
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD	
64	It would be nice to be able to do hikes with family and dogs and have greater acvesibility to camp etc. Auckland's regional parks are very reatrictive compared with the south island and seems to have the attitude that being a dog owner and hiking/walking are mutually exclusive things. I do agree about prohibited access during lambing season and during summer months of the year on the beach, but also compulsory dog regiatration and vaccination, and penalties for poor dog behaviour and littering (owners) are important to target irresponsible dog owners.
155	Too many owners think the rules apply to them, I've seen so many people blatantly take their dogs off leash into areas where there are supposed to be no dogs, or leashed dogs only. Unfortunately the only way to protect wildlife and also keep dangerous dogs away from children/other animals is to have strict rules around dog control and enforce them. Instead of continuing to give irresponsible dog owners the benefit of the doubt, enforce the rules on everyone. Aggressive off leash dogs have become a huge issue in NZ post covid, and stronger action needs to be taken to change this.
176	Dogs are an important part of many households. They are social creatures entirely dependent on humans for every need. They need to have easy access to local off lead areas that allow for appropriate play and socialisation
240	I do not believe dogs should be allowed off leash unless in an official dog park area.
281	It's very important for us if we can have clear clarification about the policy excess on working dog(especially disability assist dog), it can avoid us encountering possible discrimination in those places. Such as clear signage in public stating "disability assist dog welcome"
336	I think all well controlled dogs eg in the care of an experienced and licensed dog walker or owner should be allowed to explore and roam freely in these open spaces
362	I feel dogs shouldn't be banned from areas where responsible owners can take them on leash. In most cases I feel this doesn't pose significant risk
375	More dog access should be permitted and encouraged.
636	I would prefer that dogs not be allowed in regional parks at all. Our regional parks are so beautiful and many dog owners (regardless of by laws) think their dogs have rights and privileges so they will disregard by law whenever they have the opportunity (e.g. they cannot be seen). A generation ago dogs were left at home.
647	Dog should be allowed on all beaches in Auckland, all around under control.
648	This overall policy change appears to be generally negative for dog owners, with most cases increasing restrictions. It is likely this will increase non compliance as it becomes more difficult to walk your dog within the constraints of the bylaws.
721	Dogs must be on leash at all times except in a dog park. Dogs must never be allowed in a cafe ,restaurants, bars , shopping malls etc.
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!
910	It would be great to continue to have some access to regional parks with dogs, so that families with dogs can enjoy some of these parks together. The number with dog access are already quite limited.
978	No
982	Increase dog access areas - on-lead for all walk and providing an off lead area at all large parks. You can do better AC!

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1129	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. If it gets to that stage we'll be demanding an evaluation of the staff working at the council
1472	Please consider the the needs of dogs and owners to get required exercise. Controls to protect wildlife are understandable. But people not wanting to have any contact with dogs are far too precious to be out in public. Perhaps they need to be exposed to the real world rather than coddled.
1484	No
1530	no
1554	Dogs should be clearly under control at Regional Parks for the sake of everyone's safety and enjoyment, including the dogs and owners.
1622	Provide more public and regional park spaces for dog owners to use, we use parks more than most aucklanders (walking in them sometimes 3 times a day for at least 30 mins each time!)
1939	where there are kiwi or other native ground birds dogs should be on leads. other than that I see no reason that they should be of lead. Council needs to fund more dog management control vans people so they can be on top of roving ill behaved dogs and owners. then there will be no problem in the community.
2141	See my general comment--dogs should never be allowed off leash in a Regional park.
2251	No
2310	Please keep Kakamatua beach for dogs. We all love it so much.
2325	Dogs rule,
2358	Great work, appreciate what you're doing
2524	Leave it alone
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.
2823	There needs to be more enforcement of dog policy. It is pointless setting policy when dog owners are increasingly ignoring their responsibilities and ruining the enjoyment of public spaces for all others.
2871	No
3062	The main point is dog under control with leash or off leash
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.
3218	If its not an area fenced up to protect bird life. dogs should be free to roam if under control (which most are). High use public beaches in summer hours like takapuna already have rules in place that seem to work. The problem PEOPLE with dogs are the ones who won't care about your rules anyways.
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	It is already pretty limited access for dogs.
3404	Dogs shouldn't be allowed in public spaces in the first place. They are loud and dangerous.

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4096	Please enforce the new rules stringently once they are passed. My priority is the care of flora and fauna in our regional parks. Dog owners need to respect this also and follow the rules.
4158	Please don't exercise the easy route - impacting lives of the good people in communities
4182	No
4324	I really think they should be banned from regional parks. Our regional parks should be places where biodiversity can thrive and children can feel safe.
4325	Too many dogs off leashes at camp sites.
4368	I have general concerns about any restriction of green areas where people and dogs can exercise. Especially on 'conservation' grounds, as I fear that such changes are driven more by ideology than fact / science. Also that these changes are not addressing more fundamental concerns about dogs in Auckland - undercontrolled breeding, which underpins growing issues like free-wandering, menacing, attacks on other dogs, cats, people, wildlife - in the final analysis all dog-related problems (including conservation issues, are a 'numbers game', which continual killing at the pounds won't fix. Education and mandated/facilitated/funded de-sexing is required. This general comment from me applies to all the regional parks.
4412	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4442	There are a lot of responsible dog owners that have limited options for off leash social interactions. In some cases part of beaches can be made off-leash. Like Takapuna south end is less used by people
4520	they are hugely restrictive currently and I don't think we as a community do require amendments or review. I think the council works for the people not the people work for the council. Dog, ownership increased during covid which was an unseen and unknown global crisis. Dogs became ways communities were able to survive and thrive in one way. Amendments to our laws to further restrictions seem to not being holistically considered. Dogs are here and increased ownership increased due to a global crisis. Perhaps holistically massaging this environment and allowing the benefits of dog ownership be seen from a council perspective to its people rather than a restrictive approach allows those that choose not to own dogs an awareness of other people's position and rather than dividing the communities perhaps engineering a holistic managed relationship.
4538	No.
4804	I strongly support off-leash access/areas at regional parks, as long as dogs are well under control and do not pose a threat to native wildlife.
4822	No
4947	This is reducing the number of places that dog owners can walk their dogs. How is this fixing the REAL issues of dog ownership in Auckland; roaming dogs, irresponsible and abusive owners. How many people did you talk to/survey in order to decide these changes? How many of them were dog owners? These changes extend to most of the off road walking spots in Auckland. This is extreme. SORT OUT THE REAL ISSUES.

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5049	1. The proposal is a massive reduction in the access that dogs have in public places, but Council has not clearly articulated what the problem is that it is trying to solve. It feels like a huge crackdown on dogs and dog owners, severely restricting the places they can go and their access to public spaces. But where is the evidence that this is needed? It reeks of a small minority of people who don't like dogs influencing the outcome for thousands of responsible dog owners and their much loved dogs. And also concerns about a minority of irresponsible dog owners being taken out on all dog owners which is grossly unfair to the majority. 2. Council is proposing 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. The proposed sweeping changes 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 principle 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. Where is the evidence of this 'significant risk'? 3. The findings of the reports have been written in a way that seems to indicate a predetermined outcome to significantly reduce dog access in public places, with dogs and dog owners being seen as a ‘danger and distress, a nuisance’ who ‘cause damage’ and that there is an expected or ‘inherent conflict between dog owners’ and the rest of society! What is the support for this change in policy setting? There seems to be no evidence for it.
5245	If dogs are well trained & leashed then there shouldn't be any further restrictions. Dogs need stimulation & need the freedom to run off leash to sniff & enjoy their environment
5251	Have one rule per park as multiple rules will be ignored. Dogs should be on a leash at all times during the summer months as parks and beaches are used from dawn till dusk through out the summer
5380	I do not support any of these changes. Stop penalising all dogs for the behaviour of the worst 1%.
5414	No
5431	No
5507	limited sign for any restrictions.
5811	On leash and under control . .Effective fines or removal if not complying is expected .
6505	Please allow some more access to regional parks and/or some areas that we can enjoy with dogs
6538	It feels like NZ is becoming less dog friendly, but other countries are relaxing the rules more. If our dogs are under control and on leash, why do this to us responsible dog owners
6749	Please consider more on leash options for responsible dog owners. We do appreciate nature and we do want nature and wildlife to thrive our intention is to live in harmony while walking our best friend
6822	Rules should strike a balance where you are enabling dog use and spaces that prohibit dogs so everyone can use these spaces. Blanket rules are unnecessary and not representative of all people who use these spaces.

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AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD	
2952	They shouldn't be allowed in regional parks
3075	Yes, current rules are not being policed. Will new rules make any difference to irresponsible dog owners knowing that they can do whatever they like without any penalty
6780	I am an animal lover and dog owner. I want to be able to walk and take my dogs places they will enjoy, and I also want to protect bird nesting sites and so forth. That's where the council come in. Can you please provide safe places for my dogs and family to go, and enjoy, and be active while protecting areas of vulnerability? Truthfully, I only visit places I can take my dogs, so there is a lot of Auckland I don't see. I can understand, and support, for example, prohibiting dogs during lambing season. Auckland can be beautiful, but if I am prohibited from visiting most of it don't expect me to think it's beautiful, when all you show me is red tape. Just leave your dog behind some will say. To which I say when are you going to ban every one from an area? Yes a dog can do damage, but so do the humans that go to those places. Have a look around, see the rubbish left, or the piles of seashells next to a barbie, or the kids playing on the protected sandunes while mommie plays cellphone - It's not just the dogs that can damage an area. So please protect places for my dogs and I to go, and protect vulnerable birds or land. Thank you.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD	
17	There are very few beaches in Auckland with off-lead or even on-lead access during the day. It seems
181	If dog access remains in place at Wenderholm [as I'm sure it will] please make the boundary between dog accessible and dog prohibited absolutely clear. Current signage is insignificant and is supplemented by hand written signage from park staff. Dogs are often taken into the prohibited area and there is no-one to report to most of the time.
331	Access should not be restricted any further than it already is as we barely have access to anything as it is
517	More access should be allowed for dogs controlled on leash.
554	I believe it's important to consider everyone. Not everyone feels comfortable around dogs. There should be designated times or spaces for those who prefer to enjoy certain areas without dogs. Additionally, fines for those who do not follow the rules should be clearly stated on signs, and the government must enforce these rules strictly.
578	Happy with the summer beach hours. It would be nice if the council appeared more dog friendly however, it sometimes seems with legislation that they are quite anti-dog. We as dog owners (most of us) put a lot of effort to train and care for our dogs so they are safe and pleasant in public. We love the outdoors and exploring our beautiful country, it would be nice to have more nature areas we can take our dogs too. Whilst totally respecting the need to protect wildlife and not all places are appropriate for animals.
1620	If you want us to pick up after our dogs supply rubbish bins, stop removing them as humans drop their own rubbish and us responsible dog owners want to pick up our poo but you make it difficult to dispose of it, if you want to keep NZ green, clean and beautiful, use your brain and do not cut costs by removing rubbish bins and mowing verges and parks, its a short sighted, narrow management style that destroys it for all, simply enforce rules rather than changing them. Grow a pair of balls!

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1954	Stop being such dog haters and start cracking down on just the people with problem dogs, not the rest of us responsible dog owners that stick to the rules. Humans are the ones responsible for all the litter, cigarette butts etc left behind at our regional parks/ beaches - use your time/ money/ resources cracking down on this kind of behaviour! There are hardly any dog beaches in Auckland, we need more. Our dogs should have more beaches available during summer to exercise at, yet they are kept off the beach during the time of day when the pavement is the hottest so they can't really be walked, it's so unfair.
2107	Keep the rules as they are, they are currently clear and simple, the same rules for almost every area and it needs to stay that way to avoid confusion and to make access fair for everyone.
2173	Yes, other animals need to be protected so keep dogs away. There are plenty of other places for people to take their dogs.
2322	No
2419	given that dogs have access to parks, suitable facilities such as water and bins should be provided.
2461	Further clarification on areas on leash, off leash and prohibited is appreciated along with maps in conjunction with written rules at beaches, parks, etc. is the best way to ensure as a dog owner I understand and can follow the rules
2845	Full prohibition of dogs at regional parks is needed for both wildlife and human protection. Restrict dogs to dedicated dog friendly parks only.
3149	On frequent visits to regional parks over a period of years we often see people attempting to bring their dogs into dog prohibited areas. and flaunt dogs on leash rules. More checks and enforcement should be funded.
3688	No
3800	Dog access to Regional Parks and beaches should not become more limited. These are the best places to exercise your dogs, and without them we would have much fewer options. I have a high energy dog, and if I can't take him to regional parks or beaches, it will be really hard to exercise him as walking around the streets with him is just not enough. I would be very upset if he lost these opportunities.
3880	No. Would like honesty of local dog rangers to be adhered to
3897	I understand we do need to protect wildlife, but we need to balance this with the fact that people want their dogs to have good exercise, ie run free. A large dog to walk on a leash is a trot and they don't get to stretch their legs if on a leash at all times, as well as younger dogs with energy need to run that off. Beaches are popular because they are seen as a fairly "contained" areas and for those breeds that love water, one of their only opportunities to swim.
4260	N/A
4375	Dogs if permitted should be on leash at all times, unless in fenced defined dog exercise area
4556	Police them but so people feel safe, not just wildlife.
4684	No, well done!
4743	I dont believe a blanket rule should be enforced, for some places the new rules would just not be necessary.
4773	The signs displaying dog usage rules should be larger and in more places so they are more visible
4790	No
4885	I think there should be more access for dogs, particularly on-leash.

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5346	Enforce the bylaws. I can't say that strongly enough. The Council gives out parking tickets everywhere but never fines dog owners. Perhaps it's a revenue opportunity.
5599	No
5722	Dogs are an integral part of Aucklanders life, we need policies that support families to get out and exercise freely with their pets
5732	Dogs quantity and behavior should be controlled to a smaller amount. Too many of them.
6557	Overall the policy appears to be a positive step, however, Council needs to invest in dog only parks and facilities. Particularly in the Devonport-Takapuna local board. Noting this was part of previous local board plans.
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD	
305	No
509	People safety comes first. Ban off leash dogs completely.
630	Same for all areas. Fix your current problems before lumbering with others you can't manage.
655	Think it's already very restrictive.
681	I don't think there needs to be a blanket ban on dogs in regional parks e.g Awhitu regional park. Dogs on lead are okay to enjoy a family picnic or bbq. Dogs on lead on the beach when people are present.
711	I've never seen an issue with any dog in the regional parks and I'm a frequent user so I can't help but feel this is all unnecessary cost and yet more restrictions on people who generally live responsibly when no doubt dogs will continue to roam without prosecution anyway
779	I hope any changes agreed upon are made up of at least 50% of those being dog owners that persistently walk their dogs in all areas of concern, to be fair.
847	no
862	We need more dog control offices. Dog attacks don't seem to get sort out because the offending dog/ owner can't be found often due to the lack of council resources
906	What is the access rules around the Clevedon / Ness Valley Side of Hunua Ranges? I.e Moumokau Hill Road, Otau Mountain Raod, McKenzie Road, Mead Road, Keeney Road over to the Challenge Track. Is this by permit / pig dog access only?
958	No
1052	No
1182	I understand the importance of others who are not dog people and of course wild life etc, but the current restrictions are very much over-the-counter top. Dogs under control either on or off leads should be pushed harder by all authorities. Also the consequences for repeated non compliance should carry some merit.
1206	It just needs to be much clearer what parks have dog friendly tracks and just have them all on lead.
1290	No

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1314	Yes, as a regular user of regional parks majority of dog owners are pretty good, however having encountered pack dog walkers a few times I strongly support this industry being regulated and the number of dogs walked at a time restricted to 2-3 dogs, even then I don't support them being allowed to run off the leash. The young girls who do this work are not able to control the dogs and it puts everybody at risk. They can hire private dog parks for an hour and walk the dogs their off the leash, Sniffspot is the app. However I know the majority of the private dog parks have had issues with pack walkers using these spaces and dogs having fights within the pack etc and that's within a private space & the majority of pack walkers don't want to pay the rate listed at the parks yet they are making \$700 a day for a one hour walk!!! That in itself shows they don't have the dogs or public's best interest first.
1382	I understand that it is your responsibility to keep humans safe, but you also have to advocate for animal welfare. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider putting rules/ laws/ restrictions in place for animal safety in vehicles. It is not okay for people to not secure their dogs - not for the animal, and not for the distracted driver. Consider what happens to the animal on impact (airbags, tumbling around in the vehicle, etc.) it if is not okay for a baby or small child, it is most certainly not okay for an animal.
1401	No
1493	Any one person who wants to walk their dog/dogs in any park should only be allowed 1 to 2 dogs and leashed at all times
1508	There should be no off leash areas at all. Separate fenced areas should be available for dogs.
1539	All dogs should be on lead in all locations, as many dog owners have no control of the dogs
1569	Not at this time.
1585	I believe dogs should have access to all areas (apart from farmlands when sheep are lambing) but they MUST be on a leash, this should be policed and dog owners should be fined for non-compliance. I run my dog on mountainbike tracks and it is super easy to hear when a biker is approaching and i stand with my dog sitting on the side of the track until the biker has cleared, its basic etiquette and we should all benefit from the tracks
1632	Dogs are increasingly with good owners focus on the owners who have misbehaving dogs and deal with them. We are a dog loving nation and we as ratepayers must be able to enjoy parks with our dogs that get as out walking.
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.
1731	No
1777	Enforce existing rules being broken by bad dog owners! Don't ruin it for everyone, you will only be left with the bad people and their dogs who don't care about your rules
1922	I don't believe in dog parks but if yiu had more dog only parks or walks or water areas they could use people could take them there... council should buy a big farm and cut it up into a few areas. Personally though I couldn't take my dog to an area with other dogs so I'm at a loss foe where to go this is the only issue I can see... more and more dogs and no where safe to go.
2115	Given the recent attacks by dogs on humans, sheep and farm animals, there should be a completed ban on all dogs at Regional Parks and Beaches.
2242	The rules especially at beaches for during the day are too strict. We are trapped at home instead of enjoying the city we pay for as high income non breeders who use none of the council services
2263	No

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2422	I feel if these proposals come into place you're going to end up with a lot more dogs in shelters, seeking vet care, abandoned, left at home for long periods of time and a generation of children terrified of dogs because they haven't been exposed to the kind, trained dogs. You're potentially taking away a low cost experience for families where they can include their pets/companions and Aotearoa is already struggling financially. Just crack down on the policies already in place and make sure dogs are registered ect.
2739	Looks like the rules are being "clarified" to further limit dog access. Dogs need these areas for their exercise and socialization. These off-leash areas/parks and beaches provide great opportunities for people and their dogs to make connections and this just looks to minimize that.
2918	Important to not exclude families from having their dogs with them in areas that are not around livestock.
3108	Fines for leaving faeces should be increased and more importantly strongly enforced with escalating fines for repeat offenders.
3312	No
3420	no
3778	No
3861	Should be allowed on leash & under control only
3866	Nil
3923	Please please leave the dog access areas alone at regional parks. I have not been to them all but fully appreciate the ones I have been too. It feels like dog owners are yet again under attack from the council. Yet for the most part dog owners and their pets are contributing members of society with dogs providing companionship, physical benefits and pay financially to council funds.
3961	I think dogs should be allowed on a lead and under control.
3985	Yes, I believe the majority of issues caused by dogs in Regional parks are caused by off leash dogs.
4191	By laws need to be simple and clear if they are going to be followed by people. People these days do not seem to have the capacity to research and follow complicated painful bylaws such as - you can go here, but not there, but over there you can be on a leash if you stay to the left but not to the right and blah blah. The bylaws are okay the way they already are.
4209	Microchipping should be compulsory, with significant fee reductions for owners who have their dogs neutered and attend training sessions with a licensed dog trainer. This would encourage responsible ownership and better-behaved dogs. Enforcement should focus on those who fail to comply with registration, microchipping, and neutering, as their irresponsibility impacts everyone else. Stricter penalties and incentives for responsible ownership could help create a safer, more controlled environment.
4285	I think it really needs to be Crystal clear to not have dogs in some areas and having the signage, enforcers, and also a process for people to report problems easily, please.
4428	I don't believe Dog Access Rules at Regional Parks need to be changed at all
4443	No
4521	N/A
4557	Communicate clearly, try and keep things simple and easy to understand, and if possible consistent across similar parks.
4560	Where dogs are permitted they should always be on a leash

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4561	Dogs need plenty of areas around Auckland to have access for free running and off leash walking to help them become well socialised and healthy members of society and their families. If Auckland council reduce these areas there will be large concentrations of dogs in small areas trying to exercise which is not fair to the dogs or the dog owners. These areas need to be spread fairly across Auckland so that all dog owners have access to these areas to exercise their dogs.
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
4726	Allow dogs everywhere
4816	Auckland Council is once again demonstrating its arrogance in imposing rules and restrictions on Aucklanders. Much of this is being couched as safety improvements, but the actual danger comes from roaming dangerous unregistered dogs, which Council is doing very little to address.
4847	Dogs should be on leash at all times in public recreation areas, the council needs to provide off-leash parks for dogs
5038	Need people policing these policies at the parks. Too many people not abiding by the rules.
5118	With an ever-increasing population in Auckland and greater dog ownership it is vital that our parks remain somewhere that we can take our dogs for a walk. As I have mentioned earlier in my submission, it is not your 'dog walker' that is the problem at our parks but our visitors that pay no heed to social conventions with their dogs.
5154	Please change these rules it needs to change now
5161	Add more dog waste bins and bags and advise patrons to pickup waste.
5406	It should be allowed none should be prohibited
5615	I understand that Council doesn't want dogs in Regional parks. I never use regional parks as I can't take my dog. If I could have my dog on a lead and walk through open farmland in a regional park, I would love that.
5661	Stop punishing good dog owners for irresponsible owner faults. You can change some areas to on leash but stop limiting dogs and owners
5676	Dogs are part of the family, and should be allowed under control most places with responsible owners.
5864	you could designate fenced areas at the parks off leash
6073	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
6200	In general, walking is good and healthy for people, so could the rules be profiled to prohibit dogs only in specific locations where dogs *** on leash and under control *** would still be able to inflict harm on other walkers or environment. I understand no dogs allowed in bird nesting areas - but surely most tracks should not go across bird nesting sites anyway??
6430	More access is better than less access.

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6434	Yes this is a good start on clarifying and making it clear to dog owners and their dogs but needs to go further as the population increases incidents and poor compliance will get worse and ruin the experience of shared spaces for innocent people. Ongoing work to uplift the capability in this area is required
6478	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them.
6479	Don't change anything.
6504	That more dog poo collection bins be supplied in all parks/Reserves
6660	We need spaces to exercise our dogs. This is good for the dogs well being and ours
6776	I think you should not change the rules or restrict access to dogs off leash if they are currently allowed. There are limited areas as it is.
6812	No
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD	
239	Many dogs are bred to have high energy over the centuries. We need space to exercise them so they can become good obedient dogs. Dogs today live very stressful lives. They experience the world through their noses and taking them to a park it's like taking them to the gallery. They need time and freedom to sniff around - something not easily achieved on leash.
275	I would prefer more on-leash rules Off-leash rules are too generous and lines are blurred On-leash rules are things more consistent
436	changing the rules will not stop bad owners!
823	Access for dogs is already so limited, please don't restrict more
832	Please apply common sense with a clear set of rules and focus on the roaming, vicious dogs instead of making life difficult for the good owners. Dogs are an important part of the lives and well being for many people.
940	as i said i think that council rate payers should be able to use the regional parks
998	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1055	Cutting dog access for responsible dog owners isn't fair, the majority of dog owners are responsible and respect the land.
1069	Be clear if off lead or on lead and where.
1203	Leave muriwai beach alone. It is only one of two beaches can take dogs to exercise and it is big enough beach for everyone to enjoy
1352	In general it would be good for responsible dog owners to be able to voluntarily enforce laws and fines for people who are not following the rules
1562	No

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1666	Police on lead areas better, open up access to on lead areas where appropriate. Provide poo bins on dog beaches. Auckland is already the least dog friendly city on earth, lets not make it worse. A well socialised, on lead dog and a responsible owner are not the enemy here. Spend resources on updating the dog control act to remove Breed Specific legislation. Make Chaining completely illegal and clamp down on all dog breeding (except working dogs) and empower the SPCA and rescues to take dogs who are being abused. If we adopted instead of shopped, if there were no more breeders then we could control our dog population and rescues could find loving homes, be taken out for walks and spend days with their families on the beach, swimming in the ocean and living their lives, as they should be, as companion animals to their owners. Irresponsible owners would be banned from owning dogs there should be a ban on breeding. We have enough dogs, we need to spay and neuter to stop these ongoing issues with unwanted puppies. Auckland council, you have missed the point here entirely, I would be interested to understand the statistics that support these changes and how you propose these changes would positively impact anyone - dog owners and others alike.
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
2341	the more clear and the more consistent the rules are, the easier it is for a good dog owner to comply. When updating regulations it is important to consider if the "dog problems" that you are trying to fix come from owners following the current rules (in which case it is reasonable to amend them) or from roaming dogs or owners flaunting the rules. in the latter case making the rules tougher won't change the bad owner's behaviour but makes it more onerous for good owners to comply. enforcement of current rules should be considered before making rules tougher.
2375	I perceive the changes are very heavy and complex and not many parks and beaches are opened to dogs owners. Dogs are incredibly important for well-being and mental health just as going to a beach. In many countries, law are far more permissive. These new rules makes this country, once again, less and less enjoyable...It is truly sad to see the direction we are heading to.
2449	More consequences on owners who let their dogs out roaming streets .
2488	By now we got lots of restrictions to walk with our dogs in different areas and parks and most of the times is not the dog that will start something but the people around them. I would ask for more freedom to walk off leash with my dogs or at least to walked them on leash to the parks and beaches.
2556	It's time people and wildlife reclaim parks and beaches back from dogs and their owners!!
2920	Create dedicated fenced areas dog owners can go only and leave the public to know they are safe and secure out of harms way. No longer safe to walk and exercise in public places given owners negligence.
3611	Rather than completely prohibiting dogs at regional parks why not put measures in place to allow for them. Maybe there's a course of some sort or license owners should have to state their dogs are of no harm to regional parks, there are responsible owners that would go through a course or pay a fee to be able to enjoy these places with their furry friends.
3636	Always put the safety and welfare of people and the environment first. Owning a dog is a privilege. Many people are afraid of dogs for good reason.
3691	More parks should be off-leash
3790	There seems to be consistent removal of access for people with pets despite rising fees and limited pedestrian walkways without bike paths that are safe. Where is the progress with dog friendly areas?

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3829	Dogs are a part of people's family and most owners are responsible. Instead of punishing everyone, look to punish those who are irresponsible owners.
4328	They should allow dogs on regional parks because its a huge area and council should consider also families with dogs
4381	A dog permissive view would be useful. A restrictive approach is signals in the policy, that reduces the value of Auckland as a attractive city to live in. It is useful also to note the different handlers (be they owners, or pet professionals). Dogs, and handlers, with demonstrated obedience or "Good Citizen" credentials are a different use case to non-responsible owners, or dog walking service providers. The restrictive policy proposed serves the latter two groups, but penalizes those who are I note, however, that certain cultural groups see dogs differently, and interacting with dogs has a (negative) place in religious beliefs. I did not see anything in the policy that represents the need for protections for those people's interests in dog accessible areas.
4462	Clear signage would be helpful
5227	It's good to have these updated
5327	There needs to be better facilities for catering for responsible dog owners. Water on a tap and appropriate waste disposal bins more than there is currently.
5352	Yes, just clarify them, make the info easy to find on your website, make sure signs at locations actually match the website, and have a general time dogs are/aren't allowed on beaches etc. Most seem to differ with times?
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!
5419	Please don't take away access to regional parks or the rules around on leash and off leash areas. If you restrict access or take away access to these regional parks, you're also restricting the access of those humans that go there too. After all, the only reason I've visited so many around Auckland is to take my dog for a walk through them.
5580	No
5793	No

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5817	Make it stricter for off-leash dogs than now.
6317	Let New Zealanders enjoy the companionship of their and other people's dogs when they're out and about and allow dog accompaniment become normal as it is in more sophisticated and older societies overseas.
6523	No
6534	Don't restrict dog access - allow more access on leash at the very least. Dogs need exercise and the more rules reducing walking locations the more neglected they may be.
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27	I think fundamentally there should be more provision for dog walking in our Regional Parks, even if it was on leash so that when we go for a family walk we can take our dog with us.
89	No
95	Dogs under Control should be allowed in most places in regional parks. Dogs on lead should be allowed in all places in regional parks. Regional parks are for all Aucklanders and should not be off-limits for those with dogs wanting to enjoy them
151	Please enforce the rules that are currently available and don't make small/medium dog owners get restricted access because of the problems large dogs and their mongrel owners create.
319	Dog walking areas that are well known and popular for dog owners should be treated as such. Instead of restricting dog access, make it known that a location is the preferred "dog friendly" area, so that people who don't want to be around dogs can make an informed decision to visit other locations.
351	We should have more access to more parks for dogs on leash . If the dog is on the leash they can't cause any damage , people on the other hand cause far more than a dog on a leash
435	It is great to have on leash access for dogs at Wenderholm and Long Bay for a small portion of time during the year.
479	you need to provide fenced and well maintained dog parks to relieve the beaches of dogs if you want to restrict access. don't just take away rights for people
485	dogs need exercise, don't let a few who make the most noise ruin it for all the responsible dog owners. keep dogs happy
518	Don't punish responsible dog owners by applying more restrictions. It is not those that are following the rules that are disrupting other people.
543	Please commit to better enforcement. Huge amount of non compliance by dog walkers to the point theyre basically ignoring the rules. Particularly in areas with vulnerable bird life like dotterels please enforce a total beach and grass ban.
566	Would like to see greater restrictions and enforcement on dog access in general, while also allowing some areas to be designated more specifically for dogs so people without dogs can be safe and dog owners also have areas to visit knowing they are less restricted.

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607	Provide equal rights to ratepayers. I would like to see it made clear that dog owners are ratepayers too, and owning a dog is a valid and common recreational activity. 1). I would like MORE areas to be dog accessible (not restricting dogs from so many areas). 2). I would like more dog accessible areas added by making them ON-LEASH areas, so that owners with dogs can better coexist with and share areas with people and wildlife, rather than restrict dogs entirely, and therefore give more equal access to recreational areas including regional parks, which dog-owners currently don't have. Let dog owners use Auckland regional park areas with dogs on leash. Keep this rule enforced by enforcing hefty fines of \$400 if someone exercises their dog in those area off-leash. At the moment dog-ownership is discriminated against as a legitimate recreational activity because ratepayers aren't getting facilities, and adequate, or equal access to recreational space that are meant to be for ALL New Zealanders. Many recreational spaces, including most of the regional parks, are denied access to dog owners even if their pet is on leash. It is unfair use of ratepayers money to not recognise and support this activity as a recreational activity to be encouraged like any other healthy and physical exercise/hobby. Make sure that, when setting rules, equal access to shared spaces is upheld. It is not currently. Make sure rule-setters understand that it is discrimination otherwise, and that most potential reasons for excluding dogs (and therefore dog owners) from having equal access can be resolved by requiring dogs to be ON-LEASH so that is not an excuse. Neither is 'people don't obey the rules' an excuse for discriminating against all dog-owners. Those people are criminals if they are breaking laws. Most New Zealanders are not criminals and must not be treated as if they were criminals. Dogs ON LEASH should be allowed in regional reserves. They should definitely be at least allowed in cars/vehicles. E.g. if I have exercised my dog already, and am in an air-conditioned motorhome, and want to pull into a regional park to take a half hour walk (while leaving my dog safely in an air conditioned vehicle, already exercised, and with a bowl of water), I cannot even enter the regional park to use it. I can't even enter the park to LOOK at it from my vehicle. I am a ratepayer, I have the right to equal access to public spaces which other ratepayers have access to, but it is being denied to me.
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.
680	No access
690	More dog access everywhere. Why remove access for a large portion of the population when a few select users have an issue that only affects them as they pass by for 30 seconds out of their day
706	Generally there should be some more parks which totally prohibit dogs where humans and wildlife which would prefer not to interact with dogs could visit and enjoy. This would make rules very clear and easily publicised and enforced.
745	I think the major issue is owners not training and socialising their dogs at the right age. The majority of issues we experience is with 1 or 2 dogs off the lead charging towards us and being aggressive to our on lead dogs. The owner has no recall or control over them whatsoever. Therefore I think dogs should be on a leash at all times unless they are at a specified location which is for off leash dogs and we could chose to avoid it. Also I think certain breeds so require a RDOL or training course to ensure you are fit to own the breed. e.g. German Shepherd, Rotty, Pitbull etc
771	No
776	Rules + regs should be clear and easily accessible.

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852	How can we get current owners to pick up after their dogs. They just pretend they don't see them or walk ahead so they can say they didn't see it.
859	Let them in! On leash only. Increase fines to those that don't and increase fines to dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Don't do a blanket penalty when it's the minority causing an issue.
864	All regional parks unless specific sanctuary should allow access on lead at all times and specific times for off lead.
915	no
1006	I would like to see dogs allowed at regional parks but on a lead. Just one rule makes it simpler
1008	Less aggressive wording. Dogs are not the enemy
1026	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced off 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 no where to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life? If you're going to apply these restrictions you are creating a problem for dog owners. Have a solution by creating more fenced off dog parks.
1031	Thanks for doing this
1106	There should be a new law for small dogs versus large dogs or at least dogs on short leads under control on short leads being able to be walked anywhere at any park at any time.. you need to have a license to have a dog but you don't have to have a license to have a child and children make more mess than dogs and harm the wildlife and surrounding native bush and birds and sealift more than a small dog with tiny teeth
1108	no
1111	I feel regional parks and marine reserves should be dog free
1150	No access at regional parks on or off leash when kids and wild life are around. If you have a dog it is your responsibility and not the communities job to cater for it. Easy don't have space for a dog at home = don't have a dog.
1155	Maybe have poo bags available for people that for people that forget to bring some . Reach out to Masterpet as they can supply poo bags
1246	We need more decent places to be able to walk dogs on the shore. Especially places with access to water for older dogs, where water is good for their joints.
1257	Bring the summer date forward to 1st Feb and keep allowing dogs on leash during the day.
1308	no
1317	N/A
1358	The council should provide a fenced off leash area in local parks such that there is one within 5 minutes travel of every Auckland. Dogs on leash should be allowed to accompany their owners throughout all parks.
1367	I think dogs are less of a menace than humans. Limit the amount of humans on the beach, how much alcohol they consume, how much litter on the beaches. Most of us are responsible dog owners, yet we get punished so humans can make a mess...
1398	No
1438	Please don't change the current rules, they work very well
1460	More rubbish bin please

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1464	As I said previously, where it all falls down is the lack of enforcement. There is no point in changing dog access rules if owner behaviour is not monitored and if the rules are not enforced. At the very least install CCTV cameras so that registration numbers of vehicles of offenders can be monitored and so that behaviour of owners can be monitored. If Council is not prepared to do this, the changes are pointless.
1480	It should be one rule for all parks and dogs should not be allowed near playgrounds. Access to Long Bay beach at the northern end is prohibited and I respect that even though it would make a great loop walk to enjoy the bush area as well as the shops. I hope this is because they might make the northern end of Long Bay regional park up on the cliffs and wetland area a bird sanctuary so that Tiritiri Matangi, Shakespeare Park can connect (sort of like a corridor to the mainland). The only thing that would be frustrating is that people living in Long Bay need to drive to the beach, they can't duck across the wetlands/bush of roadway to connect to the beach.. ideally having a dog walking access from Long Bay (near LBSC) to the beach would be great...but I understand logistically it's difficult so that area should be a bird sanctuary.
1540	They are not clear.
1546	In essence if owners complied, followed the rules, dogs should be able to be on leash anywhere, even where there are native birds. But it seems that some just are not made the same and wouldn't follow rules or just have little respect for the collective.
1588	No
1592	Like all rules/laws, there are sadly people who will always break them - look to higher fines and more presence on the beach to enforce timings/ on lead requirements, We have so many parking officers, divert them into beach enforcement.
1615	If everyone obeyed the rules it would be more effective, perhaps a dog ranger to engage with people and enforce rules
1634	I hope amendments will be made to dog access at all AC parks and beaches in Auckland
1676	NO
1698	No
1702	I agree with the rules that dogs shouldn't be allowed inside regional parks especially where wildlife can be an issue but the sand and the sea should be used by all. Why punish the majority by the actions of a few.
1791	In general it's all about OTT the council seems to focus on easy problems to fix and ignore anything that might upset a certain demographic or may be harder even though is much more of a social nuisance
1804	No
1843	No
1990	Leashed dogs should be allowed. The local elderly people as well as others with dogs cannot use the park. They make up about 1/4 of our community. Yet bus loads of others from all over Auckland can come and set up tents, boom boxes etc and enjoy the park!!?? Something is wrong!
1991	no
2005	I would like them to remain as they are with on leash 10am to 5pm during summer but open up the area north of Vaughan stream to dogs as an area to play away from the general public. Same on leash rules would apply to this area during summer.
2022	Dogs should be allowed eveywhere
2041	Please make them the same as all beaches
2079	Should be allowed all the time as long as they are on a leash and under control

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2084	They should be allowed - on leash and under control - not prohibited.
2140	Be sensible about it. Take into consideration that most family pets are well trained dogs who obey vocal commands immediately. The owners who do not train their dogs to this level should actually be banned from the park themselves.
2154	WE FEEL THAT WHEN A DOG LEAVES ITS HOME, IT SHOULD BE ON A LEACH. THAT WAY PEOPLE YOUNG AND OLD WILL FEEL SAFE WHEN OUT WALKING ANYWHERE. DOG EXERCISE PARKS ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THESE DOGS THAT NEED TO EXERCISE . ITS NOT JUST THE PEOPLE IT IS ALSO THE SMALLER DOGS THAT ARE ATTACKED BY THESE DOGS THAT ARE NOT CONTROLLED BY THEIR HANDLERS.
2175	no
2229	Restricting more and more is not the answer.
2265	I find it a great mistake to prohibit dog access in any place if a dog is on a leash. What is the problem? So many people in Nz has dogs and are kept away from being out together in the countryside!
2276	I think there should be certain days where dogs are allowed and where dogs aren't allowed. (For the parks where they aren't prohibited anyway, which I do support) This would make it easier for people who are scared of dogs, to avoid them. Dog owners can walk there dogs elsewhere on these days. Most of all these rules need to actually be enforced. Have just recently been to long bay regional park where dogs are prohibited and came across 8(!) dogs on the beach within just one hour
2376	dogs should be allowed if leashed and under control at all times
2411	No
2433	If you have the rules in place, they need to be enforced. I've seen so many people walking their dogs off leash through the park from Glenvar Ridge road and on the Coastal Track without a care because no one is ever around to tell them otherwise. The signs are there, but get ignored. You could consider a designated or even separate path for dog walkers from the Glenvar Ridge Road end to allow for those residents to walk to the beach without going all the way around?
2442	No
2477	Not really. I do think dogs on lead could be allowed further into Long Bay reserve as there really aren't any animals there - I never even see an insect, just an odd Pukeko. But its ok.
2498	A total ban after 10am would be better. Should not have a dog on a hot beach for long periods.
2512	I'd love to see some dog only parks/beaches and others where dogs are prohibited. So many times we have been at the Auckland beaches and been bothered by dogs (and their owners) causing anxiety with our family.
2514	Greater enforcement focus on unregistered dogs would solve the problems I assume you are trying to solve. Even having exemptions allowing Responsible Owners (identified by a different dog registration tag) to access the current areas that are restricted would be a good solution. With Park Rangers and volunteers monitoring the site daily it would be easily monitored and enforced at Long Bay.
2518	Manage the dog access rules you currently have by enforcement measures and fines not by making more rules (you are unable to manage/enforce) that punish good dog owners and their dogs.
2522	Please allow dog access

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2535	I am grateful to have the access to my local beach with my dog, but do feel that 9.00am would be a good time to have dogs off the beach so that families with little children can play in the sand without the worry of a uncontrolled dog running up to them.
2549	The Regional parks should consider opening up more walking tracks for dog owner taking dogs on lead. I am an active walker and would like to take my dog with me.
2563	No
2580	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	I agree with on leash proposals for Monte Cecilia Park.
2648	Who polices the rules? I very rarely see anyone in authority on any of my dog walks. Are there any volunteer dog wardens?
2672	Signs in different languages reminding people to bring bags to pick up their dogs calling card.
2679	Bring back the rubbish bins for dog poo is a really good idea
2722	No
2806	Lots more clear and bold signage needed, about dog access rules etc especially the written content perhaps get a primate teacher to write it , so it's easy to comprehend. Have dog patrol people out and about regularly enforcing rules and giving instant infringements before implementing all these changes and restrictions.
2820	Please keep access to all current parks as there are not enough variety for owners and did to go to together. If the council could work with dog owners to put consequences on non law abiding dog owners like a 3strikes system and use trustworthy locals volunteers to help police it. This would be really effective. Possible consequences could be fines, bans, doing dog training courses for a year, rehoming...
2846	There are very few off leash places for our dogs there's no "dog parks" in our area, I am quite happy to wait till the evening in summer to walk my dog off leash if I wish. Please don't take that option away from us. Protect the birds better with better signage for starters
2857	No
3500	Regional Parks should be a safe haven for natural wildlife especially birds, and any possible protections from dogs, cats and other introduced predators should be implemented.
3562	Whatever rules are introduced, they must be enforced. The council needs to have staff readily available to enforce them. On the spot fines etc If no additional staff are available to enforce the rules, then it is easier and simpler to ban all dogs from the park and beaches.

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3658	I hope that any 'feedback' given by Forest and Bird in this proposal is actually scrutinised for it's veracity and not just the hysteria we keep seeing written in the papers by members of the Big Manly dotterel group against dogs, who constantly blame dogs for anything to do with dotterels without any actual evidence that a dog has been involved.
3803	Clarifying rules is a great idea but the council should recognise that dog owners are treated as second class citizens, we simply dont have access to large proportions of the cities beautiful beaches at all during summer unless we abandon our dogs. The "Summer" season is far too long and should be better aligned to school holidays when it makes sense rather than some ones vague notion of "when the weather might be nice and people might be off and able to use the beach" There should be access to dog friendly beaches year round, not everyone has schedules that work with the 10-5 dog bans on most of the beaches and some of the beaches that dont have bans are completely inaccessible (Such as Kennedy bay) We need well defined, simple and consistent rules that make sense and balance the risks with rewards. Currently the rules are needlessly restrictive and complicated (why do I have to look every single beach up and then find its specific dog rules which are all slightly different?) Make rules that make sense and are easy to comply with
3819	We are not a very dog friendly city in comparison to many other countries/cities. Anything that makes it more difficult to be a responsible owner shouldn't be changed without significant benefits to a wide range of residents. Individuals should not be limited in their ability to easily access public resources because they own a pet
3824	I think the system currently works well and people seem to understand it. The biggest problem is unneutered and unregistered dogs. Micro chipping should be compulsory.
3833	No
3836	Council constantly impose restrictions and you are giving us nothing in return or creating any alternative options. I bet a lot of rate paying dogs owners would be please if you created more dog parks for a change.
3988	Have clear signage
3991	I also use the park at Muldoon's beach.
4023	I don't believe there needs to be a ban of dogs or on leash rule above the boat ramp at Army Bay. Kiwi were spotted there, I believe is the reason for the change, however the birds don't venture on the beach in daylight hours; this is an unnecessary ban. If anything, this area should be open to dogs all summer long.
4054	Create more of lead areas, for example, pool fence Okoromai games paddock and allow 24/7 off lease dog exercise.
4082	Goodc luck Hibiscus Coast and Rodney are beautiful and well maintained. Thank you
4169	There must be greater enforcement of the current and future rules. Currently it is rare if ever any enforcement takes place. Dog owners obviously know this and brazenly ignore the rules and anyone who challenges them. What is the intention for real enforcement and application of real monetary penalties to be enforced?

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4353	I know it's hard to police, but multiple people bring their dogs to Long Bay every summer in cars and have them in picnic areas. I don't know how this problem can be solved . But families should be prioritised.
4435	Please co-ordinate with DOC to streamline the rules for areas of reserve land, beaches, streams they manage
4577	No
4590	Heavy fines for people who don't pick their dog ***** up.
4620	It would be great to have dog access at the Vaughan Stream end of Long Bay through some sort of secure corridor down from the Glenvar Ridge Road
4641	Why do we have sheep in regional parks anyway? If changes are in relation to birds....then why are we worried, they can fly! Also we have thousands of acres of beaches if they are nesting on heavily dog walking beaches a natural process of selection will prevail.
4664	No
4742	Anyone not following the rules re on leash for example should be fined. Be great to have staff patrolling and enforcing the rules.
4842	I would really like to see dogs banned from marine reserves and regional parks where wildlife is under threat or is recovering. With increasing population the pressure from dogs is likely to grow! and alternative off-leash options, such as dog parks, need to be provided for dogs and their owners. I would also like to to much more compliance by way of council officers issuing instant fines to dog owners who ignore the rules. Finally I want to see more measures that help to exclude dogs from waterways - thereby helping to lessen erosion and protect wildlife. I reject 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.
4851	We need more garbage cans around instead of more rules banning dogs. People are dirty and leave their garbage around and there's no bins anywhere.
4869	Keep access rules as they are, to allow fair access for dogs and opportunities to exercise them safely
4878	Dogs should be allowed in parks during the day time on lease and have access to swimming
4882	Dogs should not be permitted in Regional Parks. There are plenty of other places for dogs to be exercised. Wildlife should be protected.

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4890	Wherever possible the access for dogs under control on-leash on all local beaches and foreshore areas, local parks and reserves should be aligned where it is not currently, particularly at Regional Parks. It's understood the some Regional Parks have wildlife that deserve protection but where this is not specifically the case then greater alignment should be provided.
4904	When is a survey going to go out about cats in our community which have the most detrimental effect on our regional parks and living space. It seems we go to great extremes to listen to the whole community about dogs yet most places around the World understand the value of controlling cats. Thank you
4955	With regards to Shakespear Regional Park: A) We would prefer to see dogs additionally prohibited on the wetland track, as we have concerns about the lack of compliance on that track with present on-leash rules. B) We would encourage Council to provide additional dedicated off-leash areas in the area bur outside the Regional Park to alleviate pressure.
4995	No
5015	No
5385	Thanku for the amazing job you do at all locations. You are all amazing people
5479	I would rather there was no dog access in regional parks. There are plenty of places to walk dogs. It's better to protect the environment and safer for other people
5488	If dogs are on leash or under control (Correctly) by their owners I don't see why they can't also enjoy the beauty our country has to offer.
5675	Work with local community more and work to not punish responsible owners.
5692	Only that it's 2025. Dogs are family members. And if they are on a lead then what is the problem.
5707	My overall issue is the reducing of dogs time off leash. Availability You are good at taking things away but not providing space and time for this fundamental need for our dogs and owners.
5712	it is proven that providing dogs ways to let off energy, express themselves and have enrichment improves behavior. 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.
5713	I don't see any need for any increased restrictions. The vast majority of dog owners that I see in the parks and reaches are careful and responsible. They get restricted/punished when they're not the problem.
5815	Since covid dog ownership has multiplied and dosent matter which regional park you visit many people are abusing the rules and are very 'entitled' on their attitude towards their dog

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5962	Do not let dogs in Regional Parks!!!!!!!!!!
5984	Dogs off leash are very difficult for even the best dog owners to control in all o Auckland's parks there are dangers to bird life from uncontrolled dogs. This should become a priority.
5997	Current rules and restrictions are sufficient to protect the public and prevent any nuisance. Responsible dog owners are complying and it is irresponsible dog owners and walkers who are causing the issue. Further restrictions will only punish those already complying and not causing issues. There is a risk that issues could increase if more restrictions are brought in, instead the current rules should be enforced.
6034	Our dogs also require to have exercise in open areas, not just on our own properties. Dogs need the stimulation in their day to day lives with smell and exercise, it makes them happy pets.
6081	I think it is a shame that there are more restrictions being put in place. I think more education around expectations would be a more positive position rather than impacting all dog owners for a small group of dog owners who are not responsible.
6162	I think the approach of changing access rules doesn't solve problems. I feel there need to be stricter rules on dog ownership. You should have to go through and pass a training course (whether online or in person) before being allowed to own a dog. And instead of your dog having a license, you should have to have a license which you receive once you've passed the aforementioned training course.
6214	I think if people are able to control their dogs as small dog owners feel they can have their dogs off Lesh and when they run up aggressively to big dogs on lead and the dog reacts they blame the big dogs all dogs should follow the rules.
6315	Council either needs to provide far more designated anytime dog access areas or open up the only places we can run dogs freely, the beaches.
6469	The restrictions being applied are making Auckland an unappealing and unfriendly place
6476	In general having more places available is better as it dilutes the amount of dogs at any one place which is better for dogs and public.
6494	we do not support any changes to your dog access rules.
6571	No comment.
6590	People should be able to have their companions accompany them.
6616	Please don't proceed with these restrictions. I can walk my dog 'urban' during the week (on a leash) but we need to be able to take her on day trips to parks farms and beaches at weekends for her health and ours. We are always careful to comply with the current rules.
6640	its good to review the rules, I don't feel comfortable around dogs in public places especially with my little grandchildren. there is to many antisocial owners
6752	With regards to Shakespear Regional Park: A) We would prefer to see dogs additionally prohibited on the wetland track, as we have concerns about the lack of compliance on that track with present on-leash rules. B) We would encourage Council to provide additional dedicated off-leash areas in the area but outside the Regional Park to alleviate pressure.
6762	The dog rules need to provide reasonable access for people and their dogs throughout the region.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD	
37	It would be great if aggressive dogs or irresponsible owners could be dealt with directly rather than restricting access to so many places for all dogs.

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
111	No
164	No.
410	We have so few options for safe places to take our dogs in Auckland to get healthy off leash exercise -- please don't reduce these spaces! I have a Border Collie and a Golden who need the space to properly stretch their legs and as it is there are very few places in Auckland that allow this.
521	Clarification is good as long as it is fair and not ysed as a vehicle for changing policy without consultation.
541	Dogs should be allowed on -leash on all walking tracks, car-parks and parks in Auckland! There are too few dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! We need many more dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas!!!! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!! 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???
1486	No
1693	Should be a safe place, humans and nature should come first to enjoy the regional parks. Irresponsible dog owners don't pick up the mess, some people can't enjoy as scared of off leash dogs, irrerupts nature like lambs
1752	That ones currently allowed dogs keep it so and just look at the others that gave for years not allowed dogs.
1805	There should be a creation of an additional permit that dog owners can try to achieve on top of the Responsible Dog Owner License, which allows for even greater benefits like cheaper council rates but they need to pay for a tri-annual dog exam to prove their dog behaviour is still passable. As well as benefit of letting the dog that has passed the dog exam to be off leash in areas that are normally on-leash. Exams should cover "recall on command, demonstrating their ability to "stay" and "leave"". This can be done in a distraction free zone, a minimal distraction zone, and a busy area. This can be achieved with or without the use of treats to get their dogs to obey. Dogs can get awarded different rates or awards depending on which level they can pass. Bronze, silver, or gold. Veterinarians or places like canine obedience training clubs can be volunteers to assess these dogs. Alternatively, veterinary clinics can be another place where the exams can be held.
1837	More places should allow dogs on leashes and traing should be done for owners on higher-risk areas! The dogs are not the issue!
2124	Can we have more regional parks that we can enjoy together with our dogs please!
2135	Make dog access easier and more accessible not less. Dogs are part of family, they should be able to enjoy the same places as I do.
2148	There should be more dog free locations.
2215	No
2223	No
2233	No thank you

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2254	Changing these rules are not going to make ant difference. The people causing the issues with their dogs do not follow the rukles anyway and will continue doing what they are doing. These rules will punish the law obiding people and the the actual problem people
2334	There should be more areas in regional parks that dog are allowed but do should be on leash at all times in those areas to protect other people and animals.
2363	Generally i wished that dogs are allowed in any parks as long as they are on a leash.
2380	Their are so many restrictions for dogs, Harsher penalties on dog owners who don't obey current rules
2400	It would be good if there are more options for dog walking
2516	Yes do better in catching dog owners who donot pick up dog poos Use cameras or put dog bags in parks to use
2578	No
2692	Councils must be required to put a sufficient number of rubbish bins back in all locations where dogs are allowed.
2707	There are already very limited areas for dogs to walk on-leash or off-leash, and reducing these spaces further is unfair to responsible dog owners. Dogs are a part of our community, and they need adequate areas to exercise, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors just like the rest of us. Instead of restricting access, we should be focusing on creating a more dog-friendly community. Regional parks and beaches should provide inclusive spaces where dogs and their owners can coexist with other users. More restrictions only alienate dog owners and limit the quality of life for dogs, who rely on these spaces for their physical and mental well-being. I strongly encourage the council to maintain or expand dog-friendly areas rather than reduce them. This would reflect a commitment to supporting all members of the community, including those with pets.
2856	I think the rules for dogs need to be considered from the wellbeing of the dog and owners rather than always just restriction because of the occasional badly behaved owner or dog or those that are afraid of dogs. There needs to be consideration of whether there are likely to be problems rather than just banning dogs. Dogs need to have a good run off-leash as well and so if there are more and more restrictions, there will be more problems with dogs being locked up at home. In a city where there is more infill housing, we need spaces for dogs and people to enjoy together for communities to work well. Restricting access for dogs does not necessarily solve any problems. It is quite frustrating always having to get familiar with so many differing rules and for "wildlife" and birds to take priority over the wellbeing of a dog and people. As a responsible dog owner who meets many responsible dog owners, it is so frustrating to have added stress when going anywhere and wondering if my dog can go there. Particularly as I travel in a motorhome and some places I just can't go to.
3113	Do not enforce the on leash rules on the current off leash parks, and do not minimise spaces for dogs to be off-leash. Give our dogs some freedom and space to be able to run and play. Auckland has such a big dog community presence on social media where different groups and companies host dog parties and meeting events that this will truly make a lot of people very, very unhappy as the new rules will be stripping away the option for dogs to be able to meet and play with other dogs off leash. They cannot play properly being on a leash!!

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
3806	some campers brings their dogs to the campsite in OMANA regional park. They do not observe the rule or they ignore the rule. Any policing to check?
3911	Just remember that getting people and their dogs outside and active has huge benefits for physical and mental health which will create a healthy happy workforce to keep paying taxes and rates. It definitely feels more and more restrictive to dog owners to take their dog anywhere than round their local streets :(
3987	Full leash and CCTV enabled fines for those who don't
4225	I am not sure what other Parks not mentioned here where there may be proposed changes. I had to really search for proposed changes to Lloyd Elsmore Park (on leash 10m from Howick Historic Village) - I have lived in the area and walked Lloyd Elsmore for 25 years, never ever heard of nor witnessed any "incidents". What are these incidents? What impact were the incidents on the Howick Historic Village please? Seems a bit random. As far as I am aware owners are still able to have a coffee at the Howick Village cafe, with their onleash dogs. Unless this has changed. I don't go to this cafe due to the food not being of a quality I enjoy. Please be very sensible about any proposed changes - don't let changes be ruled by those who are not favourable toward companion animal - these people are a minority. NZ is a companion animal loving nation - let's embrace this, and instead focus on the REAL problem, the human social problem, those that don't bother to neuter their animals, abuse and neglect same. THIS is the real problem here, not the responsible dog owner.
4378	I would like the definition of "on leash" to be looked at. There are some leads that just continue to roll
4383	Leave them alone
4475	Good owners and good dogs are being affected by a small percentage of bad owners who can't train or control there dogs. At a minimum, dogs should always have an allocated area at any time to play, use energy and socialise. The numbers of dogs shouldn't affect this, especially if they are registered, it's the owners that should be monitored.
4539	No
4566	Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks. With additional areas within those parks designated AND FENCED for off leas access.
4771	Dog ownership should be a privilege in built up areas. There are far too many people who abuse other people's rights with dogs not under proper control, dogs defecating without it being picked up and people being intimidated by dogs 'off-leash' while the owners just brush off concerns with "My Poppy won't bite!" I think it was time that non dog owners were given some consideration as well.
4823	More clearly marked off leash areas all day.
4840	no
5100	There should be clear signage regarding the rules for dogs at all regional parks and beaches and also strict instructions to pick up after their dogs and associated fines for failing to do so. I see a lot of poo in parks when I walk my dog. Perhaps even have free doggy poo bags and bins so encourage people to pick up after their dogs.
5564	No
5647	No
5786	Signage specifying Penalties if owner does not respect the rules. Picking up/ letting dogs run loose in leash only areas

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5820	There are some many places that humans can go, we also need to allow places for dogs to go too with their human parents. Alot of dogs these days are treated as children (in my case I couldn't have children) and are a big part of us. We take her most places and to have more options would be awesome.
6555	Clarity on access times and restrictions has generally improved, and needs further consistency across the region. As time goes on hopefully Council will be encouraged to make better and more even distribution of designed Dog exercise areas. There is a lot of under-utilised reserve and other public land that could with little and inexpensive works provide for shared and off leash exercise areas/trails (contained and or as part of existing infrastructure). I propose some reflection in policy to provide and support for the future provision of quality and integrated facilities for dogs. This may recognise more fenced/contained parks that 'fit'/designed into a location (not like fenced area dropped and shown on Loyd Elsmore Park (a awful example!)). These 'parks' can become social hubs and have different benefits - Look at some American dog park examples (and problems!!). These area could provide environmental managment and enrichment/aesthetic features - shade trees, water access, dog-play/agility structures integrated not plonked as an afterthought!
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD	
70	No
160	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
238	I am troubled by the potentially damaging effect on wildlife of unleashed dogs in parks and even more on beaches and dunes. Bike riders and all-terrain vehicles cause even more damage so I hope attention will next be given to protecting sensitive sites against their deprecations.
289	I generally dont support off leash dogs in regional parks unless there are areas set aside as dog exercise areas within the park. In relation to any other aspects of my submission working dogs are exempt and separate rules should apply. A final comment is I am fed up with non compliance by dog owners, particularly those who wont listen if you comment on their non compliance
298	Leave as is. Spend time focussing on those who already break the rules. Not putting further restrictions on those who already follow the rules.
335	No
380	They are often not clear. The depths of your website says one thing. A sign at the site says another thing. AC so are so disappointingly restrictive to dogs. Humans just want to take their doggos on more Walks.
381	DO NOT RESTRICT ACCESS TO FORESTRY BEACH!!!!!! IT'S OUR PARADISE!!!
572	In general dogs on leash, with responsible owners should be allowed to come.along anywhere. It's the irresponsible behavior that should be addressed.
1387	No

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
1587	Auckland's economy is worsening, and unemployment rates are rising. People are struggling to afford basic necessities, yet there's still time to focus on regulating dogs? It seems completely unnecessary and out of touch with more pressing issues.
1602	In some parks it would be nice to have walkways where people can walk their dogs on a leash. It can be an out of the way, and away from birds and wildlife as I believe it's important to have areas just for wildlife. A lot of Aucklanders like walking and cycling paths and being able to take a dog would be appreciated.
1654	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control. Families and children should be able to go to the beach with their dogs!!
1864	Where can I comment on Kauri Point
1942	What are the rule changes about dog access at Regional Parks?
2013	Nil
2055	Ground nesting birds have to be the priority,
2086	Never had issues before, punishing everyone for a small handful of irresponsible owners isn't fair. The less our dogs are out in society the more harmful to their behavior moving forward
2105	Dogs and dog owners are being unnecessarily punished by over bearing and over controlling rules and by-laws. We are consistently seeing spaces taken away or restricted, and it is unfair. If council spent more time on the problems instead of punishing everyone for the sake of a few, they would probably achieve better outcomes. Whoever sits and comes up with these rules and changes, should be made to live as a dog for a month - following all their overbearing rules, and then see what their quality of life is like, and how much enjoyment they get out of it. Dogs need spaces to roam off lead, frolic and play with each other. Your focus should be on providing ample places in parks, beaches, and reserves that allow for this, and then implementing ways to manage the problem people and penalise them.
2420	Dogs should be banned or on a leash at all parks. People and nature should not suffer from irresponsible owners and dog mess.
2511	No
2680	Timings should be clear when the dogs are allowed off leash. On leash dogs should be allowed at all times.
2713	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2762	We do not need more restrictions on where and how to walk the dog we need to solve the root cause of people not taken care of their dogs and acting responsibly.
2772	no
2994	Please do not restrict dog access to places any further than already restricted
3051	The council should be looking at greater access for dogs rather than restricting it. More and more people are choosing to have dogs over children and it's only fair that people that choose to do this get the same access as other families.
3286	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
3303	Wherever possible please allow some access for in leash dogs, where birds and wildlife are not at risk.

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3464	Totally unnecessary and unwarranted, as it is New Zealand as a whole is a very dog unfriendly country to own a dog, Auckland and Tauranga council being the worst at it, the board should have been fighting for more access to dogs in malls and restaurants etc, even our biggest Airline doesnt allow dogs to fly on board when other so called less developed countries do. Then again every one goes on about fragile environment and preserve native species, but that is just another way of saying to developers go build 10 townhouses where one used to be and charge a million for it, that will definitely save the fragile environment, but a well trained dog walking on a path will destroy it.
4177	Generally I am keen to see tight and enforced controls on dog access and on an off leash. I would prefer that there are more off leash dog areas where the space is well known as predominantly for dog exercise, leaving other areas for the enjoyment for others. I have encountered aggressive dogs while out and about and I feel the safety for the public should be considered paramount.
4430	Too complicated to even try and understand all the variations !
4592	I believe that dogs should be allowed to enjoy the regional parks as much as people, and provided their owners, or walkers take due care- there should not be these additional unnecessary restrictions placed on them. These proposed changes are for the most part, un-kiwi.
4616	Keep the Regional Parks free of dogs
4724	I oppose the proposed limit of "6 dogs on lead and 3 off-leash" at any one time. The reasons for this are: • Auckland has a serious issue with roaming dogs and Council should focus on this not multiple dog walker. This proposal penalises responsible dog owners and does nothing to stop irresponsible dog owners who don't follow the rules • Because Auckland has a roaming dog, problem not a problem with responsible dog walkers • It will not address any issues as none of these are caused by the number of dogs walkers • It will stop professional dog walkers from operating and remove a vital support avenue to responsible dog owners who care for their dogs • By limiting the number of dogs that can be walked by professional dog walkers, this will increase the cost of these services substantially, making it unaffordable for many dog owners who rely on this service, or this service will become financially unviable for businesses and will no longer be something that owners will be able to access. If this service becomes unavailable this will negatively affect owners that need their dogs to be taken out while they are at work, and not all other services such as daycares are suitable for every dog, this will lead to an increase in barking dog reports. Alternative suggestions: • Licencing professionals to walk larger groups • Having different limits for the public versus professionals • Enforcing the rule 'dogs must be under control' no matter the number of dogs which is already in place • Providing more education and support to the public about what owning a pet actually entails and how they can access training and services to support them.
4751	Yes, make the dogs on leash rules apply from 9am to 6pm.
4806	We need off-leash spaces!
5138	Please do not make Muriwai beach loop track on leash. It will encourage off leash walkers to use Māori land and push the problem on to them. The areas are scarcely populated and it is one place dogs can go off leash

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5276	No
5318	Don't take the easy way out.
5326	I dont think the current rules should be changed. Except protected maunga
5338	I forgot to add, I don't think dogs are allowed on the playing fields near Birkenhead leisure centre but they should be. However there should be a clause that they can't when there's a sports team using it of course.
5363	Dogs should not be allowed into regional parks as they ***** all over the place and pose risks of injury/attack. If they are to be allowed, this should be on leash at ALL times... and no more than 1 per person.
5393	No
5459	No
5484	don't burn all dog owners because of a bad few. it is vital that dogs get the exercise they need to avoid temperament changes, resulting in bites and/or fights. reducing the accessible areas for the general dog owning population and subsequently making it harder and harder for responsible dog owners will only result in a larger number of attacks due to lack of stimulant/exercise
5519	Why don't they make the rules the same as the beaches with winter and summer hours to standardise it all to be the same
5568	We fought hard to get some limited access years ago. It's incredibly disappointing and frustrating that we are having this fight again. And why? Where is the data to support that these proposed changes will make any difference at all to rogue dogs? Use your energy on policing back yard breeders and unlicensed dog owners instead.
5585	I think the current dog access rules at Regional Parks are very strict. I hope some areas will be opened to dogs.
5897	It should be opened up to allow for access and exercise for all rather than closed off and restricted
6032	No
6287	The current policy, particularly the proposed limit to the numbers of dogs a person can walk, is well-meaning but lacking evidence and likely to have far-reaching negative impacts and unintended consequences. I strongly encourage Auckland Council to engage meaningfully with canine industry professionals such as Cassie Jefferies and others involved in the Professional Dog Walkers Association (pdwa.co.nz), to develop informed and fit-for-purpose policy that the dogs and dog-owners of Auckland deserve.
6400	N/A
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD	
789	Dogs should have full access on a leash at all times at all parks & beaches.
1080	Providing dogs are responsibly under leash, it is unnecessarily exclusionary to ban them (and by extension their owners) from Parks. Beaches are a different case, where dog excrement on them is a health risk.
1762	Dogs on leads and under control should be allowed all times at regional parks in mainland Auckland. These are not pest-free sanctuaries so there are no reason why under control leaded dogs should not be able to enjoy along side rate paying owners
1975	Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
2059	no
2483	Reasonable access on leash should be allowed

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
2695	We need to rid the city of unleashed dogs, our walking spaces need to be safe for all to enjoy.
2751	Can we include a premium access or similar function for responsible dog owners, with applicable scheme funding can go to parks, wildlife etc, afford benefits for the responsible while reprimand the irresponsible.
4321	I think Council needs to look at how to increase dog access areas, including off leash. These amendments are creating more restrictions, limiting access. Improving access and resources will encourage better dog ownership and exercise for ratepayers.
4918	Dogs should only be allowed off leash in very clearly defined areas, preferably areas that have boundaries, fences etc to enclose them. Ambiguity in the rules and the lack of enforcement is creating huge problems for those who own dogs and follow the rules. it has become highly dangerous to take a leashed dog out in many places as they will; likely get attacked/approached by unleashed/roaming dogs. The only two places/parks I currently feel safe walking my dog are the Botanical gardens and Cornwall park which have strict dog access rules and the majority of people actually obey them. Anywhere else has become too risky with the lack of clear rules and little-no enforcement. A much greater amount of money needs to be put into this, more dog control officers are required to police areas and they need greater authority to automatically fine, or confiscate dangerous dogs and owners who are flouting the rules. Any dog that has been reported for attacking or is of certain breeds should automatically have to be muzzled when out in public.
5081	Dogs on leash and muzzled (where wildlife are present) should be allowed in all Regional parks. The owner is responsible for ensuring the dog is under control at all times but i believe the key is that all dogs must be MUZZLED in regional parks. Large fines (\$10k) to owners could be implemented to get them on board not to break the rules.
5390	I do not support the changes! I support option 1 – to keep the status quo.
6024	Generally dogs should be allowed on leash and in specific areas off leash, where risk to wildlife and farm animals is low. Definitely not off leash where animals are farmed, like One tree hill.
6127	We are responsible dog owners who need these open public spaces to exercise our very friendly dogs.
6463	Install water fountains for dogs at the park
6685	Dogs on-leash should be allowed at Regional parks with responsible owners.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD	
28	Please don't take away the minimal off leash and dog areas that we already don't have
45	Companion animals should not be limited, given they are part of the family - access to many families will be limited.
215	Dogs should be under control at all time, due to safety of others regardless. NOT everyone likes dogs or comfortable around dogs. NOT everydog is friendly
222	Have more dog access not less. Responsible dog owners already have few areas to exercise their dogs. Dogs need the freedom to run which cannot be achieved on leash.

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
628	As auckland has a very high population of dog ownership, reducing areas we can walk our dogs and give much needed enrichment does not make it "safer". Condensing these dogs into a smaller number and size of areas will create more problems. The key issue is responsible dog ownership having dogs under control, and the focus should be on that rather than punishing good dogs and owners. I am emailing regarding an addition to my feedback on the proposed updates to the dog bylaw and access rules. In addition to the feedback provided I feel that the general focus of these updates is misdirected and does not address the more pressing concern regarding roaming and out of control dogs in Auckland. Rather than punishing the many good dog owners by placing many further restrictions on where people can exercise and give much needed enrichment to their dogs, focus should instead be placed on irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs roam and who do not have adequate control of their dogs. Focus should be placed on areas such as: •Mandatory desexing of dogs unless by a licensed breeder to stop the prolific breeding of dogs who end up in shelters and in inappropriate homes. •Stricter rules and enforcement around dog registration and responsible dog ownership license (which should be manadatory). •Stricter enforcement with regards to repeat offenders of roaming dogs. •Better welfare rules for dogs such as banning the life chaining of dogs. I strongly believe reducing the areas dogs can be walked will result in more dog fights as you're
1053	I think it is important to have large areas for urban dogs to be off lead and for dogs to be socialised which is often more successful when not on lead. It promotes more responsible dog ownership and education
1058	If responsible dog owners cannot exercise their dogs off lead and let the dogs learn to socialise it is unfair and discriminatory. If it is dog owners who don't obey current rules you are targeting then a penal system targeting them needs to be applied. In most cases restrictions before 10am and after 4pm would rectify issues with others using the parks.
1342	Thanks for keeping our Regional parks well maintained. We love our outtings.
1424	I do not support!
1524	Currently there are only small spaces in South Auckland for off leash areas. If you want to take that away too, people will be tempted to let go their dogs off leash near their residences - a trend I have been observing already. If you spend some time in Randwick Park, you can see dogs freely roaming around, some of them are big enough to cause harm to small children.
1745	Could duders regional park allow dogs?
1788	This is unfair and you'll be making spaces deserted and barren without the dogs and dog owners. We should encourage more responsible dog ownership, not limit people to hot pavements and congested streets.
1802	No

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
2011	While protecting our regional parks and their ecosystems is crucial, it's important that dog access rules are fair and do not unduly penalize responsible owners. Responsible dog owners should be able to access designated areas with their pets, especially if they adhere to leash and control requirements. Rather than imposing blanket restrictions, targeted enforcement against negligent owners, clear signage, and balanced access can help protect the environment while ensuring fair use of park spaces for all visitors.
2354	I would like to see the Council to implement better enforcement on the existing rules rather than impose any more restrictions. Majority of problems with dogs in Auckland are to do with bad irresponsible owners who let their dogs to roam free, don't neuter their dogs and don't register them with the council. This is what needs to be enforced. I would also like to see restrictions on certain breeds (pit bull cross) - they should not allowed to be rehomed, existing dogs must be neutered. And again, this must be enforced
2629	I think "dangerous" and uncontrollable dogs should be restricted from Parks where the general public are enjoying the outdoors. Dogs have an important part to play in many peoples lives and they also need space to be able to socialise and exercise in order to contribute to a healthy and happy society.
2922	No
2981	Overall, the rules wording is very long and convoluted. For example, it uses references like 'lambing season' that make no sense to most people who are younger than 50 y.o. and/or were not raised in NZ. Also, there is a feeling that all proposed changes are aiming at reducing the opportunities for dogs which disregards animal welfare and the wellbeing needs of their owners.
3722	I think the Botanic Gardens is quite a different case to other regional parks. Where the impact of dogs is damaging the environment as is the case of the Puhinui Stream banks and surrounds, strict ON LEASH only rules should apply. Considerable effort has been made to restore part of the bank where a 100 year old rimu is threatened by severe erosion caused by dogs, just one example of unacceptable damage, there are plenty more. The Stream and native forest paths are a valuable part of the regional park that must be protected. Allowing dogs offleash in close proximity to the Stream will mean the current degradation will continue.
3852	Instead on focusing on dog access rules, I think the council should focus on actually enforce the current rules. Not only for dogs, but also for others. As an example, the off leash area on the Botanical Gardens is supposed to be a 'no biking' area, but everyday (an more during summer), you can see families with kids biking there, and others riding on the area with no one doing anything.
3894	No
3896	Unless someone is going to police these policies I feel they're a waste of time. The amount of dog owners who don't follow the rules as excessive as it is. Maybe the focus should be more on owners who can't control their dog, stray dogs and no registration.

Sub #	Q3 Other Feedback
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?
4063	Rules need to be supported by much more education and by enforcement. I am happy to pay a little more rates and charges to support this.
4166	I think it's important to keep dogs restricted (on lead and under control - not banned) at our National parks where native birds are located. After doing some recent travel overseas, the distinct lack of bird song was deafening.
4213	Please think of the safety of the public and consider how few dog owners actually follow the current rules before you further relax them. These dogs are out there attacking people and their owners can't stop them - let us enjoy the parks without these things ruining it for everyone.
4444	No.
4451	I think it's a real shame to limit dog access, especially if it impacts on a family's ability to spend time outdoors in a safe environment with their beloved pet.
4505	No
4843	I believe you are on a good track to make Auckland safer. Thank you for introducing more dog restrictions and enforcing the rules.
5046	There should be more off leash parks. We seem to be regressing when it comes to dog friendliness compared to the rest of the world

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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.
6286	Access to Access for all people to regional parks and the enjoyment of people should be prioritized. Dog owners should not be prioritized over other people. The areas of regional parks having access to off leash dogs should be in proportion to the people in Auckland who are registered dog owners. Currently the amount of space in regional parks where off leash dogs are allowed is far too high. Off leash dogs are a risk to other people in regional parks, stop other people enjoying regional parks. The Dog Policy and bylaw review Options report Page 23 from 2019 to 2021 there were 10 dog attacks on other dogs and people and three aggressive dog behavior incidents reported in the Botanic Gardens alone, the majority assumed to be in the off-leash area and included injuries to one child and one dog needing to the euthanised. people should be prioritised
6340	Work on controlling dangerous dogs and not penalising good well behaved pet dogs
6351	Please keep it accessible, one of the great pleasures in life is riding with or walking a dog in a forest track
6426	I would love to walk my dog on a lead at Duder.
6458	More information is needed around how dogs damage the streams. A bespoke area should be considered if the stream is off limits but I understand why it needs to be
6513	With the increasing density of Auckland, regional parks are becoming even more crucial for communities to enjoy the outdoors and open spaces, this applies to their dogs as well. Places where there is native wildlife need good dog control measures and dogs to on leash unless there is a designated off leash area. Consideration should be given to the provision of off leash areas in council development plans and future subdivisions.
6519	Leave the Botanic Gardens as it is. People have enough 'garden' to walk around and enjoy without having to come to the southern end, which, is signposted as being off-leash. And, it will only be a matter of time before this no dog area is increased to all of the Garden's.

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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.
6622	People who don't follow rules ruin it for others. Penalise them rather than everyone. If the rules change then you need to stop taking money from rates for these parks.
6740	ill admit to being a cat person most of my life but since the past few years of owning a dog I have seen the need to make sure they are well engaged and exercised often to stop them becoming troublesome and aggressive. Our area has a huge range of dog owner that use different times of day and spaces to walk their dogs and restricting that is only going to have more dogs not getting the space they need. Please find a way to let us be responsible onswers and other ways to sort out those few that are spoling it for the rest of us. cheers
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180	A lot of dog owners can't resist putting their dogs off leash no matter the rules. It's very scary meeting large numbers of roaming dogs across Auckland with young children as you don't know how safe any of them are and dog owners are far too relaxed at letting dogs come up to young children that don't know them. Helping dog owners realise how unsafe they can make other members of the public feel I think is helpful.
235	Cats do more damage to wildlife than dogs. I would like to see council implement fair cat ownership rules as the face little to no restrictions despite how much damage they cause from killing wildlife and pooping everywhere.
249	A lot of dog owners like to take their dogs out and about into nature and it's a balancing act to ensure that there are enough places to do so whilst maintaining people's safety and protecting the environment. However any additional off lead areas are much appreciated by both dogs and owners
639	Access should be more open for dogs
856	Rules need to be enforced. There should be areas where people who want a dog free area can be sure of one and places where dogs can be on leash. Areas for off leash should be away from the beach where there are children and, sometimes, wildlife breeding. Putting a rope around breeding areas does not jeep off leash dogs away!
1293	No
1437	My general comment is to allow dogs on leash and under control on our beaches and in the cafes etc. during summer months. They are family members too. Alternatives mean they are left at home or we don't visit these beautiful parks for all to enjoy. You could have strict penalties apply for those who transgress, including confiscation of the dog. This would make people think twice about allowing their dogs off leash on the beaches or at the other cultural places these parks have to offer.
1488	I am all for access to regional parks as long as the dog is under control and there are bags and bins so that owners can pick up and dispose of dog mess. I also thing that dog owners that do not pick up should be fined
1701	Dogs should be allowed in all regional parks under control and on leash with some dedicated off leash areas
2335	It would be great if the current rules were policed more strictly. So many people ignore dog rules & take dogs off leash, near threatened species sites etc
2492	I strongly oppose to all of these proposed changes. I think advocating for better dog training and ownership is required.

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2545	The dog are not the problem. The feral owners are the problem that should be addressed. How are you going to police these massive changes when you can't even handle rubbish collection?????????
3760	The more access dog owners have the better. It stops owners from all squeezing into the small number of suitable dog parks. Probably talking more about getting the larger breeds out. Owners of larger breeds are more likely to be hikers etc.
3771	Need so much more resources for controlling people and their dogs . Not just beach issue..
3959	As dogs become more and more a part of our lives we should be more inclusive of them in iut daily lives not shunt or hise them The more tolerant and accepting people are of animals the better our society will be Its people who need to be restricted from certain areas not animals
4152	Increase access rather than reduce and deal with those who break rules rather than punish everyone.
4470	Allow all
4533	no
4876	No
4980	dog access should consider the presence of native forest and sea birds, geckos, etc.
5169	No
5360	no
5382	if there are more safe off-leash spaces, there will be less rule-breaking in areas where dogs are not allowed or must be on a leash and thus less risk to the public
5472	I understand restriction on off leash but please increase ability to bring on leash in increased hours.
5500	It's hard to exercise dogs at most regional parks. I used to visit many of the parks before I got a dog, now I only visit a few due to massive restrictions on many and unclear information on the dog friendly areas/places.
5522	Each dog should be accessed and have their own parameters
5572	Dogs are an important part of peoples lives. There are people out in the community that cannot afford dogs & allowing dogs to be part of Regional Park, Beaches & walkways give people a chance to interact with them.
5801	I believe this is not addressing the core issue which is responsible dog ownership. The cost involved in this bylaw exercise would be much better spent on initiatives such as desexing, registration and education. In my opinion the resources spent on this process are misguided and misplaced as this won't fix any of the dog issues in Auckland. I have experienced and seen first-hand terrible dog ownership, strays, dog attacks, abuse, but this bylaw isn't addressing this as these people are likely not using the regional parks for exercise and enjoyment with their dogs. There are some great charities (eg. CDRRNZ who I work with) that I know work with the council on these things but they are not funded and actually make an impact in addressing the core issue. Changing these bylaws impacts responsible, hard working, caring Aucklanders. The issue of some not being responsible ruins it for everyone.
5941	My concern is that dogs need to be off leash for the health of dogs and of their owners and if the local parks are restricted further then there will not be enough space in Auckland for the welfare of our ever growing canine community

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6103	I don't agree with the bylaw rules . There should be no changes stop changing the rules for our dogs they should not be limited to their exercise
6107	Over time I feel the trend should be that dog access is reduced further and further. With growing populations of people (and dogs) we must protect our special regional parks and the wildlife they contain and this is simply not congruent with dog access.
6444	Do not push responsible owners out, better enforce the rules against irresponsible owners and those who have aggressive dogs.
6581	more access for well behaved registered dogs
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109	Keep in mind that responsible owners will be appreciative of being able to exercise and socialise their animals. We are good people, and sadly the less responsible dog owners let the good owners down. I do not support blanket rules that appease the vocal minority who just don't like dogs, but I also note the futility of a policy when there is conceivably very little enforcement.
209	Less dogs in parks around kids increases safety. Parks are for people not dogs. Society is increasingly focused themselves rather than considering others. This self important self first behaviour can see poor behaviour. Dogs are an unwelcome addition to this mix. They should be kept away from where families spend time on parks and beaches.
244	Do not reduce access except where absolutely necessary,
361	Dogs are important part of our wellbeing. Rather than imposing restrictive measures, local authorities should explore balanced solutions that accommodate all park users not jusy sporting that happens too few times.
369	Dogs who are well behaved should be able to enjoy off leash access to some of our beautiful parks, away from the main areas and any vulnerable animals
388	Instead of restricting access please consider allowing dogs on leash to encourage walkers out and about. Responsible owners just want to get out with their dogs
422	Dogs are great
520	Stop closing places they are allowed to be free they need space in designated areas - council seems very anti dog compared to other countries like the UK
610	I generally support on leash dogs.
643	NO
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.
718	Consider prohibiting dogs from all park locations.
818	Leave well enough alone and move on to more productive endeavors..
952	This is a f## joke. All you have done is further restricted dog access to the regional parks and alienated ratepayers of Auckland with dogs.
1029	Rules are too restrictive and we need the access and space for dogs to be both on and off leash
1064	no

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1181	As a responsible dog owner, I believe that it's better to keep dogs on leash, rather than just ban them, for some people and myself included dogs are part of the family, and I take my dog with my most of the time, we already spend so much time in traffic and it's so inconvenient to go to outdoor activities and leave dog at home and then go to places where you can have your dog with you. I like to be able to combine and go to the beach and be able to take my dog with me, I always keep him on the leash and don't find it a problem.
1226	How will you enforce these rules?
1248	Please please monitor people. - there are signs but people are happy to ignore. It creates confrontation between citizens.
1279	Police bad repetitive dog owners. Stroll the areas and talk with owners. I was stopped by a dog control officer who spoke to me about a breach I was unaware of. Very professional, handing out enforcement citations will only be seen as revenue gathering. Take the people with you rather than being pushed before you.
1341	Need to ensure that Parks don't become the next AT by too much bureaucracy and dictating to people. We appreciate the impressive birdlife variety but these changes are over reach. I'd sooner the Council focus on removing the rabbits and cats at Tawharanui more than impacting the majority of Auckland with controlled and harmless dogs
1421	In general dogs should always be allowed on leash - and wherever possible allowed off lead. It should be an exception where dogs are restricted.
1596	I think it would be more important to check in certain areas of Auckland who has in-registered and freely running around dogs. Some social housing families have lost unregistered pitbull cross dogs on Auckland's streets. Social housing providers should check more and there should be more dog patrols.
1597	No
1734	There are already enough restrictions on dog owners, give us a break
1861	No
1952	Within reason, dogs should be allowed off leash under control at certain times (outside of busy people traffic/family times etc).. and on leash in certain areas
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.
2262	Important dogs do have an area to run free. I don't have a dog but love seeing them play freely. We don't want the few irresponsible owners ruining it for the majority of good owners.
2315	The absolute majority of dog owners in Auckland are responsible, and the dogs cause no issues but bring people so much joy. Why do we have to change the laws for the small number of people who either don't like dogs or are less responsible with their animals? It is a disproportionate approach. I think instead we should increase fines and consequences for those who are not responsible dog owners.
2399	Dog owners should be responsible for keeping their dogs under control and for picking up their droppings in all Regional parks

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2541	Maddills Farm and Glover Park - as a St Heliers resident I have only Maddills farm to which I can walk and let by dogs off lead. There should be fenced off dog only parks in Auckland. It says at registration that you must adequately exercise your dog. How can we do this when you keep taking the limited space away?
2576	Yew freedom to walk your dogs off leash under control. Summer time beach hours pre 10.00am and post 5pm is fair. Otherwise all times on beaches. Parks are for the enjoyment of all including our furry friends. Dog poo needs to be picked up by owners and heavy fines should apply to enforce this. Facilites in parks to accommodate our furry friends, such as fresh drinking water and poo bags to promote a healthy environment for all.
2657	No
2864	There needs to be better signage, and ticketing of unruly dog owners who allow their dogs off leash during on leash times or on leash area.
3230	give more access to dogs
3498	Madills Farm has had no issues with dogs and services a large area and many retired people have dogs in this area . it is well used and all aspects of it are.a great asset to the community and should be kept as is.
3499	PLease don't shut dogs out of parks
3536	Hi Wayne Seriously - do you support this waste of our Resources? I understood you were focused on reducing costs? Not increasing? So - put your name on it, be proud.
3571	No
3584	No
3695	Regional parks are there to be enjoyed by everyone - humans and dogs. As it is dogs are prohibited from most beaches during daytime. Where else can they go??? It's also a weak argument to prohibit them from regional parks. Seriously!!?? Weak!
3749	No
3796	No
3816	No change please
3963	Yes stop meddling in something that works and is not a problem. Get out of your office and correct the errors people are making. Or as most expect this revenue gathering and responding to a small amount of people who love to complain
3990	Personally if a dog is on a leash at all times I dont see why they cant enjoy being with family at regional parks. They should be prohibited at times of lambing but again on a leash it wouldn't matter and I only say that in case the animals are distressed at the presence of dogs
4117	How about establishing transparent and comprehensive principles before suggesting changes. The problem with regional parks is balancing conservation issues with dogs. In people areas dogs should have access. It would be better to spell out expectations of dog behaviour in heavily used area. Because people have concerns does not mean they are right. We should not support dog phobic rules just because people have not been socialised/ignorant of normal dog behaviour.. Rangers should have skills to explain and moderate concerns.
4226	Dogs should be allowed off leash on fields so that they can enjoy there freedom. If a child is allowed to used the grounds so should dogs. They are not nuisance like the teenagers that are causing so much crime.

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4306	Yes, I couldn't go back with this system, so I couldn't make the change to tick some - I think regional parks should have dog access, or areas of dog access.
4421	I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the ridiculous idea of reducing off-leash dog areas in our local parks. Our parks are meant to be shared by the whole community—not just soccer and cricket players. Taking away space for responsible dog owners and their pets is unfair and completely unnecessary. Dogs need off-leash exercise, not just for their physical health but also for socialization. Their owners—many of whom are elderly or disabled—also rely on these spaces for connection, fresh air, and activity. The flat areas of our parks are accessible for those who might struggle on rougher terrain, making them even more important for those who need them most. Let's be honest—some of these parks were originally built on swamp land, and millions have been spent fixing flooding issues to make them suitable for sports. That's not the fault of dogs. Likewise, the council has moved park lights and sprinkler systems, which has created uneven surfaces—again, not because of dogs. And let's not forget that sports teams running, tackling, and sliding across the fields are what actually wear them down, which is why council staff maintain them. Blaming dogs for this is simply wrong. Rubbish left behind after sports games is a much bigger issue, and it's often other park users—including dog owners—who end up cleaning it up. Parking and congestion around parks on game days have also been a problem for nearby residents. None of these issues are caused by dogs, yet dog owners are the ones being punished. The majority of us who use off-leash areas take our responsibility seriously. We ensure our dogs are well-behaved, and we respect our shared spaces. On top of paying council rates like everyone else, we also pay annual dog registration fees—so why should we lose access to our own community parks? I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal. Instead of reducing off-leash areas, let's focus on solutions that allow all park users to coexist.
4483	stop trying to control our lives and leave us alone - focus on other things such as transport etc
4548	No, see my general submission.
4572	Sorry Auckland Council as wonderful a job I believe you are doing in so many areas I am really concerned that recreational parks in my local area (East Auckland) have the potential to be no longer be available for walking my dogs off the lead. I would have thought the Council had bigger fish to fry than worry about dog owners enjoying our area with our trained canines. The physical and mental benefits out weight any potential benefits someone in the Council must see.
4634	No
4793	Dogs under control of the owner should have access to Regional Parks all year round.
4800	No
4831	You provide some good clarification on rules, but fir future reference mountain bikers are the biggest single hazard to the general public in Regional Parks. They mainly have no concept or interest in sharing with others. Dog walkers, like other walkers, are the opposite.
4881	No
4894	The process only allowing for feedback on a max of three is clearly an undemocratic process. It is clear that the council is NOT keen to get feedback.

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4944	Please allow dogs to be able to be off leash more. We are tax payers and our dogs pay for the park and the registration. Kids do not do so. Hence we request to have our dogs enjoy the same space as human kids.
5010	Owners need to be made aware of their obligations to stop their animals behaving in ways that could be perceived as threatening. I.e, running up to people barking, people who are trying to enjoy the shared spaces without a large, loud animal approaching them in intimidating ways.
5055	New Zealand already is not a dog friendly country compared to other countries. These proposed changes are not targeting the right root cause. Multiple dogs walker should be trained and experienced person. Dogs need more social spaces to spend time with their families. These changes are proposing to leave your dog at home unsocialised when you visit these locations. This is not the right proposal.
5062	Maddels park back of Kohi - retain dog access
5092	No
5155	No, please consider my comments. I support all the changes but please, please, please ask that you enforce them.
5190	Regional parks should be dog free areas I.e. people only. Everywhere there are dogs, there are irresponsible owners. I have seen it on the beaches too. Dogs should be walked on the streets only.
5231	A lot of parks should be allowing dogs on a leash, there are not enough parks or exercise areas where dogs are allowed which is restricting the owners to visit these areas as well..a happy dog is a dog with it's master, not being left at home by itself..
5301	Generally speaking; responsible dog owners are the hard working people who pay taxes. People are having children generally later in life and it would seem dogs are very much a staple in today's modern family. It's these hard working tax payers who are responsible and look after their dogs. It's our right to be able to walk our dogs off leash in such places as madills farm. It appears more used and appreciated than some soccer players using it a couple times a week. The hard working people in the surrounding areas of madills farm want it for dogs as the priority.
5520	Please make Auckland more dog friendly.
5554	Under the Dog Control Act of 1996 the Council is obliged to provide a variety of experiences for dog owners and their animals so that they many be exercised "at large". This needs to be a higher priority for the well being and benefit of the Auckland population than prioritizing exclusive access for some groups - thereby creating a two tier citizenry others. Where one group enjoys privileges and access to parks on their terms whilst denying others. Dog Owners should be less than a 1 km walk, no matter where they live in Auckland to a park where their animals are able to be let off leash at any time of the day or night, be it beach or park. It defies belief that this isn't in place already. It also defies logic that a special interest group like a sports club can advocate for and get consideration for excluding other Aucklanders from parks they should have equal access too. And expect those same Auckland ratepayers to be paying rates at a premium for their hobby sports. The Council, should also be reinstating dog waste bins and providing compostable bags, this could easily be added to the food waste collections and add to the bio mass collected for composting.
5575	We should be able to have our dogs on a lead at beaches

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5733	Please stop denying access to parks for dogs,, there is such a small number of parks available as it is in Auckland and especially out by st. Heliers.. especially in summer when the beach is already off bounds to dogs most of the day.
6033	I would like to see dogs on lead allowed on tracks at region parks, except those with pest fences and known kiwi.
6069	Dogs could have their own fenced off areas to exercise in.
6116	Not all dogs are the same, just like people. Small and medium dogs cause less issues than bigger aggressive dogs. Instead of broad brush strokes could limits be made on big or aggressive dogs? Or to encourage training could you extend the registration system that with evidence of dog training you permit dogs to be in these areas? This seems very heavy handed approach and not all in line with fair use .
6121	Less dogs encourages more humans
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.
6185	Yes, I'd like more off leash time and areas to be considered. Thank you
6196	Banning dogs from national parks and enforcing leash-only rules in others is an overreach that unfairly targets responsible dog owners. Here's why: 1. Responsible Owners Already Keep Their Dogs Under Control The vast majority of dog owners are conscientious and responsible. If a dog is well-trained, responds to recall, and does not disturb wildlife or other park users, there is no reason to impose blanket restrictions. Punishing all dog owners for the actions of a few irresponsible ones is unfair and unnecessary. 2. Safety Concerns on Uneven Terrain Forcing dogs to be leashed on steep, rugged, or uneven trails increases the risk of injury for both dogs and their owners. A sudden pull from a leashed dog can cause a person to trip or fall. Allowing dogs to move freely (while still under control) is often safer for both parties in these environments. 3. Lack of Evidence for Harm in National Parks There is no widespread evidence that responsible dog walkers are causing harm in national parks. If concerns exist about specific sensitive areas, targeted solutions (such as seasonal restrictions or designated off-leash zones) would be more reasonable than an outright ban. 4. Dog Owners Pay Their Share Dog owners contribute millions in registration fees each year, yet councils continue to reduce their access to public spaces. If dogs are restricted from parks, where is the fair return on those fees? 5. National Parks Should Be for Everyone Public spaces, including national parks, should be inclusive. Many people, especially older individuals and those living alone, rely on their dogs for companionship and exercise. Overly strict rules could discourage outdoor recreation for a large segment of the population. Instead of blanket bans, the council should consider balanced policies—such as designated off-leash areas, time-based restrictions in sensitive zones, and stronger enforcement against genuinely irresponsible owners. A one-size-fits-all approach is not the answer.

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6219	Dogs need to be controlled by the owners. At all times.
6224	Should be more relaxed & there should be an option to get your dog “trained” to be in regional parks responsibly ie Have owners pay for dogs and owners to take a course to allow dogs to go on trails / regional parks WHILE respecting and protecting wildlife. Similar to “responsible dog owners” when registering for the council. I am a vet and would love to take my dog on trails and would pay for him to be certified to do so. New Zealand is an outdoor country - let us be outdoors together!
6305	It has become obviously well known that Madills park does not want dogs at all! Considering this is the only park in the area it makes it impossible to find anywhere to let your dog have a run, chase a ball etc.. we fought hard to get the cyclists to give way to pedestrians but we did! Surely when major games are not on we should be allowed to use the fields to give our dogs a run away from the road ...
6369	Dogs and owners of registered animals should be allowed on beaches at all times under control. If not fine them
6402	Have rules well signed, every entrance, and repeat the sign several metres in
6414	No, I cannot find proposed updates to Regional Parks so cannot comment
6440	I cannot find the proposed rules so cannot comment.
6474	Dogs should be allowed and they do deserve going to any park and owners will follow rules.
6490	No
6595	Dogs should only be completely prohibited for wildlife/habitat issues and allowed on leash at all times
6637	Local Parks, specifically Madil’s Farm. The proposal to prevent access to dogs on sports fields is unreasonable in this instance. The reason given in the proposal is that dogs dig holes making the field hazardous for sports users. I have lived adjacent to the park for 15 years and in that time I have not observed any dog digging on any area of the park. What I have observed is the absolute enjoyment that many dog owners have in exercising their dogs from daybreak to dusk. They do no harm to the fields at all. The proposed limitation should be abandoned.
6663	no
6772	No change, other than implementing time and season's rules to any area
6790	No
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153	Please allow dogs lots of spaces...remember dogs are all shapes and sizes. Onus is on owner to train their dogs well!! Not on limiting spaces for public dog walking use.
465	Pet owners and their pets should be able to benefit from these changes. Please take that into consideration. For lots of aucklanders pets are their family and as much a part of the community. Do not punish all dogs and dog owners for the negligence of others
1696	All new proposals are to reduce dog access to areas with no proposals to create new dog friendly spaces. I feel this contradicts the mission statements of "keeping dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders" and "ensures the welfare of dogs".

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2389	Feedback Submission: Subdivision, Lack of Backyards, and the Council's Responsibility The increasing trend towards subdivisions with smaller sections and limited backyards has left many families, especially dog owners, with fewer private recreation spaces. It is the council's responsibility to ensure adequate public recreational areas are provided for all members of the community, including those with pets. Parks like this play a vital role in fostering community well-being by providing open spaces for exercise, relaxation, and socialisation. Given these pressures, it is crucial that off-leash areas for dogs are properly maintained, accessible, and safe. Installing fencing around designated off-leash areas would improve safety for all users, preventing dogs from entering restricted areas and providing peace of mind for owners. Additionally, the council should make it clear that the botanical gardens contain a dog-friendly zone, with clear signage to encourage responsible use. To further ensure safety, the use of scooters, bikes, and other vehicles should be prohibited in the dog park areas, reducing the risk of accidents or injuries. By taking these steps, the council can provide a balanced solution that accommodates the needs of dog owners while ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all park users. Investing in these measures demonstrates the council's commitment to creating inclusive, multi-use spaces for our growing community.
2850	No dogs at parks. People yes...but no dogs.
3617	A great many, I hope I have the opportunity to talk to the council. In particular my contention is that this proposal does not meet the goals you have set: Goals 3.6.1 (a): recognise dog owners as legitimate users of public spaces and that dog access is essential for dog welfare. (b) Integrate dog owners and their dogs with other users of public places (c) Provide opportunities for dog owners to take their dog to public places that are accessible, desirable, and provide diversity of experience for both the dog and owner Almost exclusively dog access is restricted in this proposal, not expanded. That's not good for Auckland.
3899	I feel they should remain the same.
5267	Stop restricting more and more access to families who have dogs. It's a crucial aspect of someone's mental health or physical health to be able to take their loved pets to go for off leash or controlled walks. By adding more and more restrictions or reducing areas in size there won't be enough capacity of everyone and if anything will cause more collisions and possible damage further.
6389	There needs to be more access to regional parks for dog owners for both off leash and on leash walking.
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557	Please please stop further and further restricting dog access to public spaces. As dog ownership increases, restricting access to local parks and spaces will only lead to animal harm, abandonment, dogs escaping or left to wander unsafely, and people breaking the rules (if they see they are unfair). Council seems to respond much more forcefully when complaints are made by non dog owners, and it feels like dog owners and responsible walkers are not heard over these biased voices.
619	It is very restrictive when travelling around the city on where we can go and walk with our dog. If we want a day out we cannot take him a lot of places. I would love to see a relaxing of places where dogs are prohibited.
1357	No
1434	unless it is posted dogs should be on leash at all times no matter where they're being walked
1494	No
1574	Dog ownership in Auckland is already so, so hard. We have to pay annual fees yet can't take our dogs anywhere. My family come from Holland, England and Switzerland and are always amazed at the strict rules around dogs. If we are going to pay through the nose to own our dogs, we should be able to take them out in society. What you are creating here is a society in which dogs and their owners are shoved into a corner, dogs are seen as a menace and a problem before being proven as such. Why not, instead, allow and encourage dogs and dog owners to be a part of our society? If not, drop the registration fees, as what are we paying for exactly??? 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. A collar or tag for dogs who are 'behaviour tested' could be allowed in areas, ensuring that responsible dog ownership is encouraged. In essence, give access or drop the registration fees!
1582	Follow up your laws with strict enforcement otherwise they are not worth the paper they're written on.
1626	I am a dog owner but don't believe dogs should be in our regional parks unless it is on leash only and actively enforced by council
1648	We need more areas for responsible dog owners
2103	Dogs should be allowed on the beach during summer . They should be allowed off leash under full control or have a dedicated area of the beach to off lead dogs . Dogs are apart of the family and should be able to enjoy a family day at the beach too
2109	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results. I think that there is an inherent issue with complaints that either stem from - 1. Owners not following the rules - this would be helped by more enforcement and accountability 2. The public not being aware of the rules - The amount of issues with the public who go to off leash areas and then are upset with dogs being off leash is significant. I believe that better training provided to dog owners AS WELL AS the general public on how to interact with dogs would be a much better use of resources than restrictions. And finally I find it truly annoying that there are more restrictions on dog access to PUBLIC areas where there is still a refusal to apply any bylaws that restrict or put accountability on owners to PRIVATE property for cats.
2247	It would be nice to have a sign at the beginning and end of the area where the rules are changing (in leash-off leash), or to have a detailed map at the entrance.

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2260	Please keep as many dog friendly as possible. It is already very limiting to find somewhere to exercise your dogs.
2436	I think its important that rules are fair to everyone and dogs also get to enjoy their time at Regional Parks and are not being left home alone because their owners cannot take them with them due to too restrictive regulations.
2612	none
3072	I understand it is easy to say all dogs are bad and they should be restricted from certain areas. However, by doing this you are excluding the responsible dog owners taking in the beautiful regional parks in our surrounding areas. Most dog owners exercising or taking in these sights will be happy to access if they can with a leash. That is what I would like to happen, remain the areas as dog friendly but the dogs must be on-leash.
4162	I think these rules the council is trying to impose is ridiculous. We as dog owners are already so limited in what we can and cannot do. Council needs to stop controlling every aspect of our lives. We pay so much taxes, rates and dog registration, we should be entitled to some freedom. I there are some irresponsible dog owners who don't follow the current rules, instead of creating a blanket rule affect all dog owners good or bad. Council should just impost fines for the irresponsible owners.
4197	There are not enough locations south of manukau for dog owners to go to to exercise their dog off leash. Exercise on leash is not the same as off leash for many breeds of dog.
4507	Perhaps you should focus on the increasing number of roaming, homeless and neglected dogs instead of punishing responsible owners.
4535	At a minimum, dogs should be able to access the regional parks and beaches whilst on lead at all times.
4619	Too much red tape and becoming over regulated. Invest your energy in sorting the stray dogs, not the under control dogs on leash
4909	Should apply the similar restrictions to children and teenagers ¹
5428	As much as I understand how having dogs at certain parks may be off putting for people who may be scared of dogs . Dogs must be able to exercise, I'm not saying they have to be off lead at all places, but purely allowing dogs to be able to come with their families to parks . .. Or assign certain parts of the parks where dogs can play and exercise Forestry , allowing certain tracks for dogs , so they don't encounter horses etc As far as pack walkers, I'm definitely in agreement with the changes .
5516	See previous comment, and convince the powers that be to have some common sense and target the real dog problems in Auckland. Respectfully, a frustrated responsible dog owner.
6961	nowhere specific - just create more exercise space for dogs off leash and under control
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD	
32	No
81	It is all very well to change rules , but it is the existing dog owners who presently flout existing rules as the major issue . They will continue to ignore.
84	There are very few regional parks that you can access with dogs. If dog ownership is at a high then why are you limiting access?

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148	Do not change, the dogs need their freedom and place to play, a simple leashed walk does not cut it and does not provide socialisation
196	A lot of the current signage upon entry to dog parks can be confusing with times and seasons.
534	THAT
674	please make the signs clear and not just in the carparks but along the walking trails. Include fines, include way for members of the public to report people who are not following the rules.
798	NIL
995	A focus on dangerous dogs and anti-social behaviour would be more beneficial than blanket bans for all dogs and dog owners.
1161	No
1787	New Zealand already has some of the strictest dog rules then rules isolating dogs is what creates nervous/aggressive dogs
1899	No off leash dogs whatsoever.
1972	I believe the off leash areas in the regional parks need to be properly marked off at the entrance so that it is clear for those to want to have their dogs off leash and those who probably want to stay away from that area.
2689	No.
3459	If there is a kids playground in a park, then dogs should be totally prohibited from all the areas. No matter what the rule says, the dogs are animals and they do not know how to read.
3592	Please reduce the restrictions on most public members due to complaints from a few. There needs to be a fair and reasonable level of sharing to public land and means. Introduction of additional safety means and defined areas have additional sometimes unconsidered consequences.
3924	For dogs having the ability to exercise off leash and on leash is extremely important for their physical and mental health. Off leash spaces in regional parks are only a very small percentage of the total area, which leaves plenty of save spaces for people to enjoy the regional park without coming across a free roaming dog. Dogs on leash should not pose any risk to the public and their access should not be restricted any further. Sharing the world with animals is something every human should learn to be comfortable with. I support the restriction of dogs which are out of control, dangerous or menacing, but well controlled dogs should not be restricted any more than they are already,
4059	Council is going too far in limiting access for dogs and their owners around Auckland's. Access should be widened not limited across Auckland'.
4076	No
4364	A Dog on leash and under control can not cause any nuisance or harm
4424	Dogs should be allowed on many regional tracks on leads to allow people to enjoy the day with their pets
4436	It is a shame that dogs are mostly prohibited from the Regional Parks. I wish there was more on leash access, but appreciate not all dog owners are responsible.
5452	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
6001	I'd like to see each regional park having a designated off leash area, and an 'off leash' first approach unless there is a good reason not too (lambs, playground, stock).

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6052	Anti dog can go one tree hill. Dont take away this dog park. Thank you .
6095	The rules should include no future planting of Karaka trees in off-leash dog areas. These trees are still being planted (e.g., young trees at the off-leash dog park opposite Halsey Drive School, Lynfield) when dog control and council arborists know the berries are toxic (often fatal) to dogs and small children. If dog control and Auckland Council are serious about dogs' welfare, they should consider this. Ideally, existing Karaka trees would be removed and replaced with other native trees.
6201	Don't change things unless there are actual solid reasons for it. Otherwise it seems you will just make things anti-dog. There's no reason to further restrict dogs.
6212	No
6695	Don't change
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD	
68	Regional parks are for all people but it seems when people come with a dog or dogs to the area they "take it over" . Owners seem to think the rules do not apply to their dogs or them.
123	No
199	1st and for most public should feel safe to use regional parks. So areas where dogs can not go or be on leash is good. But areas where dog owners go more often than general public should be left for dog response able dogs and owners. In a nut shell possible each park will need to be looked an for specific dog areas. Even if they are made alot smaller than current
484	Dog access is already limited in auckland for a nation of dog lovers is terrible. I would love to see more places dogs can enjoy if anything. Dogs help with wellbeing and also dogs who enjoy such ventures with their owners are happier, well adjusted pets who in turn would be safer pets. Please don't limit the few treasures we currently have with our four legged friends
577	Changing forestry/te arai dog rules will upset a lot of people as it's one the best and nicest dog walking beaches. Dogs do not walk on the sand dunes because they are down by the waters edge and sand playing rather than walking through beaches during trees.
650	Murawai loop track is under control off lead
661	I think they are well managed and balance needs of dog owners and non dog owners
707	No
742	Dogs are part of our lives, with good controlled access we can work together instead of total bans everywhere
749	Comment will be on how council and fine people who doesn't dispose/pick dog poo ?
813	The council needs to do something to enforce the rules. Many dog owners spoil it for those of us who are responsible. I have seen many dogs off leash when the rules state they should be on leash. I feel that as a dog owner there are hardly any nice bush walks we can take them because they are not allowed even on a leash. The rules are way too restrictive. I agree that people don;t want dogs in their face when they go to the beach for a day during the summer, that's fine. Dogs should not be allowed near lambs at all.
816	Why do I NEVER see any council or rangers enforcing those small minority of people who break the rules? If you change the bylaws, they are the ones that continue to break them anyway

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845	More access is required - responsible dog owners should be allowed to walk dogs in these parks and beaches.
972	no
974	Good to protect vulnerable wildlife, like nesting grounds.
980	Ideally dog restrictions should be eased up and allow dogs to go where their owners go. But it is obvious that Council lacks the resources to Police and prosecute Bad dog owners that allow their dogs to be a nuisance to other users and a danger to wildlife. It seems the easier choice is to Ban Dogs in areas, so the Council doesn't have to face the responsibility of monitoring the actions of users in these areas. Personally I would support more funding to Patrol these areas and get rid of the irresponsible owners, than ban every dog owner from the enjoyment of a walk along the beach with their pet.
1010	There are becoming too many rules for responsible dog owners and it is getting ridiculous due to a few irresponsible people. It is taking away our freedom and enjoyment of our country with our well-loved family dogs. We hope for some common sense from our Council.
1063	If more areas become restricted to dogs, there are fewer quiet dog friendly places for people to take their dogs who don't want to interact with hundreds of other dogs. Stop putting restrictions in place and spend more money on educating dog owners on proper dog care and management so we can all co-exist happily.
1066	No
1099	I think that good dogs and good dog owners should be allowed freedom to exercise in a lot of areas currently prohibited. For a very outdoorsy country New Zealand as a whole has to be one of the worst for access.
1112	The sweeping changes to the bylaw are far greater than the cosmetic updates it's being advertised as l. This consultation process feels very disingenuous and written for the benefit of niche stakeholders as no alternatives being offered for responsible dog owners who have enjoyed the benefits of long runs on the beach with our four-legged companions for years. Please seek to find some balance to protect wildlife and our responsible use of our greatest asset.
1130	Just forestry!
1280	please please do not change Forestry Beach dog access
1511	Overall I see regional parks as a people family place. Picnic and family activities. Should be safe and poo free. Dogeza should be left at home or kennel for the day.
1516	Ban dogs. Leave your dog at home
1550	Extremely confusing and difficult to find information regarding where I can take my dog in Auckland region. You think you've done your research then you drive out to an area only to find out that the source you consulted online was wrong/out of date!! That's my main comment is there has to be a better system to find information about dog rules in a way that makes more sense. You have to be quite the detective to figure it out sometimes. I definitely understand keeping dogs away from certain areas but there has to be some areas left for dogs. Especially in the Rodney region if your dog for some reason doesn't or can't go to a beach you aren't left with many options. Also would be great to have a dedicated dog park in Rodney, although the WW showgrounds has become a de facto dog park it is still sometimes used by horses.
1573	There is already a lot of restrictions on dog access and the proposed rules make it even harder to exercise dogs

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1589	I think the issue of people behaving badly at Regional Parks is more of an issue than good dog owners who would follow on leash instructions if allowed to walk their dog. More focus on on leash areas that are enforced would help to change the culture of dog ownership in NZ
1625	no
1643	I agree dogs should not be allowed off lead in regional parks. However I do feel that allowing them to walk on lead through parks and all lead on beaches where there are no endangered bird species is best for our canine companions.
1646	Currently there is NO dog access at Regional parks? Dogs should at least be able to be on leash and enjoy a walk with the owner? There should be greater access where there are no wildlife....(excl rabbits ,rats and stoats)
1647	This "Change of the rules" does nothing but hit organised dog walkers. (I am not one) The problem is dogs not controlled and just allowed by their owners to roam freely causing other dog walkers problems. Try fixing that and not penalising dogs on leash.
1652	No
1722	Councils should not have the authority to make these changes, it is not a major issue in the Rodney area, money should be spent elsewhere where there is an actual problem.
1779	I do not support blanket prohibition of dogs on beaches. Surely there must be a compromise, such as introduce restricted hours, to allow everyone including dogs and their owners to access beaches in Auckland.
1798	More reinforcement to make sure people follow the rules, as so many don't.
1840	Dogs are a huge health benefit to people. Dogs are also family members and need to be exercised and socialised.
1842	Dogs should have access to areas us as owners have access to. As a responsible dog owner I will leash my dog because her recall isn't that good but most dog owners (definitely not all) who do walk their dogs off leash in parks, beaches or anywhere are responsible enough that they know their dog/s are safe and not doing as they shouldn't. We as dog owners train and teach our dogs what to do and i feel we would not be very nurturing responsible dog owners if we can't even take our dogs to the beach or park to let them run a while and enjoy the parks/beaches as we also do as well as these endangered birds that seem to be getting a lot more than what is necessary
1869	Please try not to remove lots of access. Provide better information on your websites about rules around dogs at the different locations so that owners can be informed. Maybe focus on daycares as my dog was killed at one a year and a bit ago and there are no rules and support (as confirmed by SPCA, Vets and shelters) dog walkers are not the only issue here also. Broaden your rules to cover daycares to protect owners
1945	No I think I covered my feelings, in full support of the proposed changes to Muriwai!
1995	no
2147	I think it is beneficial to have areas close to regional parks where dogs are allowed as an easy opportunity to redirect people or still enjoy being in the rough vicinity of public spaces with dogs
2187	Relax the rules and allow Dogs access to areas as long as they are under control. Harsh penalties for those who break the rules only
2193	That on and off leash dog areas at Parks are randomly patrolled by council or animal control to make sure rules are being followed.
2236	As responsible dog owners who have invested many hours training responsibly, we need space to allow exercise of our animals to burn off energy and keep them well balanced. This is animal cruelty to blanket ban. You need to work with the community to provide safe spaces for our pets.

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2240	Dogs in vehicles should not be restricted in any roads - you do not have the right to tell me what I can carry in my car - they are not illegal possessions
2244	Let's stick to the rules and regulations we currently have and spend more time and money on enforcing the laws against the recidivist offenders who have no regard for law and order, and stop annoying law abiding dog owners who want to enjoy the landscape with their favorite friend and companion!!
2396	Dogs need access to wide spaces and shutting off all beach access would be a real shame.
2417	Please don't penalize all dog owners for the small group of people who disregard the rules. Let the penalties be higher for those who do so there is true accountability. I believe having a dog is a lifestyle and they are part of our family. Many families like ours, build their lifestyle around to accommodate the joy of having a dog who brings us so much Love and joy. It would be devastating to see their and our quality of life deteriorate. There are responsible dog owners who equally respect the environment and still want the best for their dogs by being able to take them to a wide range of parks and beaches in new zealand.
2454	Everyone knows this is an off leash dog beach. Please let's keep it for dog owners and their pets.
2479	No I just want access to my local beach
2537	Go meet the locals on these beaches. Talk to the people and actually do diary studies rather than using surveys to justify numbers. Quantitative doesn't always reflect a better outcome than Qualitative studies. A lot of these restrictions need backing. How has this arisen? Complaints written. How were they followed up and actively checked as valid? Please auckland council stop limiting and increasing ruling on property dog limits, walking groups and beach / park access.
2558	There should be more areas that allow on-leash dog access
2559	Some of the other rules you're applying are good. But I only care about my local beach.
2668	Please don't change anything and make it harder, clarifying is helpful but harder access and restrictions will not benefit anyone
2789	Please police the rules otherwise what is the point in having them!
2828	No
2858	Soo many families have dogs as valued family members and enjoy taking the whole family out. New Zealand has stricter dog rules than most countries in the world. It is so restricting and sad.
3087	Any changes should be in full consultation with the dog owning community and not just from non dog owners.
3161	Pakiri beach really drives me bonkers, there is enough space on that beach for bird protection and dog walking to coexist
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
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.
3361	They should be allowed on a leach at regional parks all across Auckland!
3367	Don't make them more restrictive
3485	No
3519	In general I would always prefer more on leash rules then complete prohibite dogs.

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3539	The rules are becoming more restrictive which is not a good thing for responsible people exercising their dogs.
3560	Dogs need exercise and socializing otherwise they become antisocial. Please give us a place to do this
3563	Instead of placing more restrictions on dog, ask people to do the bird avoidance training or at least allowed those who have those training to access the parks and it's very inefficient those rules when you have so many outdoor cats around without ANY regulation!
3578	Dog should not be allowed off leash as they will chase wildlife and often young children
3585	No
3586	I strongly oppose this bylaw as it limits owners to enjoy time spent on the beaches with their dogs
3587	No
3588	Common sense needs to prevail here. This dogmatic approach does nothing to encourage law abiding animal owners to respect sensible, well informed regulations.
3602	No.
3610	Make Auckland more dog friendly not even more dog unfriendly! Auckland needs to be dog friendly. Allowing all dogs to run around. Auckland needs to be dog friendly. Allowing all dogs to run around
3635	Maybe you could have restricted hours over the school holidays and weekends and people and their dogs enjoy during the week. I have been recently and I'm the only person there.
3642	This feedback form dis not allow more specific comments such as at Mission Bay or other Beach areas mainly large regional parks where most of the senior people I mix with are not regularly walking their pet dogs.
3647	I hope that these submissions are actually taken on board. I fear that this is just part of a councils process and by sending in our thoughts, we have ticked a box that consultation was done.
3781	Dogs are animals too, and deserve to be treated with respect, they are not to be locked up at home 24/7. A dog that's not allowed to exercise freely will end up be a problem dog! Council has a obligation to provide areas where dogs can exercise freely off lead.
3792	Dogs are just like every other member of a family and should be allowed to share the fun and enjoyment of the beach and the ocean with their owners. Some beaches need to be available.
3805	Limiting access to all regional parks for a 6 month period as a one size fits all policy makes no sense at all. It should be managed at the discretion of park Rangers.
3808	I feel there should be a complete ban on dogs in any area where native species are threatened or endangered or where native populations are recovering.
3814	Being a very responsible dog owner who goes to dog training classes every year and obeys all the rules, I find the constant tightening restrictions unbearable. I have seen piles of human faeces that have been left for days even though I had notified Jarred Anderson at Mahurangi West. I have picked up used syringes and other hazardous waste. Humans are the problem, not dogs
3843	More parks need to be open to people with dogs - most people who walk their dogs are responsible
3844	Quarry and forestry will always be home to the local dogs
3892	No
3948	Yes, it is completely unjust to punish the majority due to minor problems of the few.
3975	well managed dogs and their responsible owners are a joy to watch. I have often been approached by families asking if they can pat my girls- golden retrievers. The smiles are enriching

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4084	As a ratepayer and person with a registered dog I oppose all restrictions of dogs in Regional Parks (apart from where there are wildlife reserves like Goat Island, Tawharanui etc). The Auckland Council should focus energy of unregistered or menacing or roaming dogs. Making life more difficult for responsible dog owners who pay registration and/or rates and have non menacing non roaming dogs, is unreasonable and unfair.
4111	Dog populations have increased hugely over the years and they seem to now own these precious places, which need protecting for the future.
4128	No, apart from the fact that these new rules will push even more dog walkers into the non-council areas like e.g. Riverhead Forest, which already has a massive dog walker problem. Is there any way to incorporate those spaces into the new rules?
4140	Keep them out
4175	The rules are already in place they just need to be properly enforced, new rules will not stop owners or people who don't respect the current regulations.
4186	No
4292	No
4311	Please do not punish responsible dog owners because it's the easiest option for council
4356	Dogs form an important and valued component of many families and bring a range of positive benefits. I would encourage their access to Regional Parks where ever practical.
4365	A concern relating to the proposal to ban dogs on Forestry Beach, south, is that to my knowledge, this beach is not even included within the parameters of Te Arai regional park, so why is it necessary to restrict dogs from a wonderful beach OUTSIDE the park boundary? If this beach is now part of the regional park, why was I - and many others - not aware of this change?
4380	Dog access to any public area If permitted should only ever be when on a leash
4386	Dog owners need to be able to responsibly exercise their dos throughout the year, rules around birds need to be reviewed to align with nesting times and weighing up needs of residents/rate payers vs nesting birds. Find some solutions which can protect birds and support dog owners to use a facility they pay rates for. Suggest restricted areas during nesting season and not extending to Forestry beach.
4415	Please consider the fine balance between values, community and environment so that dog access to Forestry remains as it is uniquely suitable for this activity.
4422	The council states that their dog policy should provide a balance .The removal of 20 km of coastline for access to beaches for dogs with only the TeArai quarry is not a balance. It is a proposal that is ridiculous in the extreme,unnecessary,and will create an overcrowding and negative outcome for dog walkers and the public alike
4508	I support strongly limitations on access and control requirements in Regional Parks. We have experienced the economic and social consequences of stock attacks by dogs. I feel too for the rangers who are required to confront and educate arrogant dog owners who believe their dogs can do no wrong. But I also believe that existing rules strike a good balance and that constantly increasing restrictions on available park lands will limit access to responsible dog owners but will not exclude the arrogant clowns who will ignore signs.
4586	Think of options that sees owners, dogs and wildlife can co-habit. I believe education is the best option.
4602	None
4630	No

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4646	I'll be attending the Have Your Say event on Feb 19th at Akl Council. Thank you. [REDACTED]
4675	No.
4688	They are all over the top
4747	No
4819	Please give us somewhere to walk our dogs
4821	Don't demonize dogs, they are a pet and a companion. They should be allowed generally unless they are causing a problem. It is obviously easier for the Council to ban dogs from areas than enforce good behaviour. So obviously just ban dogs from all areas other than their home address and most people will be happy. That's democracy. Well done.
4859	Don't fix it unless its broken. Why remove dogs from an area which is used by so many.
4897	Most of them make sense, but this change to Forestry/Te Arai does not!
4912	Please stop treating dogs & their owners like social lepers. Responsible owners are penalised for the actions of a minority of irresponsible owners.
4914	No
4931	We need beaches that we can take our dogs to for on and off leash walks. Most dog owners are responsible. Dont change the rules and ruin it for us because of the minority of irresponsible dog owners.
4938	No
4950	Stop taking away access for our dogs to be walked, run and play. We as responsible dog owners are paying far too much, for far too few spaces for them to use.
4966	Dog owners wrongly often assume that everyone is comfortable with dogs roaming freely in public spaces. Also, many dog owners use a VERY long leash and allow their animals to engage with members of the public without consideration for those who have had bad experiences with dogs previously.
4971	Dog owners wrongly often assume that everyone is comfortable with dogs roaming freely in public spaces. Also many dog owner use a very long leash and allow their animals to engage with members of the public without consideration for those who have had bad experiences with dogs previously.
4976	I think dogs and humans should be allowed to roam freely as they have. Keep the current protected areas as they are but no need to add additional ones. Thankyou
4983	I hope that Forrestry Beach remains a dog friendly space not only for the local Community but for all Aucklanders to enjoy for future generations.
4994	Please don't take our beach away from our reactive dogs who have absolutely no where else they can be exercised
5101	Dogs should be allowed on the all beaches under control, off leash - except for bird breeding areas (seasonally) - we are already limited where we can go
5164	Regional Parks should be for all people to enjoy.
5165	Fund better enforcement and compliance
5170	No
5180	Assess each location on its own merits.
5186	Other regional parks around Auckland have other options available nearby to exercise dogs. Te Arai is a lot more remote and without access to infrastructure (ie footpaths /dog park) for safe exercise facilities for dogs.
5202	We previously lived at Browns Bay. The early hours for dogs on Long Bay Beach works well in summer. All day dogs running at Long Bay Beach in winter works well - there is no need to change.

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5207	On the whole fair and reasonable. We are good dog owners but YOU provide NOTHING for me that I can easily access my working dogs to swim, run and relax. The 'dog' area in Wellsford is a joke! Not secure, muddy all winter. Forestry is the ONE beach we have without having to drive for over an hour
5260	Give the dogs and owners a break. When we discover new places, I've no idea what this beach or thst bay etc is where things stop and start. U look at these things all day. Visitors don't so your message gets lost. Stop severely restricting people owning dogs in Auckland. Look at what they do down south. And learn.
5275	It is a priveledge to be able to dog walk in a Regional Park - more emphasis on this. And perhaps more places to walk a dog...
5283	Let us have some beach space. The quarry proposed for dog use is very small and it is often packed with families as is lovely for small children.
5297	Allow dogs on Forestry Beach - Te Arai South
5303	Keep some kind of sensibility. Dogs should be allowed at forestry beach
5335	Long Bay is different from other regional parks and beaches, both in its location and in its nature, and hence should not have to comform to "one size fits all" rules jist for the sake of administrative tidiness.
5343	PLEASE do NOT limit our dog access to FORESTRY BEACH - its the only one we have left
5404	No
5415	Personally, my biggest concern is the proposed change to the overall objective of the policy, from being very supportive of dogs as a part of our society, to being viewed as more of a 'nuisance'.
5429	If dog owners are responsible and they can show that their dogs are well controlled then why take away the freedom of enjoying our parks with our dogs who by the way are part of people's families -, it's just deprivation 😞 Have a heart ARC
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.
5434	Leave them be!!
5491	This is quite a big change in many places, why? We should be aiming to become more dog friendly, not less.
5495	While I support dogs on leashes in high use areas and finding a balance between the wider community and dog owners, the number of dogs owned is increasing while you are reducing the areas dogs can go.
5794	I only want to comment on Forestry beach at Te Arai. Leave the rules as they are so we have somewhere to walk off leash as we have done forever!!
5822	I'm a girse rider and a dog owner. It would be great to have parks where I can take them both together
5846	I am only concerned about Forestry Beach at Te Arai Regional Park. However I am really disappointed that as soon as you took over this area you slapped up no dogs signs all over the forestry track behind Forestry Beach we have used and loved this track for years and it makes no sense why dogs would now be banned from this track. It should be at owners risk
6102	As per previous comments - there is a need to focus on enforcement of existing rules before making any changes and any changes should take into consideration the need to allow for professional and accredited dog walkers

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6335	Getting on top of areas that have issues, is paramount. I have witnessed irresponsible dog owners walking menacing dogs at Muriwai, not picking up after them; they spoil it for everyone else. More random checks from dog control officers at beaches please. And, response when there is any evidence of issues. Dogs that have attacked humans or livestock, must be put down
6358	The same as the previous page. Greater on leash access
6465	No
6470	There are a significant number of pack walking companies who effectively and efficiently use regional parks daily without incident and have been doing so for some time. The recent surge in companies doing pack walks and some incidents, should not negatively impact the good ones. Rather let their methods become the industry standard with room for modification as required. This is an important service which is greatly beneficial to the dogs which are being cared for and handled responsibly and an opportunity to improve the standards of the industry in Auckland, as a role model for the rest of the world. Don't copy solutions employed poorly in other cities.
6525	Dog walkers are a key user of Regional Parks and their access should be increased not decreased. Auckland has a high population of dogs and dog owners and more spaces need to be provided for them to walk off leash not less.
6541	Off leash dog access should be increased not decreased and dog rules should be made clearer and more accessible. Auckland has a large dog population and dog owners should be encouraged to walk their dogs by having more off leash spaces and no less.
6543	No
6578	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules affect everyone
6625	Please consider not only the immediate effects, but also the second order and derivative outcomes that are likely from such bans - decreased amenity for those living nearby to walk their dogs, increased travel times to alternative locations, increased activity in other locations where the balance of dog / non dog usage is already an issue. Please also consider the potential upside (and show evidence of dog impact ecologically) balanced with the massive downside and overreach of a ban on such a huge piece of coastline.
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD	
179	Long Bay carpark don't even allow dogs IN THE CAR. It is CONTAINED in the car! I don't see why why I can't drive through with a dog inside the car. That is silly. The people living next to Long Bay do they have dogs AT HOME? If they can have dogs inside their house why can't I have dogs inside the car as I drive through?
227	Target the usual suspects with their unlicensed mainly PITBULLS running loose like mad things. They are the ones causing the grief not the licensed dogs either on leash or trained to recall. Look a stuff this week German Couple attacked in Massey by three bull terriers I'd bet my house on it they are not licensed.
304	Dogs are part of our lives and as such have a very important part of New Zealand and the families that own them. There has to be rules but these rules must be sensible and produced after lengthy discussion with all concerned such as dog owners, Professional Dog Walkers, Guide Dogs, Support Care Dogs, Dog Breeders, and Vets.
448	Police and penalise dog owners that don't follow rules. Don't penalise law abiding dog owners with restrictions.
664	none

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735	Make regional parks more friendlier and accessible to dogs as long as they are on leash and controlled.
754	Need to enforce dog control where they conflict with wildlife, especially nesting sites.
994	There is barely enough places as it is.
1141	Make park rangers able to issue on the spot fines so AMOs don't have to come out.
1390	Auckland is the most restrictive regarding dogs and will be the reason we move at the first opportunity. Why not consider having a licence system that requires an owner to test for dog training to allow off leash, demonstrating control of the dog.
1496	Unfortunately I think dogs should be banned at all regional parks as a few owners just make it so unpleasant for others.
1706	They should be allowed on leash at any time
1723	Completely banning dogs from regional parks would have my support.
1881	Don't change the park's rules, change the licensing and breeding rules, and give Animal Management more power and punishments to bad dog walkers/owners and irresponsible dog breeders.
2650	If the dog owner who doesn't respond to put the leash on their dog during daytime rule especially at Long bay. Just fine them. Please don't punish us all by change the dog riule at Long bay. Also save cost for any changes. Put that budget to create more play area in land for young teen and dog park
2723	As a responsible dog owner, we love to enjoy a good nature walk with our lovely well behaved dog. Unfortunately ,there are less and less dogs allowed or safe place to walk my dog, not CBD,(not safe for human either), not shopping malls, not regional parks, not lot of reserves, then where can we walk? Auckland is an international inclusive city, and it's famous for it. If we can include all/none genders or LGBTQ human beings from all the world, we should do the same thing to dogs, our closest best friends
2763	You're taking away all our leniency to own dogs and walk them to a healthy manor. I don't understand why.
2837	The proposals are needlessly over-complicated and confusing. Enforcement is almost always a voluntary matter as council enforcement powers are quite limited and require cooperation. Having simple rules that are easier to understand and also understandable as to why they exist will result in higher compliance.
3976	when taking our dogs onto Doc land we need to get a permit, maybe to stop the dicks ruining it for everyone else, this could be an option
4146	We should be getting more access to Regional parks so we can go with our dogs. We pay a registration in order to get benefits. Dogs are part of society whether you like it or not, and they shouldn't be punished for having irresponsible owners. Instead of targeting dogs, start targeting bad owners, animal abusers and maybe do something about cats roaming around, since they are the ones who cause the most damage to birds (well, humans do a lot more). Enough with this war on dogs!
4289	Don't be too restrictive. What's important is that the dog is always controlled and on-leash on these areas.
4301	I support any changes which redress the balance to make regional parks safer and more enjoyable for all users, particularly children, and which protect native wildlife from predatory dogs.

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4477	We need these areas to allow dog owners, professional dog walkers, to exercise, socialize dogs/owners/families to enjoy, make friends, get exercise, relax, play, and keep what we already have in places that is working.
4608	I agree with dogs needing to be kept away from wild life, I do not agree with people being stopped from having a summer outing with their dogs.
4710	Dogs should be prohibited in all regional and local parks
4853	Thank you for caring about our four legged friends.
4956	With regards to Shakespear, I would prefer dogs prohibited on the wetland track, to protect wetland birds.
5223	Keep rules as they are, I believe they are working well
5261	With the city spreading it is harder to walk a dog off leash if properly controlled regional parks should be open to responsible owners. A lot of owners do not properly control their animals which unfortunately reflects in those that do
5349	It's overkill already
5364	Too complicated
5517	There is no real reason to change the access from what it is at present. There are minimal areas where you can exercise dogs and there is no real data to support changes. \ Other than someones opinion.
5685	Making them accessible for dogs with families in a safe manner is essential for wellbeing of family units and respect for all rate payers. The issue isn't with current rules and those that follow them, but with those that don't and lack of consequences.
5749	Simplification would be welcome: wider access before 09.30 and after 17.30 or 18.00, particularly outside high summer.
5873	Just change it so Dogs have to be on lead, and not a stretchy/extending leads. They should be illegal for dogs
6209	Sydney and other cities have strict rules on keeping dogs on leash in all public spaces except for designated dog off leash areas. This is to protect people and wildlife. If these cities can do it, so can Auckland. It's the right thing to do with a growing population and increasing pressures caused by increasing numbers of dogs.
6662	Please allow more access for dogs
6767	Too many rules and too many inconsistencies makes it really difficult for the general law abiding Aucklanders to follow and the new proposals are a mess of extra rules which won't work. The people to target are those who don't pay their dog registrations, blatantly break the rules and don't have their dogs neutered.
6806	Dogs should be kept on leash at all times when walking as sometimes the owners cannot manage an off-leash dog
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD	
420	No leash, fine in mail ; simple as that. To not even carry one is criminal. Cameras please everywhere.
1716	No
2206	We're all for no access for dogs near dotterel chicks but reasonable off leash access should be allowed.

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2391	I commend the council taking the time to amend the rules to be more practical, pragmatic and consistent with how the parks are currently being used. With the changes I suggest I believe the drafts can be tweaked and even better.
2731	No
2740	As said before, a lot of dog owners don't keep to the rules if there is no control. And obviously we cannot afford proper control.
2760	Police the rules dog owners know that they can get away with it
2771	Put wildlife first. Access should only be on leash at all times.
4003	Dog rangers should be empowered to have much more control over unruly and badly behaved dogs that give other owners a bad name. Our current ranger is no effective
4371	Dogs should not be allowed off lead on beaches
4484	Dogs should be on leash, so they are not a nuisance to other users. Off leash dogs approach other dogs on leash. Dog owners do not have off leash dogs under control. All owners should be made responsible for if their dogs approach another dog
4635	No
4651	This is a really good practical change that is being consider, thanks Auckland Council
4661	More access and Sensible on leash rules will give greater pleasure to al when making use of Regional parks
4784	I feel that native birds, insects and other animals are more important than dogs, an introduced and dangerous species. I don't support extra freedoms for dogs. Some owners are not responsible enough and some have a sense of entitlement that means that non-dog owners are excluded from spaces.
4891	Dog Access (on and off Lease) to Owhanake Reserve, Waiheke Island: current Time and Season rule should be changed to allow dog access under control off-leash at all times. This is because this is a highly popular dog walking area that is not well frequented by sunbathers or swimmers due to the rocky nature of the beach and council treated sewer outlet. It is popular with boaties as a safe anchorage who walk their dogs off-lease down the beach at all times of day choosing to stay below the High Water Spring Tide Line having accessed it from the sea, therefore the current rules only affect Waiheke Locals who try to access the area across the reserve grassland. By changing the access to all year round, it will provide fair and equitable access to all dog walkers without hindering the other users (normally trail walkers who are passing through).
4893	Regional parks should allow dogs.
4908	No

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6282	It is not enough to change or clarify rules, the rules need to be enforced. And enforced often. We often visit regional parks, choosing those where dogs are either prohibited or where dog off leashes are far away from other areas. The number of dog owners who ignore the rules, often deliberately, and become aggressive when asked to either remove their dogs or put them on a leash is unacceptably large. The lack of enforcement, especially on Waiheke, effectively makes dog control an opt in process, where responsible dog owners are in the minority, and everyone has to deal with the dogs of irresponsible owners, whether they want to or not. People who are found to be flouting the dog access rules should be denied the ability to own dogs in the future, as they are by very definition, unfit to own a dog. Unfortunately, without any enforcement, and a belief by dog owners that dog access rules only apply to someone else (or not their dog, because it is friendly, would never hurt anyone, walks this track often, is old, or anxious, for example), the excellent regional parks aren't available to everyone, only to those people who want to be around other people's dogs.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD	
433	These proposals in large don't give any justification for the changes. Some parks it's clear and common sense but many give no reason for the proposed changes. As mentioned previously many people walk their dog as part of their exercise routine. These proposals seem to limit their ability to do that. Perhaps the proposals should look at irresponsible dog owners and regulating them rather than restricting all dog walkers
506	Menacing dogs banned
697	the fines are out of hand .and once in the past when i got a fine there was no way of desputing it.i wasnt allowed to talk to any one involved. even told i was i had to pay to find out they had proof it was my dog .i did pursue it as i didnt have time and the dog died not long after
713	Our family like to go to these parks to enjoy our day out and we are sick of dogs destroying our day
965	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park at all times
1075	Dogs need to be under control either on or off leash, as in total recall and not just run up to anyone, and if anyone says call back your off leash dog then that needs to happen.
1079	No
1089	Dogs could be allowed on leash in all regional parks at all times, except those that have vulnerable birds or animals. There are dotterals on Piha beach in the off leash section that are very vulnerable and there needs to be more signage/awareness of this as dogs are a big threat.
1429	It's the very few that ruin it for the majority who are well behaved and responsible owners
1576	Make room for dogs and their needs to run without having to enter high stress dog park areas. Be stricter on the owners - they are ultimately responsible for their dogs.
1612	Most people aren't stupid so the council NEEDS to STOP treating everyone as stupid because maybe one or two people want these changes.
1613	Dog access rules should be clearly signposted and unambiguous. They should also be enforced by spot patrols and fines given to ensure people don't abuse them
1833	It would be such a shame to lose any of the few off leash area we still have. As auckland gets more crowded, gardens are getting smaller and smaller and family dogs have less and less space to stretch their legs. We are lucky to have a lifestyle block so our dog has heaps of room to run around, but I really feel for his brothers and sisters in the suburbs - they need these parks and beaches. Please don't shut them out

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1918	NO DOGS IN ANY
2176	no
3309	There should be more areas for walking dogs in most regional parks, it's too restrictive in the present form, with very few options available!
3743	I believe the council are targeting the wrong group. Dogs are easy to blame, but it is generally the people that cause damage, leave rubbish and behave in an anti-social manner in parks. The main problem areas concerning dogs are on the roads and in the community, so those areas should be targeted. We had to endure 2 years of attacks by a Pitbull owned by our violent, drug-taking, irresponsible neighbour before the dog was finally taken away. We weren't safe in our home, on our property or the nearby street.
3879	I think having one dog on lead should be allowed!
3980	Wildlife must be the priority. Dogs need to stay on leads in public. Dog walkers dog numbers should be reduced to 6 on lead at all times max. Dog walkers need a licence!
4431	More ranger patrols to keep an eye on activity
4571	There does need to be some places available for dogs off leash. Not in public areas of relaxation in picnic spaces and places like the botanic gardens (except that North Western large grass area) The other thing is what about fines for not picking up their dog *****. Honestly so many dog owners don't care!! Do some education to the kids at school for them to tell their parents. Do some education for dog owners or respect etc. And education on how a dog can damage our wildlife very quickly.
4637	none
4813	Just so soul-destroying to see dog owners let their dogs off-leash in cordoned off areas where birds are nesting. I wish there would be patrols and fines
4934	No
5137	It will be nice to make them more dog friendly.
5411	Dogs can be very friendly if they are properly trained. The problem is dog owners who lack responsibility and don't know how to train their dogs. so the council should change the rules 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.
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 People want to be able to bring their dogs to places - it is so currently so restricted it's frustrating beyond belief. Nobody minds keeping their dog leashed where necessary Forestry & Forestry Henderson-Massey Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash. Entire location. We need MORE on-leash and off-leash areas, not fewer. Further restrictions are unnecessary. The quarry area is so small you can't even exercise a dog there. We need more areas to take dogs, not fewer areas and more restrictions. The anti-dog sentiment is out of control.
6038	No
6082	Dogs are family members and need the opportunity to run freely and exercise. Majority of dog owners are responsible and shouldn't be excluded from public areas unless there is good reason for it.

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6447	Yes. It's predatory under guise of being woke Humans are becoming less tolerant and this is no different. Anything that looks other is bullies and herded into ever smaller areas. Soon humans won't be able to cope with anything at all as they aggressively shove all other species out of existence
6448	Access to areas for walkers and dogs is important for both owners and dogs wellbeing
6724	I believe there should be more clear rules. Highly disagree with the change in Forestry beach. I do think the council should focus more on making sure people follow the current rules before making more rules though.
6765	Dog access rules should reflect local community preferences and not be standardised on the basis of the most restrictive rules.
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD	
46	No
77	These proposed changes are not responding to an actual live issue. Auckland's rely on dog walkers, that service is important to the city.
158	It seems Auckland Council is trying to further limit where dogs can be exercised which is simply ridiculous. This will lead to less dogs being exercised which leads to anti-social, problematic dogs. In my opinion the council would be better off educating people how to train, exercise and care for their dogs so they are healthy and happy, rather than increasing confinements which leads to problems. Looking at cities overseas, where dogs are freely welcomed and managed exceptionally well, Auckland city is backwards thinking. Fostering a more inclusive environment for dogs and humans is the way forward - not creating more silos.
366	No
560	Monte cecelia must be off lead and waiatarua
784	Don't let a few badly controlled dog and irresponsible owners ruin Auckland for all other responsible dog owners. If your concern is irresponsible dog walkers then you should introduce a licensing scheme for dog walkers to ensure only trained and qualified individuals can take paid dog walking services. This is a better approach than simply banning dogs.
914	I don't bother with stupid dog related by laws, because 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!". I look after my dog every single second we are out of our house. No bylaws are needed to protect the environment, the public or my dog! None!
948	How have we let it come this far?! People are the ones that should be regulated to be allowed dogs not removing them completely. As a female where walking safety is guranteed we need to be allowed off leash areas for dogs to be dogs and for people to be able to walk a pack of dogs.
1077	It's very tricky. Some dogs are clearly dangerous beasts, killing machines in the wrong circumstances. Some dogs are almost completely harmless. As a small dog owner, (a gentle dog with tiny blunt little teeth) of course I want him to be allowed anywhere and everywhere to run free off leash, but of course this cannot be the case if there are people carrying dogs that are dangerous out there. And wildlife that needs protection from these kinds of dogs! There can be no nuance, I suppose!
1212	No

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1474	don't take away access for dogs, they are cosidered family. look at prohibiting the use of long-leads in areas rather than stopping full access. if a dog is on a standard lead the owner has more control.
1535	no
1684	No.
1732	Dogs on leash should be allowed in all regional parks subject to reasonable hours of access
1910	stop restricting our pets from access to our parks. our dogs are part of the family and should be able to go everywhere we do. NZ has the most backward rules regarding dogs and IT NEEDS TO STOP!!!
2185	It is already too difficult to find a place to walk my dog (legally). I strongly urge you to not make it more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead. If changes must be made, I recommend limited off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on-lead as an alternative for outright banning them. Thank you for your time.
2397	No
3031	Leave things alone
3094	Make more regional parks available for dog owners to walk their dogs under control.
3263	It's not enough to merely change the rules - Rangers should be allowed to fine people for breaking them. I know no one likes conflict, but people don't care about rules if there are no implications.
3621	Auckland is a city that has many dogs, most of whom have responsible owners. Auckland Council are ignoring how important dogs are to Aucklanders by restricting their access to many areas of Auckland. I believe council would be better to license all dog owners ratherthan place these restrictions on dogs.
3826	no
3851	Dogs should not be allowed to run around our regional parks off lead - it impacts on others, has environmental impact and causes disruption to non-dog owners which isn't fair
4291	Dog owners are ratepayers too. Dogs are integral parts of the lives of many families. By far, the majority of dog owners are responsible, keeping their dogs under control, cleaning up after them and ensuring they are registered. More and more the freedom of dog owners is being limited and restricted. Please don't unnecessarily restrict law abiding, rate paying dog owners, who deserve the right to enjoy the beauty of Auckland regional parks.
4494	Yes there needs to be dog access to more of the parks . Current rules are very restrictive to the many dog owners in Auckland
4575	No.
4591	Only that is important that the safety of native species and humans is protected
4612	no
4615	No..but will if dogs are banned from beaches!
4738	Dogs can be dangerous animals and even responsible dog owners have slip ups where a dog evades them and wreaks havoc. I have had negative experiences, neighbours dogs have attacked parts and one had to be euthanised. I pay my rates and I want to be able to enjoy public spaces too without feeling threatened by other people's pets. Frankly if it was up to me dogs would be on leash at all times outside the dog owner's own property
4779	Increase number of bins for people to put their dog feces into in all council / community areas
4930	No, I think you've covered it
4942	no thank you
4948	Current rules for dog access to regional parks should remain as they currently exist.
5004	I strongly urge the council to reconsider these proposals and take a more balanced approach that considers the needs of responsible dog owners.

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5027	There is no real benefit with adding all this red tale, and it isn't clear what issues being resolved other than some at the council don't like dogs in public.
5340	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.
5358	No
5486	No
5489	Leave it as it currently is. Is hard to find dog off lead areas, please do not make it harder
5624	Dogs should be allowed in parks. There are already few public spaces they can go.
5638	A visit to a regional park should be a peaceful occasion, and the fewer dogs present, the better. Dogs are noisy, make a mess and threaten people who are scared of them.
5964	Leave dogs be if they're fine off leash! Just watch out for prey drive if you know you have a prey driven dog keep it on leash
6149	There are very few public places that dogs are allowed currently. Decreasing the number of spaces dogs are allowed to go will increase the issues at the remaining spaces as the density of dogs in them increases
6839	I think the Auckland Council needs to conduct better research and take a more strategic approach to designing programmes and bylaws that address real issues.
WHAU LOCAL BOARD	
13	Please control before it gets worse. Everywhere dogs roaming around scared to come out of car and go for a walk.
52	Thanks for putting these proposals forward.
80	Don't let vocal minority special interest groups impact the physical and mental health of dog owners by restrictive new rules.
728	Thanks for the hard work
1447	Council should support responsible dog ownership. Restricting dog access will only cause harm by preventing dogs to get sufficient exercise. Instead of applying a blanket rule of prohibiting dogs on areas, there's the on-leash option. There's already very few regional parks where dogs are allowed and further reducing it is a discrimination against people who are dog-owners. It is like the council is forcing people to choose between enjoying the parks and/or keeping dogs where it is a basic right to have pets as long as the owners are responsible.
2034	It would be really good to have some more flexibility on certain tracks to take dogs. It is really limiting over summer to take dogs with us on an adventure during the day. I think maybe if it was better controlled we would have less issues with other users.
2403	No

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2455	Council should be thinking about social wellbeing first in regard to all of its decision making and having a dog is equivalent to having any other member of a family for most dog owners. We want to encourage our communities to exercise and meet each other and we want to alleviate isolation. Many elderly, who are isolated, have a dog for company. Most dogs in Auckland are small and domesticated. Yes, there are dangerous dogs, but some of these proposed prohibitions are heavy handed and look at the bylaws from a dangerous dog perspective not a social good perspective.
2544	Allow greater access for all dogs. During lambing season sure prohibit access to on a lead but general access should' be greater for pets
2819	There should be more access to Regional parks and facilities to owners with onleash dogs.
2946	Have a way to control or report those who refuse to stick to the rules. Recognising that this is often a minority of dog owners.
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
3432	No
3549	Needs to be more dog prohibited areas to protect wildlife. Off leash areas need to change to on leash.
4157	No
4281	Please don't further restrict the good dog owners from accessing our public parks. Dogs are a joyful part of life for not just the owners but the majority of others in the park too and those who have their dogs trained and follow the current bylaws should not be punished for the few that do not. New Zealand is a very dog unfriendly already due to the protection of birds however dogs under control and on leash should pose no threat to our beautiful wildlife, environment and children and should not be treated as monsters that should be kept away.
4464	Dogs on lead at regional parks are not the issue it's lack of walking dogs that cause the anti social dog behaviour we see in auckland , the roaming dog situation need to be addressed or the dog owners the are not responsible need to be heavily fined rather than punishing people who pay the fees and look after there dogs and control there dogs behaviour
4754	Should be relaxed for good dog owners (under control on a leash)
4879	Ban dogs in public spaces!
4923	It disappoints me that council is spending money reviewing these rules yet again, when we were assured that the changes a few years ago would future-proof the rules for some time. I appreciate there may be conservation reasons to limit access in some cases, but I think we should be allowed to enjoy Auckland's natural resources with our dogs. Stop punishing responsible dog owners.
5023	The colours and listing lambing season are good information to add. All the street names in most of the new suggestions confuse people too much. They won't bother to read everything. I would want a quick overview of where I can and can't take my dog.
6077	Clear signage, Don't refer to 'landmarks' as anything but a rough guide, let RDO's more access than non RDO's
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD	

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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. Women are often restricted in being able to walk alone and regional parks and on walks or tramps, due to risk of attack by odd individuals. Having a dog along with you is a form of security. If we can't take dogs with us we often don't consider walking alone on a tramp or path or park. It is discriminatory not to allow us to walk with our dog on a short lead under control. This needs to be considered for all dog rules.
1806	Create more large dog off leash areas
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
1914	I think there should be more access for dogs and dog access should be normalised. Heavily restricting dog access makes it difficult and complicated as a dog owner to enjoy the Auckland parks and recreation facilities. Nor does it actually address the issues with dogs of poor behaviour in public it just sweeps it under the rug and punishes those that put the time, effort, and money into having a well behaved and happy dog.

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2183	Stop restricting dog use. Human nature is far more harmful than our furry friends. Majority of dog owners with registered dogs are responsible for their pets and should be encouraged to continue their diligence in caring for them including their behaviour outside. The issue is not being solved here, it just feels like a lazy plaster being used to cover up other systemic issues that will not get better no matter how much leash you retract. It's disappointing to hear that these changes are even being considered. This isn't our land alone, we need to learn how to share.
2235	Please define beter what under control means and how this is defined, as typically this is only defined post incidents.
2423	Introduce fines of \$1,000 if a person does not pick up dog faeces. If the same person if convicted three times then ban them from owing a dog or dog walking.
2652	Keep them simple
2866	It's a slippery area. If it is stated on lead only, then people always break the rules and have their dog off lead. These areas therefore need to be policed more.
2893	Not picking up after their dogs should be fine. Not only at parks, beaches but in every public areas where we walk our dogs. Dog owner don't like their dog's doing there thing at their homes so why Dog owners let them do that on our property don't get me wrong number 1ne fine and understandable, but yes I get you get the picture huh. ever lasting cleaning up after them, around this area especially when they let their dogs out after dark roaming freely, and mind you not all dog owners are like the few rotten apples who ruined it for the rest of us. that shows some respect for other people property and public space. And secondly dog been allowed to roam around the parks etc without a lead on Hmm.mm I say No to that, dogs should remain on their leash. OR have them wear a mussel if they are free to roam and yes even the smaller ones, as they are more aggressive and anger management one's so to speak. but seriously mussel to protect ourselves and the public in general especially around children who don't know better but just been a kid. And in general their are a lot of excellent owner out their no doubt who love their dogs better than their partner, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!! QUESTIONS

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2897	I use the parks a lot along with dog owners and walkers. In general my observations are by far the majority of owners are respectful of others and responsible. There are more issues with vagrants causing problems and being abusive than with dogs or dog owners.
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
3196	Leave the dogs alone - except banning them from bush where kiwi live. Kill all feral cats and ban others from free ranging. They're the killers of native bird life.
3675	Dog access clarification on regional parks is a must instead of restricting access. Instructions for non dog owners is a MUST as well.
3888	Let's use a bit of common sense please, and not turn into completely nanny state. Pets are our family members.
3943	Having adequate areas for dogs is really important. Making it difficult for dog owners leads to less socialisation of dogs which results in anti-social behaviours in residential areas. The council should make more dog exercise area available. But it often feels like each revision of the plan limits where dogs can exercise. Please don't do this. It's bad for our community.
3971	no
4150	Please make more areas dog friendly but on a leash
4329	No but stop making life hard for owners n dogs to exercise!
4468	Don't put access timeframes in place as it makes places like beaches difficult to access with your dog if you live a normal 9-5 life with a family, you are unable too enjoy the beach because of strict timings that aren't required in a majority of places
4476	Do not change access policy. We would like to keep the areas for off leash dog areas the same

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4489	Yes - provide more access not less. Auckland Council have a bias against dogs which is evident in the way you collect feedback and therefore results in constant new rules and restrictions for dog owners that look like they are supported by the general public when there isn't actually a problem that needs solving. Lots of things other than dogs can be a nuisance in a public place too (leaving rubbish, throwing balls, playing music, and children - yes - some people's children can be a nuisance) - it really comes down to the individual responsible for whatever it is that is causing the nuisance (in some cases the parents). Start looking at and addressing Auckland's broader, proper problems. We have plenty. Dogs and the other potential nuisance examples I have provided above do not need the constant attention and blanket restrictions you continue to put so much time, money and energy into.
4495	Hi am submitting my thoughts on the Dog Policy and Bylaw Review I reject 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.
5103	The changes are against public wishes and are solely designed to reduce the amount of money the council spends on parks. Why are we even paying dog registration fees when we receive nothing back?

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5266	The proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy will mean less protection from the impacts of dogs on our local environment. 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, SEA's, riparian, and estuarine areas unless specific provision is made to permit them. Council should either employ more dog rangers, or authorise official trained volunteers to enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules. As a volunteer in Bushglen Reserve, an SEA with highly endangered and rare swamp maire trees, I have noticed some dogs off leash in the Reserve, some of whom have run down into our neighbouring back yard. Our tracks are currently being upgraded by Council and will shortly be open to the Public, when I expect the numbers of off leash dogs is likely to increase significantly. This will put our fragile swamp areas, and especially our swamp maire - particularly the juvenile trees we have managed to propagate and plant out in recent years, in danger. Swamp maire have very fragile aerial roots (pneumatophores), so any dogs running around in the swamp are likely to damage the roots, as well as the surrounding vegetation that helps protect them. Some of our trees are infected with myrtle rust in summer months, so dogs brushing around the trees may well carry, and therefore spread, the rust to other trees. We are doing our best to control the infections, but cannot afford to have this programme endangered by wandering dogs. Parts of our stream bank are unstable and causing issues for Watercare's wastewater pipeline through the reserve. Any further erosion caused by dogs eroding stream banks could be catastrophic and very costly to fix. We also have a few eels and Kokopu in the stream who will not be able to lay eggs in the Carex if there is no vegetation available.
5387	Please don't ruin what little fun we are allowed to have with our dogs just because some people are dicks, punish them.
5409	I think each Regional park is probably different and reasonable dog access rules made that ensure that everyone, dogs and their owners too, may enjoy our beautiful parks.
5458	Dogs under control should be allowed anywhere.
5561	Keep current policy which is working well for dogs and people
5759	I support the continued ban of dogs at regional parks
6178	No.
6594	The more access for dogs off leash under control the happier we will all be!

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6868	Overview Prohibition: Dog access to all regional parks should be prohibited unless specifically permitted in management plans, with exceptions for working dogs and guide dogs. Ranger Service: Propose forming a trained honorary park ranger service to educate and enforce compliance, alongside professional rangers for serious noncompliance. Wildlife Protection: Emphasize the need for greater protection of wildlife and stricter enforcement of dog rules. Detailed Submission Regional Park Management Plan: Policies should come from this plan, focusing on protecting natural, cultural, and landscape values. Population Growth: Regional parks are becoming more like local parks due to Auckland's population growth, necessitating stricter dog access rules. Dog Ownership: Dog access to public land is a privilege, not a right, and must be managed to protect ecosystems. Threats to Wildlife: Greater action is needed to enforce dog access rules and protect wildlife, livestock, and park visitors. Ranger Input: Clarify the role of rangers in educating park users and enforcing dog regulations. Recreation with Dogs: Recognize the importance of dog recreation but manage conflicts and congestion. Inconsistent Rules: Address different dog rules within regional parks and associated beaches to protect wildlife. Ranger Powers: Advocate for greater powers and resources for rangers to enforce bylaws. Roaming Dogs: Address the issue of roaming dogs and the damage they cause to livestock and wildlife. Dog Control Act: Recommend changes to the Dog Control Act to include stricter penalties and controls for noncompliance
6919	See attachment: Clarification and Updates to Dog Access Rules in Regional and Local Parks While I welcome the desire for clarity regarding dog access in regional parks and local beaches, I strongly oppose the minimization of off-leash areas. Clear signage is essential; however, making dog-friendly areas harder to access through new restrictions or rules that disadvantage dog owners is not an appropriate solution. In the proposal, where changes to dog access in parks and beaches result in fewer available areas for dogs and their owners, I must voice my opposition.
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND	
57	Depending on foot traffic in general on associated walks I think off leash is fine. Areas clearly marked this would help too so people without pets are aware they may run into dogs
710	Please include education for non-dog owners and consider making off-leash areas marked as unsuitable for children under 13 years of age.
1049	No

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4517	Why are you doing this? So restrictive. No current issues. Dog walkers are professional, aware and know their dogs well. If they don't this is a business issue, not an industry or even a dog issue. Where is the evidence as to why this is happening? Who is complaining and why? Do they have evidence? Where have dog walkers been out of control and what happened and why? It seems like an attack on an industry of small businesses who work their butts off to help Auckland dogs become better. These restrictions are so unfair to the industry, family with dogs and the community as a whole
5426	The existing rules are fine, with dogs on leash or off leash "and under control" Instead of treating dogs as a menace or nuisance, and punishing responsible owners for the follows of others, what about using the AMOs to enforce the existing rules. If someone has their dog off leash and NOT under control, they should be the ones to be punished, not every other dog owner who just wants to take their dog on a nice walk in a park or beach.
5842	Please do not change the status quo
REGIONAL ORGANISATION	
6364	The Animal Justice Party is a registered political party amplifying animals' voices in politics in Aotearoa. We urge the Council to consider these amendments primarily through the lens of dog well-being and evidence-based practices that benefit both dogs and our community. Of particular concern is the current kill rate in Auckland Council pounds, which stands at 48% - significantly higher than comparable jurisdictions such as New South Wales, Australia, where the rate is just 8%. This stark difference suggests there is considerable room for improvement in our approach to dog care. To address these issues, we propose the following recommendations: First, implement monthly reporting requirements for pound euthanasia rates rather than annual reporting. More frequent reporting will allow for better tracking of trends and more timely interventions when needed. This increased transparency will help identify problem areas and measure the effectiveness of Council initiatives. Second, allocate funding specifically for desexing programs and owner education/support services. Evidence shows that accessible desexing programs and better owner education significantly reduce unwanted breeding, abandonment rates, and behavioral issues that often lead to pound admissions. Third, introduce specific regulations regarding the chaining and tethering of dogs. Extended tethering can lead to physical and psychological distress in dogs, including increased aggression, anxiety, and social isolation. We recommend implementing maximum tethering time limits and minimum standards for tethered dogs' living conditions, including shelter, water access, and regular exercise requirements. These evidence-based measures would align Auckland's dog control practices with leading international standards while prioritising animal well-being. Such improvements would benefit not only our dogs but also create a safer, more humane community for all residents. We appreciate your consideration of these recommendations and would welcome the opportunity to discuss them further. It's worth noting that our Executive President Rob McNeil applied to speak at the February Regulatory Committee meeting, but this request was declined and we were asked to submit through this process

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6845	Surveillance and enforcement must be targeted to include times of high recreational use and when shorebirds are roosting and foraging.