day, even in Summer, seems fairer to everyone. Dog owners need to responsible to ensure that their dogs are not out in the heat all day on the beach though.
4667	All dogs on a leash all year round on Onetangi Beach, Waiheke Island
4717	No
4774	No
4784	People and native life before dogs.
4870	No, except the council's restrictive pets on transport policies prevent people from using public transport to get to the beach. This means we have to drive. Which means congestion and parking drama. When are we going to get a workable public transport policy for animals so we can take them in the morning and not get restricted by the peak hour public transport cutoff (and again in the evening)!
4891	Good signage is essential to success.
4916	Where are the Rangers1 Who is going to enforce your proposed changes- More Cones that the dogs won't understand!!
4974	can you just leave well enough alone. it is if every year or 2 the same topic comes up and a group are paid rate payers money to try and change things again. cant you focus on some of the bigger problems we face in Auckland rather than upsetting a good proportion of the ratepayers who own dogs.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
5285	current rules are adhered to by mist and work well- dog warden never there to collect in collected dogs that are presumably in registered
5319	Current rules on Onetangi work for most caring dog owners - total confusion with purposed new laws New rules would encourage more cars damaging beach There will be an accident with dogs & cars on an area where children play - There is wildlife at eastern end of beach -wekas being mauled by dogs!!
5465	I have taken part in many long and involved 'consultations' on dog access and the overriding focus seems to be on further restrictions which is not actually in line with current policies which encourage responsible dog ownership and recognize the positive benefits of pet ownership
5612	As already noted, without compliance or enforcement, these rules are largely useless, so think about how you can get people to comply. The Local Board needs more funding to be able to do this. I know most dog owners are responsible, and as always it is the minority who cause the problems, and claim the are not aware of the rules. One starting point is to keep the rules as simple as possible.
5645	Around the world, most beaches provide an area of the beach for dogs and their owners to use. This makes sense! Banning dogs from an entire beach area for the entire day during summer is extremely unfair to both dogs and their owners and families. Every beach should have a portion set aside where dogs are permitted off leash at all times. Share, Share, Share and be Fair!
5653	I believe in creating more spaces across Waiheke and Auckland for people to spend time with their dogs. Dogs are a central part of people's families and deserve to enjoy family time with them. Creating more convenient, Central and all-hours access for dogs to our beaches will improve the dogs wellbeing as well as their owners. I know that many of us love going to the dog-friendly beaches so that we can enjoy the happiness and joy other people's dogs bring to the beach.
5805	Please leave us alone and target owners who haven't registered their digs and get the breeds as as a watch out sign
5857	I have tried contacting the Council about breaches of the current dog access rules. It was impossible to reach anyone who could help on the suggested Council phone number. I'd like to see a Waiheke hotline provided, where we can get hold of someone who can actually do something useful, in real time.
7042	The dogs are not the issue when it comes to nesting birds. It is the cats. Cats kill for fun. Get owners to keep their cats in at night & the problem will go away.
7123	Dogs are apart of our world and deserve to have fun as well :) please don't take away even more of their freedom
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD	
10	Yes - I understand why dog access is limited but it is becoming very challenging to own a dog. Additionally, lack of space for exercising dogs is leading to behavioural problems and other issues. If you remove any more areas please replace it with another option in a better place.

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232	We need more places for dogs to run ' & play . Of course I mean responsible dog owners only. Could registered dogs use places? It's wonderful for the community , for forming connections and getting outdoors . Beaches need to allow dogs if there is no wildlife. Beach holidays are a waste of time when we can't go to the beach until 5pm .
252	Rather than relying on superficial fixes, AC could make a real difference by emphasising education to improve industry practices and introducing licensing for accountability. These measures will address the root of the problem more effectively than arbitrary limits.
486	The dog walkers should take the call as to when to walk their dogs and where. They dont need to be given such restrictions
506	Ban menacing dogs
508	Just people shouldn't let dogs onto playgrounds or around small children as this makes children a target for dog attacks. I know a few owners will be responsible but orthers don't. Please ban dogs from beaches
523	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	Dogs should have more access. The key issues are caused by roaming dogs, not ones going out and about with their family. NZ is already backwards with their dog rules. More emphasis should be taken on reducing unwanted litters and punishment for people abusing animals and stop treating dogs as property - they are living beings and deserve rights.
640	Need to have better information online. When you look up where to walk your dog it is really confusing, particularly in areas where there are multiple parks e.g. Piha. All the rules are listed by park and at Piha it's not obvious where one 'park' begins and one ends. There needs to be maps both online and in place that are very clear. Maps may need to be changed with seasonal changes to rules. An App would be a great idea! Animal Management needs sufficient resources to patrol the areas to enforce the rules or no one will pay any attention. Professional Dogwalkers should pay a concession and be bound by strict rules to protect the environment and other users of the parks.
689	The proposed changes to the local areas are more balanced than those for the regional parks, which is at least something.
700	Ban all off-lead dogs from Sensitive Ecological Area. Confiscate dogs found in areas and return on payment of costs and fine. Repeat offenders req ired to pay a good behaviour bond or surrender dog and pay costs to house and rehome or put down.
709	Increase enforcement as dog owners cannot follow basic rules.
713	please make it enjoyable for all who use them
965	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the parks or beaches at all times. Currently off leash designated areas should not be amended.
969	The key to effective dog control is clear signage and regular enforcement at beaches
1089	Dogs should be allowed everywhere as part of the family. Yes, some places they should be on a lead, but there are more harmful humans than dogs and no where do we discriminate humans. There are less and less off leash places for dogs to burn energy and enjoy freedom. By limiting these places dogs are allowed, the standard of care of dogs is likely to drop. Dogs can get stressed being in areas with high dog intensity and more fights are likely, but dogs deserve to be able to run and enjoy freedom rather than being confinded on a leash constantly.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
1148	There should be more dog parks and safe areas for dogs off leash. Clearly not during the lambing season or where there is a potential risk to nesting birdlife etc
1168	I think access for on-leash dogs should generally be increased in Auckland, not further restricted.
1220	All parks/ beaches with restrictions should have clear signage and a QR code that takes you to the Auckland council website with clear images on where access is allowed if restricted. Websites also need to be clearer so that people do not drive to destinations and then end up either being disappointed or breaking the rules.
1325	Dogs not under appropriate control must be taken from public places. We need to improve enforcement to improve public safety. Roaming dogs must be immediately collected by animal control. Uncontrolled dogs must be removed from their owners. Currently the rules are not adequately enforced. Please significantly improve animal control enforcement to protect the public.
1470	Restricting dog use further than it already is not fair. We pay a lot for our dog registration, we follow the rules and appreciate the access we do have. Removing access will have a negative impact on my dog. He enjoys a mix of off lead and on lead exercise and environments that are different - footpaths, park and beaches. As responsible dog owners we deserve access to the same spaces as non dog owners so we can enjoy them.
1576	Make room for dogs and their needs to run without increasing stress levels by forcing them into dog parks or super high dog traffic areas. Instead put more pressure on the owners to know their dogs and thus have them decide whether their dog can enter off-leash areas or better should be kept on-leash.
1600	If an owner can't control their dog and is not willing to take ownership to train their dog, then keep your dog on a lead and away from other dogs and humans to avoid harm. Humans are the problem not dogs.
1741	This seems to be an over reaction- I do not believe that you are actually making rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places, adopting measures to minimise the problems caused by dogs and protecting dogs from harm and ensuring their welfare by changing the current rules at Monte Cecelia park. This just gives us yet another reason to leave Ak City.
1930	Stop shutting everything down and denying access. People are forced to break the rules just so we can exercise our dogs. We pay enough money each year in registration fees for the council to put in more dog parks.
2176	no
2710	I think that off lead parks and beaches should have only off lead at specific and controlled times, any other time dogs should be on Lead especially on beaches like Piha
2758	Focus on poor dog owners. My dog goes with a dog walker in small packs and she loves it.
2947	No
3309	Common sense should prevail! More areas need to be opened up, maybe consulting dog owners on also opening up some of their land also!
3639	Could licensing professional dog walkers provide more access for them?
3743	The times that dogs are allowed on the beach are too restrictive. I do not feel safe to go on the beach late in evening. Most dog owners in my experience can make responsible decisions themselves
3980	Wildlife is the priority. No dogs off lead. I have been bitten by a good dog'.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
3993	Dog ownership is on the rise and people are under-educated on how to raise a well behaved, socialised, animal. Auckland needs more dog exercise areas where owners can engage, train their dogs, socialised them, and raise better dogs and be better dog owners. It takes a village to raise a dog.
4001	Again Council is becoming the ***** in the room. People and dogs must learn to coexist. It appears to me we can and should. How bear Council appears to think no dogs should ever be on the beach. I dont agree- we share the world and growing up playing with my dog or swimming with my dog is a wonderful and enriching way to grow up. Both dog and child learn in this way. You are acting in an ignorant manner and reducing this contact will only have negative effects as few and fewer people are used to animals besides themselves.
4030	Duck Park, Glen Eden I have been walking my dog at Duck Park for over four years now. There are a group of owners who regularly do also. This regular meeting as being instrumental in ensuring that the local community has well adjusted, socialized dogs. The owners are all very responsible about their dog's behaviour and making sure they place dog poop in the bins across the bridge at Harold Moody Park. Apart from in season late afternoon and evening Rugby league training and evening touch competitions the park is not used. I would like to see a designated as an off leash Park between the hours of 7am to 3pm during the time late afternoon and evening rugby league training and touch league competitions are in place an from 7am to 8pm during the summer months when there is no sports activity on the Park. The current designation for off-leash in Glen Eden is a very small strip of ground that is not really even suitable for one dog at a time. It is hidden out of the way and used frequently for overflow parking for the theatre and other events.
4235	My daughter was viciously attacked on Christmas Day by a vicious horrible dog I had to dress my daughter for one week. I said to the hospital it's their obligation to find the owner was And report to the police I was not happy seeing my child mould by this dog and the owner protected the dog If it does it once it'll do it again and as I understand the dog is not socialised and was locked in room You can't do that To any animal ! What if it does it again to a small child or an elderly person it could kill them? !
4416	No

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4571	My main comment is if you are going to change the rules, make sure dog owners follow them. You need someone there to educate the dog owners. Do you currently have a leaflet for each area where an owner registers their dog with a questionnaire? We want dogs to be looked after and have spaces to run around. But it must be safe for other walkers and the families etc and especially near young children. If it says no dogs off leash thats what it should mean! School is a good place to start about dog education because the kids tell their parents. In the bush in the waitakere Rangese is not really the place for dogs to be walked. 1. if a human is transmitting kauri die back isnt a dog when it runs off track and into the bush when its supposed to be on a lead? All this analysing and changing rules is not effective if the rules dont get known about nor followed
4637	we need as many off lead areas as possible. We pay good fees for who knows what. Bad owners will always be bad owners but if people have a non social dog or are not confident dog owners then there are plenty of on lead areas to walk Those of us who use off lead areas find them great social spots for human and dogs alike. Don't like off lead, go elsewhere. Too many people keep their dogs on lead and will not let them have any social interaction and end up with aggressive dogs a social dog is a happy dog, start supporting desexing instead, license the person not the dog, good people and good dogs are the only ones who are punished by restrictive rules
4732	From lists above there is NO mention of the Waitakere Ranges Local Board area to include I particular Piha beach and surrounds.
4756	I don't support the introduction of a full time animal management enforcer for West Coast beaches. People could instead report problematic dogs via a hotline and they could attend on a case by case basis.
4758	Karekare residents (and dogs) deserve an off-leash area on part of their beach. It's healthy for the dogs and healthy for the owners as their dogs would be happier.
4767	only that it's very frustrating and you risk people breaking rules where there is no off leash provision in areas which are able to be managed sensibly. Use some pragmatism!
4783	As a long term resident of Karekare and a dog registered license owner I take huge care and responsibility for the area and my dog. I don't mind having the dog ranger there if they actually used some discretion and took note of uncontrolled and misbehaving dogs but they are purposely coming in the early morning and going for responsible locals just trying to do what is right by there dog and exercise it. I would prefer to see the Auckland Council Animal Management spend there time and resources on dogs and animals that are been mistreated and abused not on people that are just trying to walk there dogs at the local beach.
4815	Please make all beaches dogs in leash or dog prohibited to protect wildlife

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4820	Currently there is no option for dogs and their owners to enjoy Karekare beach off lead. The beach is vast and the area that includes union bay, ending at paratahi island is a good natural boundary. By allowing this area off lead we can keep the native species nesting either side of the boundary safer. The animal control officer then has an area they can refer dog walkers to also. Currently, locals are feeling the early morning visits from animal control are unnecessary and stressful. They are exercising with their dogs on a vast stretch of beach away from dotterel and penguin nesting sites and still being subjected to fines. It is a rural community with many active conservation minded members. We would like to see a balanced approach for all.
4827	You should be opening up areas in local parks and beaches for dogs off leash and on-leash. You should also be opening up the Waitakere Ranges for walking/hiking and for dogs. It's a disgrace the tracks are still closed under unsubstantiated science and voodoo spiritual beliefs.
5137	I think dogs on leash should be allowed at all parks and beaches at all times. Thank you
5411	Dogs can be very friendly if they are properly trained. The problem lies with dog owners who lack responsibility and don't know how to train their dogs. Therefore, the council should change the rules so that all dog owners are required to take a course before owning a dog, and the dog should also undergo training at a center before going home. otherwise, dog must on leash all time in public.
5480	Your rules are too restrictive
5558	I understand that in some areas of Auckland neglected dogs pose a huge problem, however, here at Karekare dog owners love their pets and treat them as members of their families. Our dog has never been left on her own and is a most loyal and constant companion. There should be at least some part of the day (as with horses on the beach) when we can exercise our dogs without restriction. I don't like being on a leash!
5577	I strongly support set hours of the day for use of parks and beaches by dogs. This gives the public clarity and allows dogs and owners the chance to socialise safely. this is critical for well behaved dogs and educated owners. Many of the problems to be addressed are cause by dogs being left isolated, untrained, and without exposure to other dogs and people so they do not learn how to behave.

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5579	Auckland Council and the local boards have proposed limiting dog access to 64 of 123 dog parks across Auckland. The proposal is a massive reduction in the access that dogs have in public places - in many cases they are proposing going from off-leash to total 24/7 dog bans! More concerning, they have proposed changes to the overall wording and objectives of the Dog Policy 2019 that will enact a significant downgrade in how dogs, and dog owners, are perceived in the eyes of policy makers, which could impact all future policy making on dogs. Overall, council seems to be proposing sweeping changes that go directly against the Policy on Dogs 2019, notably: • The objectives of the current dog policy to “keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by: maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places” • A core principal of the policy to “Recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access is essential for dog welfare” S1(a) • A requirement to consider all “practicable alternatives” AND that ‘displaced dog owners, and their dogs have access to other places as part of the same decision’ S6 The policy also requires there to be a ‘structural change’ or a ‘significant risk’ before any change should be considered and yet the evidence that has been provided is low impact and tenuous at best. The findings of the reports have been written in a way that seems to favour a predetermined outcome to significantly reduce dog access in public places.
5582	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates. I pay extremely high rates AND pay for dog registration and don't even get to take my dog barely anywhere. It's getting ridiculous. Stop banning on-leash dogs from everywhere. There's almost nowhere left to go
5652	Summer times are very hot for dogs - please allow some access during the day at at least some beaches so that dogs can swim. The current hours for dogs on beaches over summer are too restrictive
5667	The KISS principle should apply in general in order to Keep It Simple for Society. That means that dogs are kept on a leash in all public places at all times, unless the place is designated as a 'Dogs Area' in which case they maybe off leash in these specified areas. A good example of this in Waitakere Ranges Local Board is Kaitarakihi Bay on the Manukau Harbour-for dogs. Local childrens public playgrounds, swimming beaches and city parks should always require dogs to be kept on the leash. In many places it is reasonable to have a long flexible leash that the dog owner has total control over to rein in the dog. Dog owners should be required to do training to learn how to control their dogs. It is a huge cost, a longterm commitment and responsibility, thus people need to know this before getting a dog and then to get registration.
6038	No
6345	The different rules and timings between the different areas of Auckland is confusing. Having one consistent rule across greater Auckland would make it much easier for dog owners to navigate where they can safely take their dog, on and off leash.
6447	You are marginalising dogs and dog owners Human incapacity for tolerating what looks ‘other’ is a large part of what is problematic today and has resulted in catastrophic species loss worldwide
6615	Dogs need to be exercised off their leads as much as possible—this works very well at Monte Cecilia park for instance where large groups of humans and dogs meet up regularly. Happy dogs and happy humans!

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6724	Restricting the number of places dogs can go with cause more wondering dogs, barking dogs at home etc. And more condensed areas of dogs off leash in the few places that would be left in auckland.
6765	Dog access rules should reflect local conditions and preferences and should not be standardised on the basis on the most restrictive rules.
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162	I am fearful of dogs, I particularly fear for my grandchildren when I am caring for them and dogs are running loose in the parks and on the beaches. Even when I mildly point out the council signage I sometimes get into conflicts with dog owners who can be very aggressive. I would like to see dog access to parks and beaches severely limited and much better monitored.
366	no
560	Please have dog people on your group.
755	Please concentrate on real issues not ones that don't exist
784	Keep Auckland a dog-friendly city. Don't change off-leash areas to on-leash. You'll end up with more badly behaved dogs as they won't have any opportunity to socialise with other dogs off-leash.
803	N/A
827	Like i said i'm always at Kohi or Takapuna beach and always a happy shared space. Most people adhere to dog rules only a minority don't. Prefer our tax payer money spent on something that needs addressing
835	Please do not further restrict dog exercise options. NZ is already so far behind other parts of the world in where dogs are allowed and these changes will just see us go backwards.
853	No further comments - thank you.
914	There is no demand from anyone outside council for any changes to the dog bylaws. This is just council staff "creating work" where no work needs to be performed on this unnecessary "project!".
957	Dogs should be prohibited from all beaches during bird nesting and chick rearing seasons. August - March.
1048	All parks and beaches should have stronger enforcement by dog management. As too many times I've been seeing dog attacks while one dog is on lead and the other is not!
1235	Piha rules unclear.
1335	No
1379	Why don't you employ someone to go around all parks and beaches to give council a presence and a chance to see how little impact dogs have in many areas. Let's be honest, you could claw back that person's salary and make huge profit in fines for those not abiding by the rules and people that break these rules would very quickly learn! Or give the public an easy way to report dog owners that don't pick up after their dogs or break other rules. Without easy access to off lead areas, how are many people meant to train their pets outdoors? These are vital for training and socialising pets, not just for exercise of the bigger dogs.

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1474	when a park is not in use for sports or other events, it should be open for free use, including off-leash for dogs. dogs should be permitted on the beach during the day, under control on a standard length leash, no long leads. after day-time hours in summer months, dogs should be allowed off-leash and access to swimming in the water. During winter months, dog should have access off leash on the beach and in the water. responsible ownership needs to be more accountable.
1543	In general the signage of dog exercise areas and rules are very confusing. A beach should either be dog friendly or not. Having parts of beaches as designated areas for dogs just doesn't work. People need simple rules. Yes to dogs or No. Fundamentally its humans who like to walk on beaches. Dogs are happy to go anywhere. It isn't just the bird life that is disrupted its the dog poo you find when you put your towel down or the excited uncontrolled dog that bowls over the elderly or young. We have plenty of parks and public walkways. Let dogs be on these not on our beaches
1544	DON'T CHANGE ANYTHING, MAKE BEACHES MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR DOGS THAT ARE UNDER CONTROL, OTHERWISE OWNER IS LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES DONE BY THE DOG, WHICH IS LITERALLY IN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM.
1549	Takapuna Beach
1684	No

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1923	I'm writing to express my deep concern about the current state of Meola Dog Park, which serves as the only off-leash dog park for the Point Chevalier, Westmere, Grey Lynn, and Ponsonby areas. Despite its importance to our community, the park is unsafe for dogs and is falling short of its potential to serve as a safe, welcoming space for both dogs and their owners. The most alarming issue is the presence of Karaka trees within the enclosed dog area. During summer, these trees drop large orange berries, which are highly toxic to dogs once ingested. Tragically, many dogs die each year after consuming these berries. My own dog has narrowly avoided this fate, but not without three emergency trips to the vet to have their stomach pumped. We were lucky, but the stress and fear of losing our beloved pet have made the park unusable for us during berry season. The toxic kernels from these berries can remain on the ground for up to a year, creating a constant hazard. It's baffling that these trees are still present in a space specifically designed for dogs. Beyond this life-threatening issue, the park is in disrepair. The paths remain washed out from recent flooding, making it difficult to navigate, and the small enclosed area has not been expanded to meet the growing number of dog owners who rely on it. The lack of space often forces people to walk their dogs outside the gated area, defeating the purpose of having a safe, controlled environment. This park has the potential to be a vital resource for the community. With proper maintenance, an expansion of the dog exercise area, and the removal of hazardous Karaka trees, it could become a safe, thriving space for the many inner-city dogs and their owners. There is ample room to make these changes, and investing in this park would relieve pressure on other public spaces like Point Chevalier Beach, which many of us now resort to for safety reasons. For many dog owners, our pets are family. When a park meant to bring joy and connection becomes a source of anxiety and danger, it signals a need for urgent change. Please prioritize making Meola Dog Park a safe and well-maintained space for the community. ~~The above information and attention~~
2184	Let the dogs have access to all parks beaches in and greater Auckland
2185	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2286	No
2397	No
2625	Make sure up to date rules are easily accessible on council website
2667	Put safety above all else. If you don't then the public will stop going out for walks due to fears from packs of dogs.
2761	No
2867	It is really important to remember that not every area has tides that are conducive to morning and evening only walk times - and sometimes during the middle of a hot summers day it is really nice for dogs to get to swim. It is really important to balance the enjoyment of people at the beach with the consideration that real life doesn't always fit into the schedule of before 10am and after 5pm.
2989	Use the existing rules to control animal behavior and do not introduce new policy/rules that add no value to the experience of people and animals in the Auckland region.
3031	Leave things alone
3049	i think dogs should be allowed pretty much everywhere as long as they are under-control, they are part of the family and 'mans best friend' after-all

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3435	Madills Farm is unique in that many small dogs can be off lead here safely. Some beaches and parks attract mainly large dogs and therefore our dog is not as comfortable as at Madills.
3721	Animals especially dogs provide valuable companionship to many people. We should not be restricting them so much, rather we should acknowledge the benefits, including to mental health that they provide to their owners. We should however make it harder for people to breed / own dogs that are known to have the potential to be vicious.
3851	Local parks = enforcement needed. Dog owners currently behave as if there are no rules, and I suspect some genuinely have no idea their dogs are not supposed to running around the Auckland Domain off lead wherever they want. But when they are told they don't care and sometimes get angry/aggressive. Most seem to think it's their right to take their dogs wherever they want. Not fair for non-dog owners.
4040	Thanks for addressing the risks to children and other sports field users.
4575	I noted that you are not going to make future reviews. I think you should make annual reviews to see how you are doing, how effective the changes that have been enacted are.
4615	No
4617	Signs to remind people. Those extendable leads are dangerous as one cannot control their dog from a distance.
4738	For every local park where dogs have off leash space there should be equivalent local public park area that is entirely dog free and dogs are prohibited altogether. This is only fair for non dog loving rate-payers. Reality check some of us are intimidated by dogs, they do not provide an outlet for social connection, in fact the opposite is true.
4779	ensure there are more bins for dog feces to be dropped otherwise owners are not picking it up and leaving it in the footpath or on the grass which is a biohazard and can spread disease to other dogs and children
4930	No further comment
4942	No
4948	Access rules should remain as they currently exist.
4981	Public spaces are for everyone, off lead and in control spaces should be more available not less.
5004	I strongly urge the council to reconsider these proposals and take a more balanced approach that considers the needs of responsible dog owners.
5132	No
5425	When it is to protect wildlife, such as the dotterels, I completely understand the need for the rule change. But taking away "off leash" farms like Madills farm in Kohi and Monte Cecelia is just not right. How can we give our dogs the life they deserve if they can't be off leash and enjoying themselves, happily socialising with others. Don't punish the good dogs.
5454	Dogs on leash are under control - why prohibit them?
5486	Stop making it so hard to be a dog owner!! Dogs off lead is absolutely fine! Worry about bigger issues

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5489	Restricting dog off leash areas makes it hard for people to adequately exercise their dog., there will be more rule breakers amongst owners and also barking dogs from frustration with lack of adequate exercise.
5618	Dogs under control are a positive for the city and create public engagement. Auckland Beach hours when dogs are prohibited should be 11am to 5pm not longer.
5624	Dogs should be allowed in parks. There are already few public spaces they can go.
5638	In my experience, dog owners do not like to be challenged when they have their dog off-leash in an on-leash area and some can get quite rude and aggressive. If it were a requirement that a dog's registration number had to be clearly visible on its collar or branded into its coat, then it would be possible for members of the public to lay a complaint about breaches of rules, including when an owner does not clean up a dog's excrement, which is such a disgusting thing to find in a park, on a beach or in another public open space.
5649	Increase fines for people who do not pick up after their dogs.
5693	I am very concern over the potential loss of number of off-leash areas. Auckland already has limited off-leash parks and reducing these will only lead to more frustrated dog owners and stressed pets. There are plenty of on-leash areas, but spaces where dogs can freely socialise, are vital for responsible dog owners who follow the rules and contribute through registration fees. Limiting the number of off-leash spaces will only lead to more congestion at existing areas, making them less enjoyable for both pets and their owners. Additionally, it will increase travel costs—not only financially but also environmentally—if people are forced to drive further for access to off-leash areas. It's disheartening to feel that we're not being given more consideration, and such a change would cause frustration for many in our community. I urge the council to reconsider any plans to reduce off-leash spaces.
5792	N/A
5964	Leave the dogs have there off leash access to run, humans have plenty of spaces to be
5977	I haven't commented on any other specifics, because I don't visit those parks regularly with my dog.
6182	Any changes should be made after the policy changes are made and agreed in a separate consultation.
6367	Time could be used to manage different needs. For example commercial dogwalkers use parks and beaches between 9 and 2pm during the working week. If pack walks were not allowed outside those hours it may make it more comfortable for other users.
6441	This whole change to Dog Bylaws is an exercise in bureaucratic overreach and obfuscation. The existing Bylaws are inadequately enforced, so more by laws will not change anything. Nine of these changes address the so called 'dog problems' discussed in the various papers to council. The evidence used is flawed. These changes will not do anything about unregistered dogs, roaming dogs and irresponsible owners. The majority of dog attacks reported are in private property and all these changes will do zero to change that. Unnecessary and wasted effort by Council.

Sub #	Q4_Other_Other
6690	I oppose the proposed changes to the Dog Rules. I am a responsible dog owner and ratepayer. I am very concerned that the proposed changes will reduce the wellbeing of dog-owners and their dogs. Dogs are an important part of many people's lives: for many, they are family members, providing companionship, affection, love, opportunities to serve and to exercise and get outdoors daily. Dogs are an important contributor to mental health and wellbeing. I expect dog ownership will increase as the population grows and ages. The changes largely aim to restrict access of dogs and their owners to more public spaces, including parks and beaches. I support the opposite - increasing the access of dogs and their owners to more things, as is available overseas – eg more dog parks, with fenced sections that cater for different size dogs, and also increased access to cafes, restaurants and public transport. Reducing access is likely to reduce the quality of dogs and indirectly their owners lives. Without adequate opportunities for exercise and socialization, behavioural problems are likely to increase. The proposals are likely to disadvantage responsible dog owners and irresponsible dog owners are likely to continue to ignore the rules. Its important the council focuses on the issues caused by irresponsible owners and the challenges of unwanted dogs by supporting desexing programmes.
6839	DO more research.
7120	Give us the early morning and after hours please. Dogs are family!
WHAU LOCAL BOARD	
13	Restrict dogs from all teh parks and beaches.
47	In general, the presence of dogs makes any park or beach much less appealing to me, particularly when I have children with me

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460	Do not punish the many to control the few. Ensure council animal management and officers are resourced to manage the few. Dog owners have rights and pay licence fees for our dogs that money should be used to manage those who break the rules. Also make dog owners more responsible with more requirements on them to be qualified owners. Other countries manage to do this. I just came back from Europe and dogs are in Cafes, pubs and on trains without muzzles. We have a training and compliance issue of a few uneducated owners. Take back control and focus on the real problem. What you are doing is similar to giving compliant car owners parking tickets for the indiscretions of the car they parked next to. How is this fair or logical? Additionally cats do more damage to our native birds than dogs. Where are cats being managed to be restricted too? I support our parks and animal management teams but this is a one sided and loaded consultation based on complaints. No one ever calls council for anything but complaints. So the data and research is flawed.
561	Allow more access to beaches and parks and off leash areas
850	Don't penalise responsible and considerate owners and well behaved dogs for the few. NZ is incredibly restrictive when it comes to dogs (and for some good reason with the native wildlife), but more prohibitions without good reason is frustrating. Focus on issues such as registration, training, ownership, breeding at source.
1122	Monte Cecilia park should be an off leash park at all times.
1143	I do think it is very hard for families with dogs who are not allowed to take their dogs with them when they take their children to a playground. Most people have limited leisure time and their dogs are used to being around children. It is also a perfect opportunity for children to learn how to interact with dogs safely.
1177	Do not limit the number of dogs that can be walked on leash at a time. Set aside specific areas for off-leash pack walking/adventuring.
1277	Stop demonising dog owners. We already pay a large fee especially compared to cat who are not restricted, do not pay registration and cause impact to wildlife.
1614	Clear signage is needed
1629	Leave things alone. Too Many rules for each park is stupid.
1911	Please dont keep reducing the places we can take our dogs, Auckland is becoming a very "unfriendly" place to have dogs with small numbers of citizens disobeying rules to disadvantage the many of good dog owners
2043	None at the moment
2455	Community wellbeing and socialisation for people with pets needs to be the primary concern for Auckland Council not fewer opportunities for access public spaces. Dogs need to be exercised daily and you can't leave them at home for hours on end - this, in fact causes more problems including complaints to Council and escaped dogs being reported to Dog Control. We need to be more welcoming of people with dogs in Auckland. I think, also, that dogs should be able to travel on public transport more easily and that Council should create off leash areas that are specifically for small dogs.
2544	Allow more access for dogs at parks and beaches

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2819	Owners with dog onleash should have the same access to beaches and green spaces as other people. By this I do mean with the exception of playgrounds and sports fields
2946	no
3033	Auckland has extremely limited decent off leash areas for dogs. Limiting this won't stop the irresponsible owners, it just punishes the good ones.
3150	N/A
3394	Provide greater opportunities for off leash (even time limited), and you'll see that the amount of dog issues will decrease. Exercised dog is a happy dog, and people are naturally lazy and will walk their dogs where they are used to regardless of any rules. Don't punish the good community of dog walkers, focus on those who don't care about their dogs and backyard breeders.
3549	See previous comments re Pt Chev beach and Coyle Park
3651	More access for dogs during hot summer days so they can cool off
4025	Current access at most parks works, please do not change, No data or logically reason for changes have been provided, look's like a Bias campaign by a few Individual's who are wasting taxpayer money & time Pursing personal agenda without and real data to back changes, and is Bias negatively toward responsible Dog's and owner family. Please stop the whole Campain which has the optics of a witch hunt ,
4157	NO!
4464	Fine the irresponsible dogs owners and give the responsible dogs owners more places to walk there dogs in a city atmosphere where gardens are small.
4516	Not at present
4543	I would like to see a few beaches, that give access to dog owners across the Auckland region provide sections of a beach, or even an entire small beach we're in summer dog owners can go and let their dogs cool off at any time of the day
4727	Please keep places that are favored towards dogs and their owners! So important for us to have open green places that allow free play and healthy socializing off leash. This encourages good socializing skills from puppy to adult. This is an important neccesity to foster a supportive and safe community.
4879	One dog on a leash maximum!
4923	I reiterate that I believe this review is a waste of time and money. Responsible dog owners are tired of being punished for the actions of irresponsible dog owners whose dogs often aren't registered anyway. I'm tired of completing submissions every couple of years because council decides to relitigate rules when they keep promising us that the current review will align everything and there will be no more need for sufficient changes. Auckland needs to be a more dog-friendly city, we are light-years behind most overseas cities and getting left behind. Disappointing.
5023	I think the rules are clear enough as they are, with the exception of lamb and bird breeding season. I think those seasons should be listed so people are aware and will hopefully stop taking their dog their for the time being. I think it's important to also listen to dog owners, not only the ones who make the complaints and try to force the council to change the rules. The main issue for me is that it's about roaming and not-desexed dogs as well as unregulated dog-walking businesses.

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5591	Do not limit off-leash places - especially Monte Cecilia. By removing off leash places, you will only see increase in issues.
6077	Same comments as I made about regional parks. KISS
6295	This park has always been a very harmonious and friendly place, where all dogs and people get along well without any conflicts. Nature does not belong only to humans—it also belongs to dogs. They need freedom and a peaceful, friendly environment to run and play.
6487	Please pur dogs need a place to run responsibly
6522	We need to ensure dogs have free areas that they can roam. We need to advocate for dogs for a healthy relation. For the on-leash area, we need to police this better.
6537	I own two dogs and I'm sick of the minority giving good dog owners a bad name. If dogs are roaming or attack other dogs at any beaches or parks. Fine the owners and confiscate the dogs.
7243	None
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329	All parks and beaches ... in fact all public areas should have a tightened rule
474	Summer hours are too restrictive
627	Completely uncalled for we have many other more pressing issues as a community to be dealing with
746	Dogs should be permitted at Auckland Regional Park campsites, perhaps with the exception of 15/12 through to 15/01 each year
903	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.
1222	My feedback on dog access rules in parks is about ALL suggested changes you're intending to make. I don't want any changes. Parks need to remain free for dogs. They need to be walked somewhere. Imposing restricted time-windows and on-leash areas only takes away my quality if life and that of my dog!

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1875	Dear council I am writing to urge you not to ban dogs from our beloved regional parks, beaches, and public spaces. As a vibrant part of our community, these natural areas should be open to everyone, including responsible dog owners, who are an integral part of our society. Why Dogs in Parks Matter: 1. Health and Well-being: Dogs are not only wonderful companions, but studies have shown that walking with dogs encourages more physical activity, which can help combat the rising rates of sedentary lifestyles and chronic diseases. These outings promote better mental health, lower stress levels, and a deeper connection to nature—benefits that extend to the whole family. 2. Economic Impact: Dogs help generate revenue for our parks. Local businesses benefit from dog owners spending on pet-related products, pet services, and park fees. Tourism also sees a positive impact as people often choose destinations where they can bring their dogs, boosting the local economy and increasing the sense of community. 3. Social Responsibility: Responsible dog ownership is a core part of being a good community member. Many dog owners are highly committed to respecting public spaces—cleaning up after their pets, keeping dogs on leashes when required, and ensuring their pets do not disrupt others. Banning dogs punishes those who are mindful and courteous, while the real challenge lies in enforcing responsible behaviour. Ensure you are fining and implementing consequences for those who do not obey. 4. Environmental Stewardship: Dogs, when properly supervised, play an important role in protecting our parks by discouraging littering and trespassing on restricted areas. Many park visitors with dogs
2102	Allow dogs on leash at all times on Piha South and off leash Piha North
2183	Don't take away the freedom to include dogs in our communities. Humans are far more harmful- if you need to restrict access, then consider restricting human access as well - they are the worst culprits when it comes to protecting our flora and fauna
2584	This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.

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2652	Summary: Unified Approach: Avoid fragmenting beaches into overly specific zones. Instead, adopt clear, seasonally-based rules for when dogs need to be leashed (e.g., during wildlife breeding seasons) across the entire beach. Defined Off-Leash Areas: Provide clearly marked off-leash zones to prevent confusion, ensuring people and their pets can enjoy the space without constantly needing to navigate boundaries. Accessibility and Enjoyment: Excessive restrictions can discourage people from using these spaces for exercise, family outings, and bonding with their pets, undermining the purpose of public recreational areas. Broader Perspective on Disturbance: Acknowledge that human activities—such as children playing or groups engaging in beach sports—can also disrupt wildlife. Dogs shouldn't be singled out when other activities can have similar effects.
2903	Furthermore, I would like to highlight that Whangaparāoa currently lacks any off-leash gated or fenced area for dogs. Such a space would be a valuable and welcomed addition to the community, providing a safe environment for dogs to exercise and socialise without disturbing wildlife. Creating a dedicated off-leash area would be a proactive solution that balances the needs of dog owners and conservation efforts, ensuring that both can coexist harmoniously. I urge the council to retain the current time-and-season rule, which provides an appropriate balance between protecting the dotterels during their vulnerable nesting periods and allowing for responsible off-leash dog walking at other times. Additionally, I encourage the council to explore the possibility of establishing a gated or fenced off-leash area in Whangaparāoa as a long-term solution for the community.
3173	Thank you for providing an opportunity for feedback on bylaws as they relate to dogs. I have been a dog owner in the past (in another area of Aotearoa NZ), but do not currently own a dog. In my view dogs should never be allowed off leash if they cannot be recalled by command. This is a rule when enjoying bridle paths and walkways in the UK and should also apply here, especially on beaches.

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3174	1. Regarding updating dog access rules Our dogs actually need more off-lease areas, but you are trying to do the opposite. If you have been as dog owners, you would know less social and exercise will make them more aggressive. if you are doing so only because some people reported, we would like to know did they really attacked by off-leash dogs? Please do not count stray dogs in, because it is not off-leash, They are dogs without the supervision of dog owners. As responsible dog owners, we take our dog off-lease and we supervise them. There are about 500,000 dogs in Auckland, current off-lease area is even not enough for us. please open more areas for us. Before I became a dog owner, when I ran on the track and met some big off-leash dogs, I was also scared, but if I saw their owners were close and told me their dogs were friendly I felt relaxed, after I became a big dog owner, I can understand the people who are scared of dogs, but we should teach people how to treat offleash dog, firstly all dogs in NZ have no rabies unlike in other countries which can be very dangerous to people, in addition when you see an off-leash dog run towards you, do not be panic, calm down, treat them like a baby, they just want to play with you. I have been as a dog owner for 15 months, I take my dog offleash almost every day and I have never seen an off-leash dog attack other people or dogs, they might chase, and bark, but not bite. That's the way they play! My dog was only once bitten by another 'on-leash' dog, that dog-owner was nervous and pulled his dog back when my dog was trying to approach and play with his dog, I had no experience at that time and still let my dog approach his dog and his dog bite my dog on the face. I suppose that dog owner might have treated his dog badly at home and not given his dog enough exercise/off-lease. This is only one extreme case I have met since I have a dog, after all we should not permanently close a motorway because of one accident, we should not reduce off-leash area because of those very few irresponsible dog owners, right? I like one rule another dog owner told me, 'Be nice to your dog, they will be nice and listen to you', I have read a lot of rules from websites, dog classes, and dog owners about training dogs, but this rule is the most important. Dogs need to be off-leash, especially for big dogs, because enough exercise and social life are important for them.
3180	Dogs need to be off leash on the park. Park is not only for the sports people.
3183	Why can't we have a incloser for dogs in towns..like Manurewa, papakura..fully fenced..there's really no where to take dogs, well big dogs.

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3184	I'm writing to share my concerns about the proposed updates to the Council's Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw, as well as changes to regional and local park dog access rules. Dogs are such an important part of life for many Aucklanders. They provide companionship, emotional support, and help bring communities together. The current policies and bylaws seem to be working well overall, so I'm not sure these changes are the right direction. Reducing dog access to 14 regional parks, 64 local parks, and associated beaches feels like a step backward. These are the places where dogs and their owners can relax, exercise, and connect with others. Many other countries, particularly in Europe, are finding ways to make their public spaces more dog-friendly, not less. It would be great if Auckland could aim for the same approach instead of restricting access further. On top of that, dog owners already pay compulsory fees specifically for using parks. Limiting access feels unfair when we're contributing financially to the upkeep of these spaces. I hope the Council can work toward policies that keep Auckland's public spaces enjoyable for all
3195	Several times I and others have been compromised by dogs dashing through us or knocking us over while fetching balls thrown by owners in a line parallel to the sea edge - this is where people walk. If they must use the balls on the beach, they should throw them where there are no people walking or swimming. Can we use something like citizen's arrest to demand their names so we can report them for a fine? I have also been hit by these balls. There was another instance when I was on a northern North Shore beach at dusk when I appeared to be the only walker and a dog appeared from the non-housed northern embankment, presumably a car park, ran at speed towards me and ran around me in circles, barking loudly. The owner later appeared and was not at all apologetic. I have also been threatened by barking, snarling dogs running loose in a walkway near my previous home in Glenfield - I couldn't move but eventually managed to straddle a neighbouring fence to escape their wrath. I have seen similar threatening behaviour to a young person just walking down the road on the opposite footpath. She couldn't move as when she took a step the dog would snarl and lurch forward. I used an umbrella to keep the dog away while helping the child move down the street. I was brought up on a farm and had a dog to train as a pet, I was never afraid of dogs prior. It is too bad that we have to be extra wary in the city.
3204	Hi, just had a quick look of the part of the new update, don't have time to read the whole thing. Feel like there's more restrictions for doggies access, less places dogs can go, really upset as a dog owner. As more and more family have pets as one of their family member, why dogs can't go places where human beings can be as long as dogs is under control? This is discrimination!!!!
3475	Dangerous breeds should not be allowed in the parks. Even with leash, some owners are not able to control them. Such dogs should be desexed and it should be mandatory.

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3848	Better enforcement of off leash dogs in an on lead area
3954	Gardens do not change the rules please
3971	no
4227	file:///U:/Governance/Democracy%20and%20Engagement/CMK/Auckland%20Insights/09%20Consultation/Dog%20Policy%20and%20Bylaw%20&%20Local%20Access%20Rules%202025/Submissions_DOGS25/Attachments/250130%20-%20Grant%20McLachlan%20-%20Submission%20to%20Auckland%20Council%20.pdf
4240	I want my feedback included in your consultation please. I don't support further restrictions or removal of areas you can take dogs now. Dogs behaviour doesnt improve being stuck at home. They start barking and escaping. We need to encourage good socialised dogs. Dog oars are ok, but very rammed and often with unknowledgeable inattentive owners. I think 99% of problems with dogs comes from 1% of owners. So I encourage more attention on them, that 99% of people who follow the leash rules. Having animal control education officers out, visible. Asking everyone if they have a poop bag, if they have a leash. If they know the rules in that location etc wld keep marginal owners on point and reassure non dog pp. Also in schools educating kids to not pat tied up dogs, to ask the owner, not to pat too of head etc. as I've had all that before. Abc as a dog owner, to me that's a parent issue not a dog issue (even tho my dogs submitted to being touched by strange children without me present)
4244	More beach access for dogs. Either one or two more beaches apart from St Leonard's that dogs are allowed year round. Have clearer signage, and parks dogs are not allowed for those who are scared of dogs. Conflicting rules. Signs on parks saying off leash / Council web site says the opposite.
4489	General feedback for Auckland Council - dog walkers need more places to walk their dogs, not less. This form is so tedious to fill out so it is hard for people to make this clear and have their say. I wish I could leave the council to actually do what's needed and yet here I am
4500	Hi I had owned a dog for two years and find the limitation of places I am able to run him off leash very frustrating. I am a member of several Facebook pages about walking and tramping and it's interesting to hear from overseas visitors or foreigners living here how tight our dog access restrictions area. I understand the concerns but it is the classic case of a few dog owners who ruin it for everyone. I have a medium sized dog and a large back garden but nothing compares to the exercise and enjoyment he gets from running freely in large spaces with other dogs. It tires and chills him out. There needs to be more of them including beaches. I was amazed how many dogs there were on Takapuna Beach compared to the limited hours on Kohi Beach. Please consider increasing the number and variety of offleash areas for dogs.
5103	Stop attacking responsible dogs and their owners, start focusing on roaming dogs.
5424	License dog owners, it's wider ranging longer term solution.

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5436	The focus of council needs to be on the source of the problem – desexing and irresponsible dog ownership. There also needs to be a focus on enforcing responsible dog ownership and improving our animal welfare standards- this includes enforcing owners desex their dogs (and cats), socialize and train their dogs, and reduce roaming dogs. Other suggestions include: •The point of dog sale: there should be a licence to sell dogs to reduce irresponsible 'backyard breeders'. Backyard breeders selling on trademe and on facebook (even though they are not permitted to), is leading to people who cannot afford puppies or do not care for their dogs, which in turn leads to roaming dogs and dog attacks. •Dog Ownership: focus on preventing roaming dogs, unregistered dogs, non-microchipping, and life chained dogs. More should be done to ensure responsible dog ownership (yes there is an incentive to do a responsible owners course to get a discount on your annual council dog registration fee, however this does not target the population who choose not to register their dog in the first place). How does the council target the owners who do not pay their annual registration? Dog owners should be enticed to attend some form of puppy training class (since it's not feasible to make it mandatory), to demonstrate they care for their dog welfare and the safety of other dogs and humans by ensuring the foundations are set from the beginning of ownership. As a side note - are there proposals to change cat ownership - if there are concerns about the impact of dogs to birdlife/wildlife, is there a proposal to limit the number of cats one household can have?
5526	To whom it may concern. I am here to have my say on the policy that is in place. 1 too many places are protected and hardly any places that allow dogs, it very hard and sad for families who wants to spend quality time. 2 more efficient system on how to deal with problematic owners on public places. 3 limitation on how many dogs a single human can have at the same time. 4 public safe spaces for family to take dogs for a play/walks at open spaces and holidays around New Zealand not only in big cities. 5 summer time beach where dogs can go to the beach, put limits only on weekends public holidays when dogs are allowed on beach and parks. Those are the real problems that dog owners suffer on day to day. Thanks
5527	I have a disabled dog, and he has no where he can go safely. There is no fenced park with trees or water for dogs in East Auckland. Onehunga has a beautiful off lead park. West Auckland has one in Green Bay yet we don't have anything like that. This is some of my concerns. Attached are photos of my dog Brody. Could you please pass this email on the the committee. I would really appreciate that. Thank you so much for your time.

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5535	Dogs must be on leash at all time on walks and beach's Not dogs to run free on beach so they can not chase birds , jump on people and ***** in the sand that kids play in My partner has Parkinson and is sick of walking along snell beach footpath and dogs jumping up on her, the owners say sorry my dog won't hert you, but they have push her over twice , always sitting her clothes I get abuse the owners say for lack of control I have kick the the dog and oncouse the owner don't like it but they understand there do should not jump on people but regardless next time you see them the dog still doing the same thing It's not the dogs fault but irresponsible owners Set up dog parks that dog owners pay for though dog registration
5730	Submission on Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madills Farm To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Dog Madills Farm and Recreation Reserve is a unique and shared community space which should remain wholly accessible to all in our community as it was gifted to the community not a sports club. This submission is made in the strongest possible opposition to the planned changes proposed by the Ōrākei Local Board which effectively ban dogs from the majority of the community space. The first part, will highlight the significance of the Recreation Reserve to the large community of dog owners who regularly use the farm, often for more than exercise. The submission will also strongly refute the claims that dogs have damaged the turf by digging holes which have caused soccer players to roll ankles and injury themselves. ACC figures regarding injuries to soccer players will be presented as will the findings in 2024 Ōrākei Local Board annual report re the reasons for unsatisfactory ground conditions, which are blamed on bad weather and subsequent lack of maintenance. The magic of dogs at Madills centres around wellbeing and community. Off leash exercise for dogs is vital for their fitness, socialisation and mental well being. It is a special place for new dog owners wanting to socialise puppies so they will be happy and well rounded dogs. The off leash exercise is also hugely beneficial to dog owners who can freely exercise and experience

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5757	There are few enough spaces to take our dogs locally without more amendments being made. Our family strongly oppose these reviews for local parks and beaches.
5759	However, I do not support any further restrictions on dogs in parks and beaches. Dogs are a part of our society and vital to the social and emotional wellbeing of their owners. Dogs need places to run. Although the current settings are quite restrictive for dogs and dog owners they do provide times and places for dogs to play. This is particularly vital for lonely people whose dogs are vital to their mental health.
5839	no
6324	I think that council shouldn't restrict 64 dog areas

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6392	The proposed regulatory approach is trending broadly towards a model where no convenient or accessible areas in the city are legally suitable for dog exercise. This will immediately create a situation where dog exercise takes place everywhere, since the city's dogs will still need to exercise, but their owner's punishment will no longer be differentiated by location. The creation of such an obviously perverse incentive is poor governance and poses a far greater threat to the public enjoyment of these spaces than the current pattern of designated areas. It'll also create widespread resistance and political action across the spectrum of residents, park users, and dog owners, and place heavy demands on the already inadequate enforcement services. I do not believe that the current policy direction is well-considered.
6408	Dogs should be prohibited from all areas which have high use by people - especially children and young people. These include playgrounds, regional parks and beaches.
6627	No
6853	I am unable to walk off the Tarmac, I now have to use hiking Pole's for Balance, I need to walk for Health reasons. My Dog is Social, well mannered and Obedient.
6855	Final Note on Reduced Dog Spaces I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's proposal to reduce off-leash areas and increase dog-free zones. By further limiting where dogs can be exercised, they are making it even harder for owners to provide their pets with safe, appropriate physical and social enrichment. If dog welfare was truly the priority, the focus should be on creating more structured spaces where different types of dogs can exercise safely—not restricting access entirely.
6860	That the area of the Monte Cecelia Park where dogs are allowed off leash be extended
6884	Good morning, A large proportion of tax payers in the district own dogs. By and large they are well behaved and contribute to the related businesses in the area. Dogs provide company and support to many with mental health issues, elderly and contribute to the love family unit. As houses and properties become smaller, owners need locations to exercise off lead and socialise their dogs. We all want to ensure safe and fun access for all, however there is an anti dog faction in the district that have access to every square inch of council property and don't want dogs at all. Please don't embrace the cancel culture that is so popular in the world and apply common sense, allowing a local off lead areas set aside to be shared with other dog owners.

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6910	See attached: Summary of Attachment: Opposition to Proposed Changes: Dogs as Family Members: Emphasizes the importance of dogs in providing companionship, emotional support, and contributing to mental health and well-being. Disadvantaging Responsible Owners: Argues that the proposed restrictions unfairly penalize responsible dog owners and could lead to behavioral problems in dogs due to reduced exercise and socialization opportunities. Need for More Dog-Friendly Spaces: Expansion of Parks: Advocates for increasing the number of dog-friendly parks and walking areas to accommodate the growing population of dog owners in Auckland. Café Access: Opposes restricting dog access to café areas, suggesting instead the creation of designated dog-friendly zones. Concerns About Professional Dog Walkers: Unjust Restrictions: Criticizes the proposal to limit the number of dogs walked at one time, highlighting the professionalism and positive impact of dog walkers. Consultation Process Issues: Inadequate Timing and Locations: Points out that the 'Have Your Say' events are not accessible to many dog owners and suggests more inclusive scheduling and locations. Conclusion: Retain Current Rules: Urges the council to reconsider the proposed changes and focus on expanding dog-friendly areas to support a diverse and inclusive community

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6911	dogsbylawreview I would like to know why Council's continually panda to a minority!? There are far more responsible dog owners in New Zealand-there are far more irresponsible owners!!! and yet you continue time and time again to penalise good people. I am sick and tired of this behaviour by council's and government in this country. When are you going to start rewarding good dog ownership instead of penalising? I for one. No I have been a responsible dog owner all my life. We've owned three dogs and we often pick up after others. Why not? Heavily fine people if you have evidence that there is no responsibility from them. Either one have done Canine good citizen with my Golden retriever and I should actually be able to walk my dog where I like when I like. I had to sit questions as well as the dog had to sit exams. Why is this not introduced throughout the country? My firm belief is that everyone that owns a Dog should have to sit the exams Canine good citizen. I absolutely disagree with your proposal.!!, One of the rules about earning a dog is exercise, a well exercise dog is less likely to be barking at home is less like to be causing issues in neighbourhood, for God sake get off your high horses open your eyes and think outside the square. Reward good ownership not bad

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6919	See attachment Summary of attachment: Dogs as Family Members: Dogs provide companionship, emotional support, and security. They contribute to mental health and overall well-being. Restricting access to public spaces would negatively impact dog owners. Disadvantaging Responsible Dog Owners: Stricter restrictions unfairly penalize responsible dog owners. Public parks and open spaces are essential for dog exercise and socialization. Limiting these spaces could lead to behavioral problems in dogs. Need for More Dog-Friendly Spaces: The council should expand dog-friendly parks and walking areas. More spaces would foster a pet-friendly environment and community. Opposition to Cafe Restrictions: Restricting dog access to cafes like Miko Cafe is unnecessary. A better solution would be designated dog-friendly areas outside cafes. Concerns About Professional Dog Walkers: Restricting the number of dogs a person can walk is counterproductive. Professional dog walkers provide a valuable service and should not be disadvantaged. Consultation Process Issues: The timing and locations of 'Have Your Say' events are not inclusive. The consultation process should be more thorough and collaborative.

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6921	Dear Sir / Madam, I am writing to express my concerns regarding Auckland Council's proposed dog policy. I do understand the need to maintain public safety and order in our community, but I submit that the proposed policy oversteps in a number of areas and will negatively impact responsible dog owners and the general public. I would like to highlight the following reasons for my opposition: 1. Overly Restrictive Leash Laws The proposal suggests extending leash requirements in many areas, including parks and public spaces that have previously allowed dogs to exercise off-leash. This would significantly reduce opportunities for dogs to socialise, exercise, and engage in natural behaviours. Off-leash areas provide a vital space for dogs to interact and contribute positively to their mental and physical health. The restriction would also penalise responsible dog owners who already ensure their dogs are well-behaved and under control. 2. Inadequate Consideration for Dog Parks and Recreation Areas While the policy includes some provisions for designated dog parks, these areas are often not sufficiently spread across the city to meet the needs of dog owners, particularly those in high-density urban neighborhoods. Without a sufficient number of accessible, safe spaces for dogs to roam freely, the proposed policy will leave dog owners with fewer options for exercising their pets. A better approach would be to increase the number of off-leash areas while ensuring they are properly

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6940	•All beaches in the Auckland region should have the majority of the beach on-leash (or prohibited) during the non-summer months. •Only small sections at the ‘far’ end of the beach (rather than the ‘whole beach’) should be off-leash in ‘not-summer’ months. •The only time of the day that any larger sections of the beach should be off-leash is before 9am. The status quo for all of the hundreds of beaches in Auckland should be on-leash (or prohibited) all year round. On-leash should be the status quo and standard, and off-leash sections of the beaches could be created from there, rather than the other way around which currently exists. Auckland’s temperate climate means that families with young children like to use the beach all year round, as much as people who walk dogs. Children like to have picnics (or fish n chips on the beach) with their families, play on the beach - running ahead or playing games/tag with their families on the sand, or running in the waves at the edge of the water. Older children also have a need for independent mobility in public spaces. [1,2] As parents ourselves, every time we try to go to a beach with our children during the nine months of the year with off-leash rules, we have to guard our children from dogs running up to them (or jumping on/chasing them). Some people also bring very large and aggressive looking dogs. We end up having to hold our children’s hands, stop them playing, and continually be on the lookout for dogs, to even be on the beach. The only places we can go, where we feel safe from dogs on a beach for the vast majority of the year are Tāwharanui or Pākiri Regional Parks. Times on most beaches where families with young children are basically excluded from using (or can only use with a significant risk to the children) are: •Nine months of the year (1st March to 1st December) •All summer evenings (some even after 2pm) •All mornings before 10am Expecting small children to ‘stand like a tree’ to protect themselves on a beach is completely inappropriate – instead, an evidence-based approach with adequate dog-access legislation should ensure the children are protected from dogs. [3, 4]
6948	I would like to see more and better signage displayed at kohimarama and st heliers beaches. The current signs are small and not always easy to see. I would also like to see more policing and enforcement of the dog rules on these beaches especially during the summer
6949	See attached Summary of Attachment: Wildlife Protection: Uncontrolled dogs can disturb or attack protected wildlife on beaches. Public Safety & Comfort: Loose dogs can cause accidents or injuries and intimidate people. Avoiding Conflicts with Other Dogs: Leashes prevent fights and harassment among dogs. Preventing Dog Waste Issues: Controlled dogs reduce hygiene issues. Protecting the Environment: Controlled dogs minimize damage to ecosystems. Compliance with Local Regulations: Ensures adherence to bylaws and avoids fines.

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6954	See attached Summary of attachment: Dog Access Rules Concerns About Restrictions: SPCA is concerned about the reduction of off-leash areas. Need for Alternatives: Emphasizes the importance of providing alternative off-leash areas to meet dogs' exercise needs. Wildlife Protection: Advocates for balancing wildlife protection with the creation of additional off-leash areas
6970	See attached Summary of Attachment: Proposed Changes • Dog Access Changes: Around 60 changes proposed, including prohibiting dogs in 31 areas, changing access from off-leash to on-leash in 19 areas, and providing new off-leash access in 10 areas. • Lack of Analysis: Many changes are proposed for consistency across Auckland without analyzing current usage or alternative access areas. Impact on Daily Routines • Routine Disruption: Changes can significantly alter daily routines, requiring dog owners to drive to other locations. • Overcrowding: More dogs in fewer spaces can lead to overcrowding, especially during summer and bird breeding seasons. Regional Comparisons • Wellington and Whangarei: Both regions have expanded off-leash areas and made their cities more dog-friendly, unlike Auckland. Specific Concerns • Desktop Research: Proposals are based on desktop research rather than local knowledge and site visits. • Alternative Areas: Identified alternatives are often unsuitable due to size, terrain, or accessibility issues. Requests to the Council • Public Input: Request for more public input before finalizing changes. • Maintain Current Access: Request to keep current off-leash areas and consider new off-leash areas in growing suburbs
6977	Please take note of the supplied suggestions
6982	Changing the laws isn't going to solve the problems. The people not following current laws will not suddenly start listening to the new ones. Actually supervision and law enforcement is necessary. At this point in time there is never anyone patrolling any of the beaches to see if anyone isn't following the laws for dogs. Dog owners pay registration every single year for all their dogs. Use it to actually address these issues instead of taking away areas to walk our dogs.
6986	Please stop changing the dog rules

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6988	Education for dog owners would also be helpful. And then published on local FB pages and website. I think dogs should be allowed off leash and under control by their owners. Education about dogs and dog behaviour. Examples are dog owners recognizing that if another dog is on lead to call your dog back. People out walking with dogs on lead do this for the behavioural reactions of their own dogs. An off leash dog should be kept back and not approach. Secondly not to let you dog run up to people or children. Call them back. If you can't do this the dog should be on lead. Many new dog owners are very unaware of others and their own dogs potential behaviour in certain situations.
7009	As a Responsible dog owner and person who cares about our precious birds I already take necessary precautions around the nest. This is a heavy blunt stick proposal change that penalises a huge sector of the community who are also responsible dog owners.
7031	No
7032	No
7035	Has anyone thought about relocating the dotterels? There are many other places where dogs are already banned like Shakespear Regional park beach where they can nest freely. Dotterels choose to nest in populated places where other animals are by choice, surely that's on them? They are just as freaked out by people. So tired of the constant ever increasing bans on dogs in populated places. It's ludicrous. Why favour one species over another. Restricting dogs so much results in people leaving them at home as they can't be taken anywhere with the family, this lends to under socialised, under exercised dogs who develop anti social behaviours. Look at countries where dogs run free with great access and inclusion - dogs are not aggressive or misbehave, they simply live in harmony. We are doing it all wrong in NZ!!
7052	Nil
7070	I walk my dog on Big Manly Beach most days and have never seen any issues with dogs and dotterals. The dotterals nest at the far end of Big Manly Beach nowhere near Cross St, so a proposal for dogs to be on lead up to Cross St is way over the top. Shakespeare is a pest free bird sanctuary 5 minutes drive away, could the dotterals be caught and released out there where all will benefit?
7071	No
7080	Allowing dogs on leash in areas such as the above beaches, creates an environment of trust with each owner. However, leash and free roam are two very different things. Under control on a leash outlines a very clear regulation and if considered for a majority of these locations would be followed by MOST.
7081	Stop letting a minority of people spoil dog owners ability to walk and exercise their dogs at a time when getting outside and enjoying the beautiful environment we all live in is critical to peoples mental health and well-being.
7089	Please don't punish responsible owners & dogs for the poor behaviour of a few.
7144	I particularly oppose the restriction on Okoromai Bay Beach as there seems no good reason for it whatsoever and many dogs and owners really enjoy this place to run and play.
7174	Na
7185	I think having a dog warden for a period is a great idea. While there are many responsible dog owners, there are also those who aren't and rules need to be adhered to and enforced by Council.
7190	As I sensible dog owner that always pays for my registration every year you are trying too take away a right for my dog to exercise safely and further more people are still going to let their dogs off leads .Are you going to reduce the price for dog registration in that area 😊

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7221	Dogs need free leash time, time to socialize and play with other dogs and alot enjoy swimming as our dog does.
7253	I have also submitted on Wenderholm and Mahurangi West Regional Parks
7256	The area on Big Manly and Tindalls Bay is the area I walk my dogs currently and have walked them since 1993. Every morning I collect rubbish in this area to clear the beach for the people using it after 10am. Having the amendment to request dogs be on lead within 200 metres of nesting dotterels is a great solution to the original proposal which would be negatively life-changing for many regular walkers and their dogs. The proposed change would also be impossible to police. Currently if I am on the beach between 10am and 5pm without my dogs and see other people with dogs exercising there, it is infuriating because NO ONE gets any fine for it. I phoned dog control on Boxing Day one year to tell of a large dog running for a frisbee in the best part of the beach with a large group of people. I was told I had to get a photo of the car the people came in and they could deal with it in three days??? Seriously. We all just had to throw up our hands and do nothing whilst avoiding that part of the beach for fear of retribution if we said anything. The level of dog control monitoring our beaches currently is pathetic so the amendment is a much better solution for the amount of policing available.
7261	I would first of all like to say that the opening statements from Council on this matter contradict each other. They say that “Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” and that you “aim to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders”. All of the above is very true. You also point out that the population of Auckland is growing. Why then would you suggest concentrating Auckland’s dogs into an even smaller area? This will lead to more dog fights and make dog walking much more stressful to owners. It makes no sense at all. IMPORTANCE OF OFF LEAD EXERCISE: I would like to comment generally on on/offlead exercise. It is well known that some dogs are more aggressive on lead than off lead as they feel more vulnerable due to not being able to run away from a dog they are frightened of. This is another reason why off lead exercise is so important and the areas designated for them should not be restricted any further. A SUGGESTION That all new subdivisions include a dedicated off lead dog park eg the one at Auranga, Drury. These sort of parks pose no threat to the general public.
7269	General Feedback • There needs to be some changes to regulate to ensure safety of the dogs, carer and the public • Signage is confusing – depending on which entrance
7274	• The amount of people being attacked by dogs does not amount to the level of changes being proposed to local access rules • There should be more stringent penalties • Not enough signages – especially in beaches and public areas • Provide dog bags

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7275	• There are irresponsible dog owners who do not care about following the rules as the rules are not enforced • There needs to be better provision of bins as not everyone has the time to find somewhere to discard the dog bag. • The maps online are not easy to follow. I suggest providing the same maps with sports fields. • Suggest that there should be a dog permit that dog owners could acquire where they could enter with more restrictions. This would open more areas
7282	• Want to raise my concern about the 'why' • There is a great need to build community and bring people together, and the proposed plan is going against it • There will be the 'pro' dogs and the 'anti' dogs • We need cohesion more than fracture • Parks should be a place for diversity and inclusion, I would like to look at more consensual approach • The issue is about irresponsible dog owners. Poor behaving dog owners are like bad drivers. We shouldn't ban all dog owners/drivers just because of the actions of a few irresponsible dog owners/drivers. • Need to be more open minded and find a more consensual way that suits all parties
7286	Additional info from the LB chair: Waiheke has higher dog ownership per capita than anywhere else (600 dogs in total) in Auckland. Since covid – there are problems of dogs off lead and out of control (and people don't phone Animal Control enough).
7291	I would like to stress the necessity of dogs with community when not on lead I was an advisor for early education – there is noticeable benefit of kids who can interact with dogs (and cats) = this teaches them love & caring. As a community on Waiheke it has worked beautifully (dogs on beach and kids pat the dogs). On a personal note – much research showed the benefits for dog owners. It helps with emotional and physical wellbeing, and helps social interaction – dogs also help people with dementia. I would be disappointed to see changes to prevent that. Can't imagine people managing pack dogs -but they seemed to be okay handling the dogs. The status quo seems to work fine. It is not the rule that makes the difference, it's the learning and interaction – any bad behaviours of bad dogs should be dealt with separately, but don't punish the good responsible dog owners. We take well behaved working dogs in the hospital and airports (not on lead, working in society). Consultation details should give more notice. (notes were repeated back to the participant and agreed)

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7298	• Facts around off leash dog parks in Auckland: 3000 allow dogs, 1800 allow off leash, 22 have designated areas • Yet our research has shown that these parks are multi-use • We strongly believe in multi-use spaces as it promotes dog socialisation skills • In making these spaces multi-use, most of dog owners needs are ignored • Dogs and dog owners stay at parks for average 24 minutes due to unstimulating spaces. Dogs need more complex terrain • People prefer to walk their dogs in neighbouring reserves • If people are not interested in walking at parks, then they would turn to reserves where it threatens wildlife • Depending on the location between 13-97% dog owners are walking their dogs off leash at reserves where the rules are on leash because these reserves are much more interesting to dogs and their owners (shade, water features, plants, mangroves). This is why you have non-compliance • Dogs do not need to have access to reserves. However, if there are not appropriate spaces for dogs and dog owners, this will result in negative impacts. • There is nothing in this proposal to reduce non-compliance • There are not enough enforcement officers • People are worried about existing rules of enforcement • Another approach is education • Our research shows better designed dog parks, and improved enforcements are better proposals. Most of the proposals are reactive which is often not evidence based
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND	
57	With areas being more built up and the loss of the 1/4 acre section we need large green spaces for dogs to run free. High energy dogs can need a minimum of 30 mins each day and it is also good for their owners too
710	Please make sure children's playground equipment is not next to the new off-leash dog areas that you want to create.
2773	Get cars off beaches .before dogs
4517	Please let our dogs run freely on the beach! Don't take away this amazing thing we can do together at so many of our beaches
5842	Stop restricting the areas where humans can exercise their dogs!
6180	Having access to off leash exercise locally is crucial to ensuring dogs are able to have their needs met. By preserving the maximum space for off leash exercise we spread dogs out, reducing conflict and reducing the number of dog-dog issues in these spaces and providing opportunity for owners to give their dogs the time to move freely in nature to be behaviourally and physically well. By having points of interest and activities other than just focusing on other dogs (as is the case in a dedicated fenced dog park) dogs are encouraged to co-exist rather than fixate on other dogs or people in the space. Where natural spaces are restricted, we should ensure these are replaced with similarly natural and spacious areas.
6428	Dogs should have at least on leash access to all beaches and parks for the wellbeing of humans and dogs. Less social problems as a result.
6837	By further restricting where people can take their dogs, you are causing more issues with responsible dog ownership. It is not the 'bad dog owners' that are taking their dogs for nice days. out. This is a knee jerk reaction to a problem you are not sure how to solve.

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REGIONAL ORGANISATION	
6845	Please target enforcement and surveillance in shorebird roosting and foraging areas such as Pakiri Beach, Eric Armishaw Reserve, Harbourview Beach Reserve and Spinnaker Reserve to times when there is high recreational use and when the intertidal areas are exposed by the tide. Officers should get out of their car, rather than just driving through the carpark and need to do more regular checks at targeted times to 'catch' local dog-walkers who flout the rules as currently there appears to be little chance of being observed under the current regime of surveillance.