
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q2 Policy and bylaw matters

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD	
33	Enforce fines and take action on unregistered and unleashed dogs in onleash areas like you used to
69	Obviously all dogs should be licensed and dangerous dogs should be strictly controlled. There are areas of Auckland with numbers of roaming dogs which are in need of greater control, as has been reported in the media. However ,as with the human population , the need to control this negative behaviour should not mean that all dogs (and their owners)should be penalised.
116	The phrase "under control off leash" is inadequate and unrealistic. Too many people overestimate the control they have over their dog when off leash. I would suggest that I see fewer than 1 in 20 off leash dogs are remotely close to being genuinely under control. Dogs should not be allowed to walk off leash on footpaths on public roads, they pose a risk to traffic, all it takes is a cat, dog, bird, or ball and the dog may leave the footpath and cause an accident involving cars, buses, and bicycles. I walk more than 50km per week with a dog, sometimes two dogs. I avoid problem areas such as Meola Reef, despite living within walking distance of it, despite this, I would have at least three near misses a week. Being a responsible dog owner, I stay completely away from places like Pt Chevalier Beach in summer, it's almost always quite impractical to walk the dog on leash, let along off leash. I'd like to see some education and perhaps bylaws around extending leads also, they are pretty much worse than no lead at all.
149	Hopefully the p roposed changes will deter irresponsible dog owners from public places.
176	Dogs need regular and appropriate off lead time. Professional dog walkers provide a vital service and in my experience operate during low demand t8mes. Never on weekends, after 9 and finished by the time school kids and families are using parks
281	As a disability assist dog handler, I support the change that made towards pet dogs to support our local community. However, people quickly get angry at the first sight they see us, a dog with a people in a no dog area. They can easily ruin our day, or even accusing and bullying us on the internet, saying we are breaking the policy. Clear clarification and public education have to be made and we should feel safe at all time in any public places. Please make clear signage and wide education about the difference about working dog every time when there is a new dog restriction area announced. If it's possible, a hot line for reporting the accident regarding disability assist dog and handler been discriminated could also be very helpful. We faced many challenges and difficulties, all we want is avoid more drama. Those actions could change our lives, your consideration will be sincerely appreciated
375	The bylaw rules should go back to the drawing board.
383	The current dog walking rules are so complex and confusing, and differ in each park that it is not surprising so many dog owners break the rules and feel entitled to do as they please.
507	Important to have off leash areas to exercise high energy dogs. It needs to be safe for all dogs and people. If there are dog attacks there needs to be a way to identify the owners so they can't keep having dogs. It's cruel to the dogs and dangerous to the community if there are no consequences for people who can't manage their dogs.
636	I see the basic problem with dogs being that many people these days treat their dogs as humans. This may be a dog owner's relationship with their dog but they need to understand that it is restricted to them. I am not a dog owner but I understand animals intuitively and show respect and kindness to all creatures. I would therefore like to see every dog owner attend a compulsory course on dog ownership when they apply to register their dog(s).

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641	Provide more offleash areas as it states - where are these???
721	Dogs are dangerous in parks ,shop,,cafes when children are about. Also dirty in cafes and malls and should not be allowed in any places serving food. Not fair for people visiting cafes mall or parks to be exposed to dogs on or off a leash.
863	Dogs create additional concerns for the public, and costs to be covered by council for dog parks, dog waste removal, damage from dogs etc. Owners need to take on greater cost to cover these charges and should be more restricted in currently relaxed rules for dogs in public.
982	This will cost too much and you will not make it better for dog owners.
1190	Need to make things safer for non dog owners.
1554	I am very alarmed at the number of dog attack incidents that are being reported and the number of packs of roaming, usually not de-sexed male dogs in Auckland. This needs to be addressed and rules adhered to strictly. Vicious dogs must be removed and put down to avoid further attacks.
1595	Clarity is needed Law/ rules need to be clearly communicated to all
1622	Can you please provide interactive maps that show how many areas across Auckland allow dogs, and the rules when you go over them. I would also like the information on how many square metres of park areas are available for dogs, dogs onlead and dogs offleash, out of the total. Concentrating dogs into smaller areas is a recipe for disaster that apparently Council does not understand.
2053	These changes all seem to be fixing issues that don't currently exist.
2141	All of these regulations are way too complicated and open the door for dog owners to claim that they are unsure. Make a blanket rule that the only time a dog can be off leash is on its owners property or in a dog exercise park, Public parks and beaches are NOT dog exercise areas.
2146	No
2275	You're putting money into the wrong thing. What's the point in updating policy if no-one is using it? You need people on the ground handing out fines for people who are flagrantly flouting the policy day in day out and causing harm and trauma to the general public.
2325	This feedback form was very misleading. You're collecting a false mandate to make change. You are not clear on what the clarification or changes will be. You should consult again using an Informed process before any rules are changed. This survey only talks about about clarification.
2362	Please don't let this take all year - everyone is a bit sick of everything taking 10 times longer than expected (as happened with Meola Rd)
2476	No
2620	No thank you.
2871	Much further discussion with dog community is required

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2990	Off-lead pack walks offer several benefits for dogs, enhancing their physical, mental, and social well-being. Here are some key advantages: Socialization: Dogs learn to interact calmly with other dogs, building trust and reducing anxiety. This structured socialization helps them become more comfortable around other dogs and people. Exercise: Pack walks provide excellent physical exercise, helping to maintain a healthy weight and improve overall fitness. Regular exercise can prevent obesity-related health issues. Mental Stimulation: Exploring new environments and encountering different sights, sounds, and smells during pack walks keeps dogs mentally stimulated and engaged. Confidence Building: Walking in a group can boost a dog's confidence, especially for those that are shy or anxious. The presence of other dogs and humans provides a sense of security. Leash Manners: Even though the walks are off-lead, dogs learn to follow the pack leader and maintain a loose-leash stride when necessary, improving their overall leash manners. Natural Behaviors: Off-lead pack walks allow dogs to engage in natural behaviors like sniffing, exploring, and running, which are often restricted when on a 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	Dogs are not the problem the owners are. And the people with dogs that behave in the bad ways you want to avoid are the ones that won't follow the rules anyways. My dog is 4 now and i take her out daily to good parks with 10-20 off lead dogs on the regular and I geniunely have not seen a dog attack or even a nasty dog on dog fight that wasnt able to able to be resloved by owners fast (like 1-3 seconds). Personal dog issues held by people making policies should be set aside. If you can't do that and see whats good for majority rather than focusing on the small section of bad ... well you should probably find a new hobby cause we don't want you making choices for us.
3342	Can we please have off-leash access for dogs before 9am and after 5pm at Centennial park, Mt Eden, 1024. This park is loacted between Peary and Marsden roads and was widely utilised by responsible dog-owners without incident. It would be good if we could have dogs off-leash before 9am and after 5pm, thank you.
3404	Dogs are loud and can be aggressive. It's not fair that dog owners are able to interfere with the quiet enjoyment of public areas, not only at regional parks but also on public streets and footpaths.

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4141	I absolutely oppose any attempt to write dog bylaws without the full involvement of the Dog Walkers Association. To do so would be simply crazy! In defiance of logic and good governance. (To clarify - I have no involvement or association with the DWA. I just walk my dog, and once a week, I have my dog walker take her out.)
4154	The council needs to seriously consider NOT penalising responsible citizens and their dogs with unfair rules and start prosecuting irresponsible dog owners who do not license or provide proper care for their pets instead.
4158	Please don't be short sighted. The recommendations are lazy You're taking the easy route when you could put attention to celebrating good dogs and humans
4325	Dog control officers should be given high powered rifles and dog-owner neutering equipment.
4412	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4538	No.
4970	Just a note to say that I wasn't able to find a complete list of the 64 local parks and beaches which I am keen to see
5130	I feel professional registered dog walkers should be supported. They are passionate and fill an essential role. It is individuals who need to up skill and look at their behaviour.
5431	No
5485	Yes. I am upset that this has gone ahead ignoring the needs of dogs, their owners and common sense in what seems to be a policy of 'if we clamp down and put all dogs on leads in most of the council areas, then we the council off load our responsibilities'. Well you don't. You're there to serve the needs of the community and make decisions for the benefit of the community.
5629	I live on Kanuka Street Pt Chevalier and my property backs onto Moa Reserve. I have no problems with dogs off leash in Moa Reserve as many dog owners seem very responsible and do not allow their dogs to rush or jump at me. I am concerned with the number and size of dogs allowed to run off leash in Meola Reserve, many dogs approach or rush at me and are not well controlled. I feel unable to visit Meola Reef as the whole reef area is full of off leash dogs with owners ignoring fenced off leash areas and many not recognising our unease or right to be in the area as well. I seek better rules/signage/enforcement so the proposed rule revisions have my full support, I think the revisions are not overly restrictive and also disagree with dog owners that will not allow any revisions and are calling the revisions draconian.
5654	Please make then sensible by-laws not waffle!
5688	I would like you to enforce the rule that all dogs at all times are to be on a lead except when in a dog park area, these dog areas should not be at playgrounds or sport fields or wetlands where they are exposed to wildlife.
5934	Cats do more damage to our native bird populations than- dogs in all areas ; regional, national and local parks; back yards, public places. Cats are bird hunters and should be regulated! Dogs are already regulated and restricted beyond what is necessary.
6680	There should be a consideration on chained and neglected dogs and rules to protect animals from owners not providing safe/clean spaces. There hundreds of dogs that are life chained some with little to no access to shade, fresh water, space to move or clean space to live. Neglect from humans should be penalized and this animals should be removed from these spaces
6749	Please consider a registration for dog walkers. The public should know who these dog walkers are, are the registered/licensed etc bring professionalism to this role. Dog walkers should be specialised not a profession anyone could set up

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AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD	
1269	I want to say that sadly whatever changes you make there will always be a minority who don't care less and allow their dogs to wander here on Aotea. My dog has been attacked twice on Aotea by wandering dogs. Dogs can't read the no access signs
1748	the table that was created and the information supplied to help make it clear about the proposed dog access rules changes were not very clear at all. it was quite hard to follow and hard to understand using some of the landmarks. please have someone from the public read these before they are published so that people can make sense of them.
2392	Include a fair ratio of dog owners in the policy making team
2952	With the increasing numbers of dogs being kept as pets there needs to be more clarity and enforcement of dog ownership rules in public. I would really enjoy a lot more public areas that were dog free or leash only. I don't think barking, dog faeces, getting my towel pissed on or having a confrontation with dog owners over their pets rights to do whatever they please should be a regular and increasingly common experience, or that I should avoid going to public places because dogs seemingly have more of a right to enjoy the space than me.
3075	While the reform is welcomed, obviously unless Auckland Council have the resources to police the rules, irresponsible dog owners will continue to flout existing laws and the new laws.
6780	Legal documents are hard to understand for most people so I support 'clarifying' elements of the dog laws and bylaws, but with caution as I am concerned what could be included within the attempt to clarify.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD	
181	Ensure that any changes are clearly conveyed to dog owners with consequences for non-compliance and provision for enforcement.
198	Whatever bylaws are changed or put in place, they will not make any difference if they are not backed up with policing. I have given up speaking to dog owners, who usually respond quite aggressively, when they are clearly breaking the bylaws even while signs are clearly visible. They know that there are no dog control officers in Devonport and nor will any come unless a dog is more or less attacking and by then it would be far too late anyway, the police would have had to be called. So local dog owners are confident they have free rein to do whatever they like without consequences. There seems to be a particular attitude in Devonport that 'we are different from the rest of Auckland, we do things our way.' Why should residents be responsible for trying to control irresponsible dog owners? There should be a dog control person based in Devonport or regularly patrolling.
598	While there are aspects of the bylaws that obviously need clarifying or adjusting, please do not overdo aspects of policy that don't need addressing (i.e. professional dog walkers having limits on the dogs they walk, whether on-leash or off-leash).
663	The council bylaws need to balance the benefits of dog ownership by largely responsible dog owners and carefully consider any further restrictions on access and rules for exercising dogs. Dogs who are well socialised (eg in pack walks) and get regularly exercised are happy dogs that will cause far fewer problems - barking, separation anxiety, rushing etc. I don't believe the knock on consequences of restricting dog walkers and access to some public spaces have been well considered.
985	As someone with dogs, I would love to have more places in which I could bring my dogs with me, but I also believe there should responsible ways of doing so.

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1620	Why are you picking on Auckland, Auckland Council surely has better things to do, why not provide free dog training courses in regional parks that are funded, why not teach children how to interact with dogs better to stop dog bites and attacks and heaps of wasted money on ACC claims, why do you remove poo rubbish bins from known dog parks, ***** happens what are we to do with this. Simply have more dog trainers, wardens patrolling beaches and stop stupid people brining their cats to the beach in cages, and off lease owners allowing their dogs to menace other dogs, this is really the reason, our beaches belong to all, and the love and companionship we get from our fourlegged friends is huge, stop wasting time and money on stupid ideas, simple enforce the rules you already have instead of trying to make up new ones!
1852	No
2107	This document is extremely unclear. Whoever has written it needs to do some training in clear communication.
2121	Please work alongside PDWA who are trained professionals to find a solution that helps the council and helps the dog walking industry
2461	I would like to see neuter rules introduced for all dogs especially as we have seen so many unwanted litters coming through rescues and spca centres in Auckland. This needs to be addressed and responsibility and accountability made clear to dog owners at registration of a dog in the council
2536	Dog numbers have increased greatly since Covid and are seen in public and private spaces(shops etc) far more. Particularly on beaches, playgrounds and roadways dogs should always be on lead.
2626	The dogs in the attached photo are wolked by professional dog walkers. They are all well exercised, socialised and obviously under control. How else could there be 54 dogs sitting together?
2845	The changes will do very little to address the growing need for increased dog control in Auckland. There is ample data on the increasing public concerns over safety, nuisance and noise control. These are not being addressed. Serious Attacks are increasing, acc claims are increasing, dog related complaints are increasing but prosecutions of the “responsible” dog owners are decreasing. The changes do not go anywhere near far enough. Please objectively review the data, include a review of how similar beach side cities like Sydney manage dog control (far stricter), remove the emotive pleas of dog owners, increase the scope and actually take meaningful action.
2886	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.
3469	Inner City / Suburban Areas are not included in this proposal. Why Not? There are a lot of dogs within the city and therefore more issues are at these spaces and beaches. Time we had DOG FREE areas in all local council / borough areas.
3643	No
3708	I support this entirely. Menacing dogs must be neutered, having encountered vicious dogs in our local parks. There must also be an online platform where we can lodge a complaint against a dog owner for menacing dogs and/or off leash dogs not under control and threatening our well being.

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3744	It is all good making these rules and not policing them. I walk my dog on Takapuna beach and i leave on the correct time. As a dog owner it is frustrating to see dogs on the beach outside these hours and owners dont care and noone to police or educate these people. Please remove old signs and make the new signs clear about timings
3762	Leave dog owners alone and be more like europe where dogs are allowed almost anywhere
3880	Ensuring the right dog is classified as menacing. It should be the dog that initially attacked not the dog that retaliated. Dogs should not be judged on their breed or size.
3919	In Devonport and Takapuna all beaches and parks are no-go areas for non-dog owners especially the frail, old or very young. Why should dogs have more rights than humans?
3997	To function, dog control rules must be clear and simple so that they can both be understood by the public and enforced by council staff. I really like dogs, but as a person who has been threatened and injured by uncontrolled pets. I support strengthening of the rules, so that everyone can have the same rights to safety and enjoyment of our public places.
4183	In general, dog control rules must be clear and simple so that they can both be understood by the public and enforced by council staff. I really like dogs, but as a person who has been threatened and injured by uncontrolled pets. I support strengthening of the rules, so that everyone can have the same rights to safety and enjoyment of our public places.
4375	Too many dog owners flout the existing rules, some cite confusion in rules, so make rules simple, clear and common and increase penalties and enforcement
4569	all the information you have provided relating to the Dog Management Bylaw, is confusing because it doesn't make the issues clear enough
4684	No
4790	Make owners more responsible for their dogs and dog poop. PICK UP THE POOP!!!
5124	Les's documents, more education. Less rules, more economic development.
5129	You are not giving enough information to make an informed decision
5144	I do not believe that dogs should be on suburban beaches at all. This thrusts upon children and parents and elderly people using the beach "love me love my dog." Many times dogs are not under control, despite what owners believe and they barge over children and can pose a threat to ill or infirm people who are unsteady on their feet.

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5215	I am very happy to see the changes are being made. I was bitten by an unleashed dog on my way home in Devonport (it was area where dogs were supposed to be on leash). I did not mind dogs until then, but after that experience of being suddenly bitten when I was just walking made me a bit weary around dogs. In Devonport, many locals unleash dogs on Mount Victoria and North Head. Once I asked someone with a large dog running around to use a leash, but was told that she was a local, so rules didn't apply. Not sure how the new rules will change such an attitude but hopefully it will help. It's also true most locals do try keeping dogs closer to them when they see someone who's afraid of dogs. But in my daily walks, there have been many encounters with unleashed dogs which made my heart pound...
5346	Enforce the bylaws otherwise they are meaningless.
6725	I think that neutering all dogs early in their lives except those registered for breeding could lead to a safer city/area. It could also reduce the significant cost of injuries and the long term consequences of these. At present such costs/pain/disability is not borne by the dog - owner. I do not think that ratepayers should pay for care of stray dogs: they should be rapidly euthanised when found. Registered dogs also should be microchipped to make identification simpler. At present identification of dogs whose owners do not pick up after them is complex. I hope that a simpler system can be found and significant fines should be applied. Perhaps 3 mobile camera pictures in succession could be considered. Some way of obtaining the dog's registration number would be helpful.
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD	
51	Not sure if already in place, but more animal control staff is needed to police the out of control stray dog issue who are killing peoples pets and stock
350	Owners need to have more places they can take their dogs. The limited places available are over populated and very limiting.
711	I'd like to see a fairer system where unattended animals are seen as the biggest issue followed by poorly trained animals with no recall. Regarding areas of wildlife, having your dog under control makes total sense but only in areas where cars aren't allowed either. For instance the foreshore which gets mown by council and where people park up for the day is probably affecting bird nests far more than a passing dog. I firmly believe that dogs which are able to interact socially and with their environment are better behaved
779	It can be intimidating enough walking one's dog in an allocated area but hell's bells I have to travel over 16kms in order to find a dog park within my region of Auckland. You need to concentrate more on roaming unregistered dogs, they are the biggest menace.
799	Please change the pricing for dog licenses why must I pay the same for a chihuahua as someone pays for a great dane? Also the license disks could you make smaller ones for small breeds Please
844	No
906	When dogs are registered at Auckland Council - should a register be kept by uploaded desexing certificates etc in return for a discounted registration fee?
958	Cats should be just as important, and any other pet. Not just dogs. All owners should be made to sit a license for owning a dog, desexing should be funded or subsidised through the government. For all animals. Should be compulsory for owners with menacing breeds to go to obedience school and have to sit a test to gain a license to own.

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1030	Clarification is always good. As long as there isn't a change in the actual meaning.
1052	No
1206	It would be great to have more dog friendly walks available at our regional parks and I would recommend all as on lead only.
1382	Please use easy to understand language and pressure test it with the general public to ensure messaging is clear and unambiguous.
1485	I am not familiar with all the bylaws so it is not right that I comment. Where I am familiar I have commented
1493	No
1533	I exercise my dog at Clarks Beach every week. The rules refer to no dog access at "Clarks Beach marginal strip and adjacent Crown Foreshore". Without a map I have no idea where this is. Does this imply a dog cannot be exercised on any beach at Clarks Beach? The responsible dog community main place for exercising dogs at Clarks Beach away from the public is to the beach at the end of Crispe Road extending out to the east encompassing the first beach up to camp Morely and the second beach up to a headland of mangroves. Is this area OK? There is one sign about dogs at Clarks beach adjacent the property of 187H Clarks Beach Road on the foreshore saying dogs should be kept on a lead. This property has incidentally impeded public foreshore access recently having driven in a couple of hundred post into the beach which is an eyesore and damaging to the foreshore environment. They are farming esplanade reserve which is fenced off from public use. I can be contacted on *** if someone can discuss my concerns. Happy to take photos on encroachments and survey maps for refence in regard to loss of access.
1539	I support change, there are laws preventing dogs from being off lead in parks but no one to make sure it happens. I had my dog put to sleep at age two due to being attacked by an off-lead dog in an on-lead park. no dog should be off lead unless in a closed space like a dog park fully fenced. rules need to be kept too, if its a lead park then that needs to be acted upon. I can report dogs loose to Auckland council but they say they don't have staff to deal with it.
1710	No - thank you for this opportunity
1731	Please look at including Waiuku forest in the changes. Thanks
1922	Again whatever you decide unless you police it, employ more dog control people etc it's never going to work. People don't care. Just look at Papakura there are multiply dogs wandering the streets attacking kids and killing cats yet nothing is done. Stop saving dogs and just put them down they aren't nice dogs and their owners aren't going to pay to get them out, they will just grt another one...its thst easy...if desexing was free it would solve half the issues of strays. There needs to be an actual dog enforcement police force out there and an easy emergency number to call like thr police...there's too many dog issues around
1946	Yes - cat owners need to pay registration fees like dog owners and also be monitored like dog owners re amount of cats can be kept at a home and also curfew on cats be set night times outside like other countries like Australia has to protect native wildlife (birds).
2115	There are to many dogs not on leads in public areas, streets and local playgrounds. So many owners do not pick up after the dogs and so often it is left on footpaths. At the time of re-licensing owners should be reminded of their responsibility as an owner. There is a local children's park nearby and so often there are dogs there not on leads or tied up on long leads. Dogs should not be allowed in shopping centres. The only exception are blind dogs.

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2242	Yet more draconian measures against dog owners. We are high earners with no kids with a 7kg westipoo we pay a huge amount of taxes and use next to no services. You're punishing us yet again. No more restrictions - cats are the real threat to birds, my dog has never climbed a tree but there are plenty of cats not requiring registration or control terrorising breeding areas.
2532	All very well limiting where dogs can go. How about providing safe dog exercise areas.
2739	This is all too vague. Updating, clarifying, correcting what exactly? You need to be giving whole examples of the rules/lines in the policies or people will not know what they are supporting.
2925	I think it is very important that dogs have off leash areas to go to but in the same time the dog must be under control of it's owner!
3101	They need to be a lot stronger with severe consequences for public endangerment. It is the dog owner's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control and well contained.
3293	I think everything needs to be made really clear in order that people cannot plead ignorance when they are caught doing things they shouldn't be.
3376	Thank you for reviewing these outdated rules! Please prioritize children in your rule writing and again, please ENFORCE the rule because so many ignore the rules anyway.
3378	I want all dogs in New Zealand to be on leads after our recent experiences and we have a woman walking multiple dogs locally with no leads even following a recent attack. This needs reinforcement and next time it might be a child.
3569	Please do something about the so-called 'professional' dogwalkers. Require a licence to operate and restrict the number under their control at any one time. They are a PCBU and are certainly not in control when the dogs are off lead. Anyone with more than 4-6 dogs will be unable to control them in an emergency situation such as when they encounter horse and riders on shared walk-ways. Please take this opportunity to prevent further animal deaths and the potential for human/horse injury/death. Please.
3622	N/a
3866	No further comments
3906	No
3923	The documents are extremely lengthy and complicated. Unless you are a lawyer they are quite difficult to comprehend what is current and what is proposed to change. I don't understand how you expect the general public to understand and comprehend the documents.
3950	No
4079	Give more access to dogs, provided they are on a lead. Provide off lead exercise in enough areas to allow dogs to remain healthy and owners have some fun with them.
4191	Dogs are a very important part of people's lives. Dogs need places to go for exercise that are accessible for people living in towns and cities. Decisions made should not be reactionary decisions to any problem. You need to see the situation from all perspectives before making changes to bylaws. Stop making things so restrictive and difficult for people. Perhaps there needs to be workshops on how to train dogs before people can register a new dog. Rather than create restrictive bylaws.
4209	Just like enforced driver safety programs, dog owners and professional dog walkers should be required to undergo training—along with their dogs—to ensure they can responsibly own or operate.

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4428	In your Proposed updates to council’s dog policy, bylaw, and regional and local park access rules, you state: “Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” and that you “aim to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders”. In fact by further restricting where dogs are allowed you make nonsense of your own statements. These proposed changes are causing a huge amount of emotional stress on dog owners, totally negating your acknowledgement that you accept that owning a dog gives “emotional support”. Aucklanders are continuously being penalized for having a dog. Your role should be to support dog ownership by providing more Dog Access Areas. People who do not own a dog have a multitude of places to walk in Auckland if they don’t want to be near dogs. I quote again from your summary: “with Auckland’s growing population” and “the increase in dog ownership”. Surely then the correct approach would be to INCREASE Dog Access Areas rather than DECREASE them. Your proposal is a recipe for disaster, creating a larger number of dogs being exercised in a smaller area, especially when off leash. Off leash exercise is very important for a dog’s health and wellbeing but you are clearly not taking this into account. Off leash areas are especially important for those dog owners who live on a small section and for those owners with physical limitations. Dangerous dogs should be muzzled AT ALL TIMES, either on or off leash. You appear to be targeting responsible dog owners and you are certainly NOT (as you say) “considering the needs of responsible dog owners and their dogs”. Instead you should be seeking a way of targeting IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners. As usual the majority are being forced to suffer as the result of either the behaviour or complaints of the few. Auckland is becoming one of the most dog unfriendly places in New Zealand and I oppose all the Dog Access Rule changes you have proposed.
4450	These proposed changes are terrible. I live in Pukekohe, where I am going to walk my dog? I currently walk my dog in the sports field. There is no dog poop but plenty of chip packets, empty cans and chicken bones. It’s not the dogs that are problem. These changes will only effect the good dog owners. It won’t change anything for the bad owners
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
4705	Create a by law for cats. They do more damage to nature than dogs.
4726	Give dogs and their owners freedom to go everywhere
4808	Make sure laws are strongly enforced for all people in Auckland including visitors and also do NOT treat Maori and Pacifica as different people. ONE PEOPLE ONE CITY ONE NATION ONE WORLD.
4847	Make people pick up their dog's faeces, with higher penalties for those that don't do so. If a dog injures a person or another animal, the dog should be euthanized and the owner banned from ever keeping another dog. Any person who treats a pet cruelly should also be banned from ever owning another animal.
4911	I think there needs to be more clarity on where dogs are allowed and when. Not different rules for different beaches etc

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5038	Yes there needs to be officers policing the areas and giving out fines. There's too many irresponsible owners who let their dogs roam in public places and don't pick up their pieces
5042	No but I do believe these American bulldog breeds and crosses should be seriously looked at to keep Auckland a safer place for everyone. Up the fees for those who want to own that breed of dogs and I am sure Auckland will be a safer place for us all and a more relaxed environment to live in.
5154	Fully support the changes as it's just too dangerous
5161	Please simplify it and stop making dog ownership an income stream for council. You want us all to be robots??
5574	Gotta fix this up quick!
5603	anything over 3 dogs and they should all be on leash
5615	I assume the above is talking about regional parks and beaches. I have asked support but it is actually hard to know what parks or beaches I am agreeing to and you mean in this survey, as your current policies and bylaws are hard to read and to find particular info for a particular area, such as Franklin where I live. It is all so generalised. I am saying a lot of what I want to say here, because when I push the button for 'Next' page I am not sure what the next question is and whether there will be space for me to answer and feedback what I want to actually feedback. Information on Franklin and what would or could affect me is near impossible as the statements are so general. In reference to the Auckland Botanical Gardens I take exception to reducing the off lead area to about half of its current size. When I lived in the area I took my dog there every day, and the joy of that was for my dog being able to swim in the waterways, walk through the bush, walk through to Totara Park and have space to run in the off lead area, freely, meet other dogs and walk around and admire the gardens with me. Why can't Events be held in a different area of the park, for example up by the cafeteria. I have never been to an Event in the park but I still use the off lead area, as does countless other people, and I still travel to the Botanical Gardens to use that off lead area and meet up with friends at the cafeteria. Auckland is so lacking in areas for people to take their dogs off lead, to train, socialise them around other people and dogs. How are we expected for example to train our dogs to be social, have road sense, practice recall, etc if we have no where safe to do it! Especially with so many people living in apartments now with no large back yard to use! Meola Road dog park is amazing, it is fenced!! So you know that people who access it, like dogs. The Botanical Gardens off lead is not advertised well as being off lead and people wander into it not knowing it is off lead, and sometimes have a picnic in the off lead area, then wonder why the dogs are heading towards them and their food, or they are riding their bikes through and the dogs chase the bikes even though there is a sign saying no bikes.
5828	Make the changes clear and ensure areas are well signed at all entrances.

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5906	THE ISSUES WITH ROAMING AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE NOT OCCURING AT RESERVES AND BEACHES - THEY ARE HAPPENING IN OUR STREETS! The rules to prevent dogs from beaches, bush walks, reserves and gardens seek only to punish good dog owners. Owners of unregistered, unneutered, menacing dogs do not walk their dogs on or off leash at these places. They instead let their dogs roam the streets. STOP PUNISHING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS. Down the road from me, in an unfenced property, two bully crosses have just moved in. I used to be happy that I had a safe neighbourhood where I can responsibly walk my Golden Retriever on leash, where I pick up my dogs dropping 100% of the time, where I am not scared that my sweet natured dog could be attacked. But now these pit bull crosses, that have just moved into the area, growl menacingly when people walk past - there is an entire road I can no longer walk down because of these two menacing dogs. Again THE PROBLEM IS IN OUR STREETS, NOT AT NATURE RESERVES. Menacing dogs should NEVER be allowed on unfenced sections. I want to see the council be able to remove dogs, or force the owners to get an adequate fencing(which will need to be extremely high for these power breeds). FOCUS ON THE TAN CROSSES THAT ARE CAUSING THE ISSUES - STOP PENALISING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS WHO SEEK TO GIVE THEIR BELOVED PETS ENRICHMENT.
5923	There needs to be more places accessible for dogs on lead.
6073	Clevedon showgrounds, its a multi use facility and should remain as is, it works now, why change it
6153	Nice work and support proposals.
6200	I would appreciate if Regional Park access rules could be reconsidered, especially on walking tracks or other areas where people can go for a walk. It makes it really awkward for dog owning families if they want to go for different walks and they cannot take their dog. I would totally support that the dogs should be on a normal length leash and under control in order not to stray from the tracks. Awhitu Regional Park is an example where I believe a dog on leash should be allowed on walking tracks. What is the reason why this is not the case?
6347	Surely clarification and simplification of bylaws should be an ongoing process that just happens as a maintenance undertaking? Why are you consulting the public on basic core functions of any regulator.
6434	The laws need to be more restrictive as more and more of the population are being complacent about laws in general. Law and understanding it used to be a general knowledge and most people were compliant. Signage and consistent and regular regulation will ensure zero tolerance for ignoring the laws at the expense of innocent bystanders and give those people more safe and comfortable communities to enjoy the outdoors without these risks to attack which are increasing.
6504	Support the SPCA in being able to access properties where dogs are being mistreated or in distress. Also dog owners that have unfenced properties that allow dogs to roam, to be heavily fined. Support all dogs to be microchipped and neutered/spayed.

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6862	Yes. I live close to Auckland's southern border in Waiuku, where the optimal dog-walking area is across the 'border' in Waikato. ie. Waiuku Forest. I am particularly concerned that out pursuit of dog-walking in this forest is being compromised by unlicensed commercial dog-walking services who use out forest without any regard to the safety of the dogs they are supervising or those owned by others. The issue being that these people walk very large packs of dogs with minimal supervision and hence minimal control. There have been several incidents of dog attack's resulting from this practice. Noting that these operators are Auckland-based but carrying out the actual physical dog-walking in another region, I ask AC for some clarification: 1)As they operate their businesses from within Auckland, are they subject to the new rules regarding dog numbers? 2) Is there any kind of licensing required to operate this type of business? This is not a trivial matter, dogs have been killed because of this, and these operators have stated that they drive all the way to Waiuku from north and west Auckland because they aren't allowed to 'practice' within Auckland. Due to the journey times, they cram as many dogs as possible in their vans in order to make the venture stack up financially.
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239	There needs to be more public education surrounding how people should behave at a dog off leash area (e.g. don't attract the dog's attention by making noises, sudden movements, or stare at them straight on). I've had to sternly ask a crazy man to stfu so I can call my dog back after he was making weird noises and waving his arms about in front of my dog at an off leash dog park before. It's not always the dog's fault (in fact, I'm willing to bet that it's NEVER the dog's fault) and they shouldn't be punished for it. Dogs today live very stressful lives. We therefore need to give them as much opportunity to exercise the abundant energy they were bred for over centuries, as possible.
423	Stricter regulations required for dangerous breeds and enforcement for non compliance
832	Dogs are an important part of the lives of many people and provide opportunities to get our fir exercise and socialisation for dog and person. Restrictions n where and when dogs can go will adversely affect the mental health of those of us who are reliant on them.
891	Please make it VERY clear with signage in parks that don't allow offleash dogs, and please communicate the penalty to dog owners. Many, many times I have taken my kids to beaches or parks that don't allow dogs off leash, and owners blatantly ignore the rules. Their dogs terrify kids and it's sad to see them running away and climbing up on things to be clear of the dogs. It would be great if locals could take a photo or video when this happens and submit it as a complaint. This might deter dog owner from ignoring the rules.
940	I still think that there isnt any fundamental background to this . Its a job for the boys - change where change is happening .I think the list (of how many) complaints should be listed as i really think this isn't a problem . Professional dog walkers know what they can manage in the pack
950	Stop restricting dogs. Instead help to support those with dogs. By restricting access for dogs you will encourage poor behaviour. Stop euthanising dogs because you'd rather pay idiots higher on the ladder rather than supporting living creatures. These questions should go to vets and professionals who care for dogs. Not every person in Auckland as some may lack understanding and education regarding these issues . Do better .
998	I support more dog access parks, perhaps even designated ones for small dogs and same for large
1351	Streamlining policy, and making local and city-wide rules clear can only be a p ositive move.

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1371	It would also be helpful to have cats registered same as the dogs. Cats damage more property and killing living creatures than dogs.
1426	You should require a pet 'W.O.F.' to prove you are a responsible pet owner and have a suitable property for their living conditions. Its required for vehicles for the safety of other road users, so there's really no difference when it comes to the safety of the public with regards to dogs being off-leash or potentially escaping a property boundary.
1450	If dog walkers are restricted, this will have an impact on responsible Dog walking companies. The prices will increase and more people, who have no experience, will offer services. I would be better if dog walking companies are registered and more resources are put towards dealing with roaming dogs, which cause more problems and harm The issue isn't professional dog walkers, it's unprofessional dog walkers and roaming dogs We need an increase in signage who we can call when we see roaming dogs or dog attacks . Whether that's something similar to 105 for the police non emergency matters that way the council are aware and are able to do something sooner rather than later. As roaming dog attacks are becoming the increasingly the normal and they are usually not with their owners . If a dog gets caught 2-3 x we need to then either have an educational programme people must do or they should have to rehome .
1456	refer my comment to question I
1562	No
1751	Please give our dogs some priority too.. humans have enough and more space.. it's fair dog owners don't pick up poop, but they don't do it cos they have no place to throw it.. I myself have asked for a rubbish bin in the tirimoana park glendene and finally we have a bag ☺.. and so much less rubbish and poop now.. so it takes two to tango.. please give some care and love to our pets because for people like me who lost my parents last year within two months my dog is all I have and goin to the park is what kept me alive .. don't make life even more miserable
2308	I hope the policy corrections and clarifications will also be enforced. Our local neighbourhood has a huge problem with roaming dogs, making it unsafe for people to walk the roads and streets.
2341	being more clear and having an easy way for dog owners to know the rules in each area is a positive. I've been to places in auckland where different entrances to parks have different signs around dog access which is confusing and can lead to conflict.
2441	I am a dog owner and enjoy having access to off leash areas. I think the rules are balanced and fair.
2449	More support and perks for paying owners who don't have complaints . And more consequences for the neglecting owners and for the owners who mistreat dogs or let them loose endangering the community .

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2556	There are just too many dogs in general. They are off-leash when they should be on-leash. The owners often walk ahead of the dogs so they don't see their dogs crapping and are offended when you call them up to clean up after them. Sometimes, there are so many dogs on beaches it is hard to walk without bumping into them or they are charging around you all the time. It's time for people to reclaim the beaches. That is why places that ban dogs such as Te Haruhi Bay and Tawharanui and parts of Long Bay are my favourite because there are no dogs. My husband was bitten at Waikumete Cemetery and I was charged at by my neighbour's two dogs. The dog that bit my husband was never found and in my instance, it took Animal Management 1 hour to arrive because they were busy and there are not enough officers working. The two dogs terrorised 7 pedestrians in my street and I had to get in my car to protect them. It traumatised me so much I went to the police station afterwards and they told me next time it happens, to call them because it was a danger to life. The Council dealt with those two dogs very effectively in the end. They have not got out of the property since. When I go walking in parks, I am now hypervigilant about dogs. AT Cornwall Park, there are security patrols to make sure dogs are on leash. One guard told me the problem was getting so bad, the Board was thinking about banning dogs altogether. Barking dogs are another problem in my neighbourhood but the Council has been quite effective in dealing with that problem. The owners are always the problem. Get tougher on the owners. Employ more officers. It's no good making by-laws but then the laws can't be enforced.
2586	I think we need more fenced dog parks in all areas so our dogs can run around off leach to be able to run off their energy.
2920	Keep owners dogs on the leash in public areas. Dedicate areas where dogs can be off the leash in safe secure areas only.

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3336	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed law concerning dog walking regulations in Auckland. While I understand the intention behind the proposed measures, I believe it unfairly penalizes responsible dog owners and professional dog walkers while doing little to address the actual causes of the city's dog-related issues. The primary concern with this proposal is that it targets responsible dog owners and professional dog walkers who are abiding by the rules and ensuring their dogs are well cared for, exercised, and socialized. These individuals provide a valuable service to the community, particularly for those who cannot provide their dogs with the necessary time and exercise due to various personal or professional commitments. Penalizing these responsible dog owners will only further discourage proper dog care and will ultimately hurt dogs who rely on these services. Auckland's roaming dog problem is not caused by the number of dogs being walked by responsible dog walkers. Rather, it stems from irresponsible dog owners who neglect or disregard the rules and regulations set in place for safe pet ownership. This law does not address these individuals, and as such, it will not solve the root causes of the issues we face in our community. In addition, this proposal could severely limit the ability of professional dog walkers to operate effectively, particularly those who currently provide a vital service to responsible dog owners like myself and many others. By removing such services, responsible dog owners may be left without essential support, ultimately affecting the wellbeing of their pets. Moreover, the implementation of this law could further limit available dog-friendly walking areas in Auckland, making it even harder for dog owners to find appropriate spaces to walk their dogs. This could lead to increased frustration and difficulty for responsible dog owners, who already work within
3636	Restrict dog access to parks and playgrounds, restrict the number of dogs walked by dog walkers .All dogs in public places should be on leash. Create more dog walking spaces separate from spaces where people congregate.
3791	No, thanks for updating it
3829	There is no point changing laws if they are not enforced. I'm a dog owner and I'm very concerned about menacing dogs and wandering dogs. We see this ALL THE TIME in our area in West Auckland and nothing is done about it. I no longer walk my dog on the street, I have to drive away from my house to walk my friendly/safe golden retriever because of dangerous dogs on the street. My dog was attacked just around the corner from our house. Nothing gets done.
3837	I found this form challenging as there seemed to be many categories I was unsure of. I would happily talk to this submission if any clarification is needed.

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4381	The work that Council has done on this proposed update is commendable. A great deal of care and consideration has gone into the proposed changes. What is lacking from the policy is clarity in the different use cases of spaces, that way that dogs are integral to our society, and the role of owners and professional carers/walkers. The policy proposal should separate some of those. It also doesn't clearly identify standards and expectations for owners. The RDOL does to part of that. Such programs could be extended (possibly making use of dog training associations and the NZ Kennel Club as a basis and accreditation agency). The policy could also make better reference to best practices in dog behavioral training. While regulation and enforcement is a clear purpose, the limitations on access to non-problematic dogs seems unwarranted. There are clearly problematic dog encounters (and owner encounters!) which make the need policy enforcement, but also provides an obligation on the Council's part to provide access for owners to training and education programs and materials. That issue is separate for the issues on access to spaces with dogs. Restricting dog access can segregate interest groups to minimize problematic encounters. However, that segregation comes at a cost of declining quality of life in Auckland.

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4924	Of course, I am currently more interested in my local area that I visit with my dog daily. None of my local area is involved with these changes. I would hope though access is good all over Auckland as one day we may move. To Whom it may concern We need more encouragement for dog owners to do the right thing and train and control their dogs At this stage you use the Responsible Dog Owner Licence which is a very simple thing to get, with some basic discounts. You give some basic discounts for de-sexing, however there is nothing as an incentive to owners to want to train and socialise their dogs to a higher level. There is a program already in place successfully around the world and in NZ. Canine Good Citizen is already available and Auckland Council should encourage more owners to get to this level. It may mean further discounts, or perhaps more access. (see links below for more information) Dogs New Zealand - CGC CGC Home Canine Good Citizen Training Classes Dogs New Zealand - CGC Canine Good Basics
5227	No
5401	The policy ideas sound like people who are trying in implement them have never owned a dog and are so highly sad with there lives and are jealous of watching happy dog owners exercise there dogs and live a full content life. Maybe look at the people who miss treat dogs and put tighter restrictions on bad owners rather than limit responsible dog owners. Dig deeper into the real reasons rather than look at the surface which is what these proposed ideas look like. These ideas seem to be written by halfwits that are wasting rate payer money.
5419	I think making it user friendly and easy to understand is important. I am young, and sometimes struggle to find information, especially online, about access areas etc.
5511	If people abide by the laws in place there is no need for such a radical change. I do not agree with this change Council is proposing. It will encourage more wandering dogs as they will have nowhere to run and play and socialise
5580	People get a lot of benefit from having a dog as a companion, if the laws are too restrictive on the use of public land and current facilities this will discourage dog ownership.
5637	Addressing the root cause of stray dogs would be a far more effective and fair solution.
5924	If you want to create more rules around dogs in public places, why not provide a reasonable solution such as building more fully fenced dog parks etc.

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6105	The proposal as it is will open the door to even more people with no professional experience, skills or knowledge becoming dog walkers, causing even more issues for those amazing dog walkers who are qualified to do what they do. The 'cowboys' of the industry will still be there, still causing issues for those who have spend time and money formally educating and up-skilling themselves to provide a safe environment for the dogs in their care. During and after Covid, a lot of people saw this as an easy way to make money, no qualifications required, just people who love dogs, might be owners themselves without any real knowledge or understanding of canine behaviour and dynamics within a pack. Instead of limiting numbers which does absolutely nothing to address this, why not introduce a licence system, similar to how working dogs are determined - sight the walker with their pack in action. Go out and see what they do, work with them. A group of 15 dogs in the care of a professional poses far less risk to a group of 3 in the care of a hobby walker or owner with no control over them. This proposal targets the wrong people, and will do nothing to address the problem. It will still allow anyone, regardless, to enter this industry. My dog has been going out for pack walks for seven years, with the same walker. I have been out with her on walks, and have been amazed at the control she has with her packs. I saw first hand what a good walker does, and what a bad walker does. I mean, she has been taking my dog out for years, why not go with her to see what she does, to make sure my dog is in safe hands. She welcomed it. The walks are structured, there is a lot of one-on-one training involved before a dog can even join a pack. Those professionals understand the types of dogs that are suited to these types of walks and the types of dogs that aren't. An un-educated walker does not. A professional will not just group a random bunch of dogs together, there is a science to it. During our walk, we passed three other walkers, all with groups of around 10 dogs, and all with complete control of those dogs. We all managed to pass each other with the dogs ignoring the other groups, either walking in heel next to their walker, or sitting nice and calm to the side while the other group passes. These dogs are well socialised, have good manners, and are under control every step of the way. The only issue we came across was a member of the public with their two dogs, and no control over them. They came running, barking, circling our group, owner too far away to do anything but yell. These two dogs had zero recall, and were persistently trying to engage with our group. Our group either
6317	No
6681	Any clarifying information and deleting obsolete information is an important part of reviewing the rules. Need information to be accessed and understood by everyone - easy to locate on line, download, read and understood by the public.
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9	If you have a dog it should be on a leash in public areas at all times. Unless it is in a dog park.
207	Dogs on leash AT ALL TIMES in ALL Public spaces - beaches, parks, streets, trails etc
214	Yet again there is no support of good and responsible dog owners. Good dog owners always pay the 'price' for bad and irresponsible dog owners. It is time to start targeting the bad owners and leave the good ones alone.
319	Please to not take the lazy approach of one size fits all.
351	You need to target irresponsible OWNERS!! Your rules will just limit access and make it harder for responsible dog owners To go places in Auckland . Humans and children cause just as much of more damage to beaches / parks and wildlife than dogs
435	Please make the rules safer by emphasising the need for leash use and safety for dog owners and other pedestrians

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449	Dogs should not be further restricted. Allowing dog access encourages people to go to these parks and to have a healthier lifestyle. Limiting dog access would limit people's healthy lifestyles more than encourage them.
566	For non-dog owners the increasing amount of dogs in public spaces can be intimidating and stressful, they can create a lot of noise and also urinate freely which is unhygienic and causes a strong odour. Their excrement has to be removed immediately. A lot of dog owners are very responsible, but those that are not need to understand their responsibilities to the public and public spaces when out with their pets. When allowed off leash they can cause many kinds of problems, from leaving waste, disturbing and intimidating people and harming wildlife. As the number of dogs grows so do the associated problems. Can we talk about cats next please? Many thanks
579	Keep up the good work.
601	It should be mandatory for dog owners to receive training, there are a large number of elderly people who get a dog for protection, particularly large dogs, and then cannot keep them under control. This is something I have personally had an issue with, off lead dogs approaching my on lead dog in an area that is designated on lead and the owners either don't do anything or aren't able to control their dogs which often become aggressive

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607	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. 3). I would like more fenced off-leash recreational areas for dogs that are split into designated areas according to size e.g., have a 'small dog' separate fenced area from a 'medium' and 'large dog' exercise area. Plimmerton reserve in Wellington is a good example of this. 4). 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
623	N/A
706	Generally dogs should be prohibited from more places so that the public who do not want to interact with dogs can choose to do so.
771	- Consult with the Professional Dog Walkers Association and other stakeholders to develop practical, data-driven solutions. - Work with P.D.W.A to create a licensing agreement for professionals. Their aim is to set standards and enforce best practices. - Focus on education for all dog owners - Address the real issues, such as roaming dogs and excessive barking, which make up the majority of complaints. - Dogs deserve a good home and care, address this issue
776	Make sure that the people reviewing, proposing and setting the policies have a solid understanding of the needs, responsibilities and risks involved.
864	Greater access and opportunity to have your well behaved dog with you needs to be considered. Restaurants and businesses as well as hotels are accomodating dogs and our public spaces should be the same

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1150	Please allocate park areas to dogs lovers only and please allocate beaches/ regional parks with kids to dog free areas.
1308	putting blanket rules across all areas including beaches will not work and reduce the rights of dog owners
1324	The annual dog licence fees are exorbitant, twice what it costs to licence a car, more than a coastguard membership. If licencing was more affordable, you would have more people registering their dogs and paying licences.
1358	The danger of any law re-write is that it is used to create further restrictions rather than simply being tidy up of wording.
1385	I want to know what the rules are that you want to clarify and the wording changes. You have not said what you are changing
1442	We also need policies for cats roaming free and affecting our wild life
1480	The rules should be the same across the whole of Auckland. Obviously working dogs such as farm dogs would be different (need all of them off leash...these dogs are usually well controlled)
1532	Neutering needs to significantly reduce the registration fees. Currently you get a huge discount for large dog licence but only \$10 reduction for desexing. Fees need to be significantly reduced, even if it's only for the first year, after proof of desexing
1634	Auckland Council Animal Control, and the SPCA officers should be able to uplift menacing dogs etc immediately.
1676	Dogs on lead in Reserves e.g Eskdale Reserve. Space at a premium. Our Childcare safety. Please enlarge NO Dogs signage. People ignoring it here in Mairangi Bay. Dogs excrete on the grass then children and adults play football on it. Bunnings, Mitre10, some Cafes allowing dogs inside why? and not always on lead. Staff just ignore this. Thank you.
1699	I feel there are too many places I cannot take my dog now. We are an active family that takes our dog everywhere we go so it is upsetting we are limited to where we go in Auckland. She is always under control.
1819	I think the issue is not so much the rules but enforcement. I live on a property overlooking sports fields in Stanmore bay (behind the leisure Centre). Dogs are constantly on the fields on and off leash. Mostly well controlled but often I see owners fail to watch as their dogs poo on the field. Not very fair for the kids that play on those fields.
2005	I believe that by holding the daytime summer by laws for dogs to be on leads between 10am and 5pm the current rules should be sufficient so that everyone can enjoy the beach together. I generally walk before these times but it's nice to have the option to still exercise if I'm running late and miss the cut off.
2033	Do the same rules around menacing and dangerous behavior apply to cats?
2041	Please make all beaches the same.
2077	No
2084	Yes - give the dogs more freedom - not less!
2130	Neutering menacing dogs is not a fix or justice for anyone who is bitten or has their dog attacked. It just delays the inevitable when it reoccurs as it's environment and bad owners haven't changed or learned anything
2171	Schedule 2 Hibiscus Coast - no rules for the Green Road (Dairy Flat) Local park Why not - it's being opened up for public access, and there are livestock on the park. Already public users of the park can fly model aircraft and participate in horse riding

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2268	Let's not restrict dog owners rights and access to beaches and parks for a small minority of liberal Karen's. Focus on equitable distribution of rate payer money to build critical infrastructure for the local area rates are paid. Tell Wayne this is a waste of rate payers money.
2376	no
2435	I do not agree with dogs being banned from beaches all together in summer. As long as dogs are on leash they should be allowed.
2563	No
2608	I support Ak council efforts but continue to be alarmed and extremely concerned at the increase in dog attacks by unregistered and/or wandering dogs. I believe penalties should be increased for owners of such dogs who can be identified and that they should never be able to own a dog in future. Owning a dognis a privilege and a responsibility. As stated above, I believe ALL dogs should be neutered (and microchipped) at an appropriate age (to be determined by veterinary professionals,)with the ability for an owner to apply for an exemption ONLY IF the owner wishes to breed from the dog. Such applications should be charged for and have enforceable conditions. A separate class of registration should apply. I am a responsible dog owner who has owned 3 dogs over a long period of time.
2648	I am worried that these changes will have no affect the bad dog owners. I am also worried that the rule breakers will not be sufficiently 'policed'.
2742	Clarification and simplification of rules is essential to help with education, compliance and enforcement. Currently that's difficult based on the debates I see on community group pages online.
2798	Make laws, signage clear and easy to follow. They also need to be enforced more - a rule doesn't exist if you don't enforce it. The council being inactive makes it harder for us to be good responsible dog owners. We often face aggression and aggravation from other dog owners who flout the rules, and then act like we are the problem.
2820	I support dog walking, on leash and off leash activities. Yet there are a few owners that ruin it for the rest of us. Is there some way the council could ask for volunteers at said beaches/parks with yellow/hot pink bibs who like neighbourhood watch support could aid the council on a rostered system. I also support consequences, fines, bans for owners not following the rules, however I've never seen a council dog worker yet. It would be great to have a website with clear processes and complaints made so dog owners and others Can with together to make NZ safer.
2857	As the area I reside in is one of the dog friendliest places I have ever encountered, I sincerely hope it will be allowed to continue, Auckland North Shore is doggy Heaven.
2875	We need to be cracking down on all avenues of animal and dog welfare. Trainers need to be qualified with at least NZ recognised quals. We don't allow people to teach our kids who aren't qualified teachers so should be no different. Day cares need stricter rules and more education to keep handlers and dogs safe. Owners need more education around what under control means, understand basic body language and how dogs are not allowed to run up to other dogs without permission.

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3235	I believe that dogs should be on a lead when exercised on our beaches most owners don't have control of there dogs . Why do we allow dogs to urinate on the beach not clean up then families bring there children to the beach. I find most dog owners down follow the rules dogs off leads on cycle way I have lived in Orewa for 15 years have never seen a dog ranger patrolling the beach . Have had dogs run up and been annoying hit my bike while riding
3332	Perhaps you could put a link to what the policies are that you are trying to change on the questions
3416	Please hear me this time, all beaches should have year round dog friendly ends. It is that simple. Or both ends. Leaving the center of all beaches for the curmudgeons.
3446	Yes, please see my letter to The Mayor (below)
3450	Dog population (particularly menacing/uncontrolled dogs) are out of control. Extreme limits should be imposed immediately. Prison terms should be imposed on owners of problem animals.
3803	Rather than providing long winded descriptions of dog rules provide them on a map, the rules as written use landmarks that unless you're already familiar with the place make understanding it difficult at best and often completely useless. A map of the park/Beach/area with the dog rules CLEARLY marked on it should be a bare minimum, ideally you would have a map of the city so people can search it by dog access policies (ie where can I take my dog off leash now)
3824	Instead of making less places for dog exercise areas we should be looking at more. There are certainly a lot more dogs around now so it doesn't make sense to cut access to parks and beaches for them. I do agree with limiting the number of dogs an individual can have at any one time as even I, as a dog owner, find large packs of dogs very intimidating. It must be even worse for our small obedient dog.
3978	More dog parks in the northern suburbs would be good
3988	Please treat Auckland as ONE. When Auckland decided to become Supercity, it was very apparent there were areas treated differently. Don't endorse separatism
4046	It is good to clarify so that people can't find loop holes.
4082	Simplyfy rules eg either no dogs off lead or allowed for all beaches not on some and not others Protect people and our beautiful land and beaches first Disignste specific places " Dog Beach" for like minded dog owners to have dogs off leash all times
4435	improvements will be welcome. dog walkers should give way to pedestrians (no hogging the pavement)
4621	It's important to recognise that walks/outings NOT taken by local residents due to anxieties they might feel in response to experiences of poor management of off-leash dogs ultimately compromises their sense of safety & security, whilst coincidentally limiting their physical activity. Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland is a member of the WHO's global network of Age-friendly cities and communities - so should have enabling age-friendly policies that are front and centre of any dog walking policy changes.

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4760	As stated, the times need to be more specific, places need to be more defined, especially on the beach and walkway, and someone employed to make sure people are keeping to the rules because they are not and when you point out that dogs are not meant to be running wild on the beach at a certain time you get abuse back! I've been verbally abused on a few occasions for pointing out the rule to people. Dog owners don't care about the rules full stop!
4842	I would really like to see dogs banned from Long Bay Regional Park - and an alternative off-leash area provided for dogs and their owners somewhere nearby. Long Bay is a marine reserve and we need to exclude dogs in order to support wildlife survival and restoration. I would also like to see 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.
5427	It's unclear what further restricting access to parks solves, rules should be streamlined and made simpler, not blocking access to parks.
5430	So not support, also engagement and consultation for dog owners in these places has been invisible, a stand every weekend in Long Bay before 10am would have got lots of engagement of affected people and dogs, instead there has been absolutely nothing where the actual people are, too under radar, consultation should be extended and engage with communities properly,
5675	Dogs contained on properties cause more issues than dogs that are walked by responsible owners. If there is not enough space to exercise dogs even more issues will occur. If dog walkers who are trained, responsible and have excellent reputations cannot make a living more dogs will be home alone all day barking and causing issues.
5712	there has been a gross lack of consultation and input from professionals in the pet industry for these changes. you are threatening an industry that proactively improves the welfare of animals and provides jobs to a diverse group of people.

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5870	Enforcement is key to the success of these rules and to Protect rare and endangered Breeding Birds. Regular visits by Council Enforcement staff are essential at Manley & Tindals beaches for these bylaws to be effective. Our Dotterel minders are often put in a very difficult position by Dog owners who have no intent of complying with any of the Dog bylaws. Signage at the entry point on the beaches needs to be simple and clear - currently way too much information trying to cover a number of topics on the signs - Simple Dogs sign with the key information that can be swapped out each season.
5962	You can make all these changes, but you don't enforce them. I walk on Orewa Beach and there are always dogs on the beach at any time during restricted hours. Several friends have been bowled with serious injuries as owners have no control of big dogs. I've called the dog warden and the dog walkers have ignored the warden and carried on (not leaving the beach). You need to fine a few so the word gets around, otherwise you might as well get rid of the wardens. Orewa Beach:- First the developers polluted the beach with clay run off during heavy rain in 2018, council took no action! Orewa beach has also become a dog toilet with all the new houses inland having dogs but no gardens.
5984	Recreation areas are important for the environment to help people contributing to the economy to recharge and relax. Owning an animal as a pet is a privilege and personal ownership should not impinge on the freedom of others to enjoy open spaces in the city.
6081	I think there needs to be wider awareness of the impact of the changes for dog owners. It seems reasonable to send these proposed changes to all dog owners as it will impact them directly. Most dog owners are responsible and it feels that they are being punished for the small percentage of dog owners who do not look after their dogs in public spaces adequately.
6396	I don't see the need to ban access to dogs on beaches and where the budget would come from to enforce it. My assumption is this has been brought together by "Karen's " that have nothing better to do with their lives
6485	I support any changes to documentation that clarifies existing rules, but any changes to the rules should be done under consultation.

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6494	I'm writing about the proposal to ban all dog walking activity at Te Arai South Beach, or better known as "Forestry". While I understand the current rules are unclear and that there is now a significant level of custom and practice for ratepayers to walk their dogs off leash at Forestry, the new proposals seem at best poorly thought through, at worst almost duplicitous. I refer to your findings report below and have the following concerns and questions. My main concern is the consultation process is not fully transparent, or fully explains in simple language the impacts of this proposal, for instance your arial maps in Appendix D, focus on the Quarry at Te Arai, but seem to miss the fact that all dogs will be banned from Forestry, again that is the main issue for users of this beach. Why wouldn't you address this issue up front, instead of burying it around fixing an incompetent oversight with the original plan i.e. you currently allow dogs at the quarry, but you can't access it without breaching the current bylaws. My other concern is where is the evidence provided to show that the dogs are in "conflict with the wildlife and natural environment". This is where I suspect duplicitousness/nepotism. You allowed acres and acres of natural environment and destruction of wildlife habitat for multiple golf courses to be created across this coastline. I note these are private businesses for wealthy individuals. Yet locals, who have walked their dogs at this beach for years, decades even are now presumed to be at fault. Any reasonable human who understands nature, is aware that protected birds are much more likely to fall prey to Rats, Feral Cats, Stoats, "stray golf balls" than a dog. Whilst I would never discount a rogue dog eating a protected bird, this is one of the least likely outcomes. I have been walking my dog at this beach for many years, and have never seen her, or another dog 'conflicting with wildlife or destroying the natural environment'. Its is also laughable that a dog can do damage to the "protected sand dune area", when again you only have to look from the car park at the lodges, golf holes and significant development of Te Arai Links to see real long-lasting damage to the sand dune area. Again, whilst I understand a desire to protect what we have, we are the ones that use
6574	I have two small friendly dogs that adore meeting their friends on the beach and do not wish to deny them or myself this delight and quality of life -Thank you.
6800	I feel this survey asks a lot of ambiguous questions.. For example, asking whether I support the changes to the access to ancestral mountains - without outlining the proposed changes in easily accessible format. Asking to cap the number of dogs a persons can walk isn't going to solve the problem over aggressive, under trained dogs roaming the streets. I believe in compulsory registration - that needs to be enforced! I also believe that responsible dog owners and walkers like myself would be in support of a professional dog walking licence or registration..

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6867	I only have one message. Dogs should be ON LEASH at all times in public places As population increases in both people and dogs walking on beaches has become HAZARDOUS and very UNENJOYABLE. Fiddling and clarifying rules does not address the issue. Dogs should be ON LEASH on all beaches and public spaces Every day walking beaches you are faced with 2-6 dogs chasing each other totally uncontrolled and unaware of people.
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407	Ban pitbull type dogs
434	Heavier fine for irresponsible dog owners, including those who can't be bothered to pick up their dog's poo on others' front lawns.
521	Generally, this is a good idea, as long as particular changes are not implemented without consultation.
541	Don't punish all dog owners/ walkers because of the bad actions of a few! Don't change rules and regulations because of a few complaints and a few inconsiderate dog owners/walkers. Instead, you should target the specific individuals who are not abiding by the current rules & regulations & educate and fine them! There are far too few dog-friendly-parks providing large safe fenced off-leash areas for dogs. For instance, someone living in East Tamaki Heights has to drive 30 minutes to the Botanical gardens or 30 minutes to McLeans School area to reach an off-leash area and neither of these are even fenced!! Furthermore, fuel is extremely expensive and it's unrealistic for someone to have to travel that distance daily to exercise dogs! Many more NOT less dog-friendly off-leash areas are desperately needed!!! Again I reiterate, don't punish all for the actions of a few! 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!! Who, why is Auckland Council becoming anti-dogs?
1101	Changes should decrease places dogs can go. Would prefer on leash areas than to remove total access. More areas should be available and they should be larger
1189	no
1669	For whatever the changes, it's important to let the public know what are the proposed changes and seek feedback/ consultation on them. Only asking if the changes will be supported is not sufficient.

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1805	There should be permits to allow dogs off leash in general on leash areas if dogs pass a behavioural exam and can demonstrate that they can be called on command. This can be funded by the dog owner and a special dog tag can be displayed on the collar to "prove" that the dog is allowed to be off leash. (With the exception that busy main roads, commercial/construction areas will always be off leash, there should be areas where dogs can be off leash if there are no signs clearly displaying that dogs have to be on leash).
2006	I'm not happy with off leash dogs especially big ones and people should have heavier fines when their dogs attack other people
2216	It's usually the few that spoil it for the many- and I have been at many public places an seen humans behaving worse than any dog ever has
2218	this is not specifically talking about the proposed changes, the changes to beach access times and off lead and on leash areas is not being questioned in this submission. That is the issue affecting dog owners. where is the consideration for dog owning families who also want to enjoy sociable hours at the beach (for eg.) with their dogs. what about designated areas for dog families during peak times?? separate sides of the beach. All the consideration is given to others without dogs, for huge beaches like long bay for example why not designate an area. There is plenty of space, why is this not an option. For the north shore for example, multiple beaches in the area why not designate a dog friendly beach, plenty of other beaches people without dogs could go to?? why is this not an option to consider.
2333	Dog owners know that there is limited enforcement of dog control rules so their behaviour controlling their dogs errs towards freedom for dogs.
2516	Allow good dog owners to have better dog access to more dog places.
2651	There is no use having any laws around controlling dogs unless they are enforced. There needs to be dog enforcement officers patrolling these parks and walkways. I use the Rotary walkway in East Auckland several times a week and have done so for many years. This is an on leash area. However a large proportion of dogs being walked are off lead. I have never seen an enforcement office patrolling. this area. There is also lack of obvious signage detailing this law. As long as there are no consequences for flouting the regulations nothing will change. Don't bother changing regulations if they are not going to be enforced. It's a waste of money.
2692	Please see my response to section I above. This proposal focuses entirely on the wrong issues. Irresponsible owners should not be excluded from consideration and responsible owners should not be facing blanket penalties for the actions of a few. Council needs to address its utter failing by removing rubbish bins from dog exercise areas.
3911	Don't waste time and money on something that's not broken or a problem.... I'd rather see council money used to set up safe off leash areas and enforce menacing and roaming dog regulations.
3987	Ban pits and other similar breeds. We all know the type of people who own them. As trainable as the breed might be, normal people who'd love and train them aren't really attracted to that breed.
4099	Ensure you make parks accessible for dogs, and without leads on - even if that might be for certain time windows e.g. 4.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. (essentially 6 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. next day). Dogs need to be able to run, chase a ball or stick, to burn off excess energy - anything else is cruel. To support this, I advocate fines for not poop scooping, and aggressive behaviour towards other dogs (into the DNA test again).

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4225	I wish Council to focus on: The continuing issue of breeding and cross breeding of dogs residing and roaming at free will, with no obvious signs these issues are being dealt with. Animal Management need to be on the road, not in an office. Solutions just don't seem to be forthcoming and the problem gets worse every day with every day worsening human being anti social behaviour. I feel responsible dog owners are continually the only people focused on when it comes to animal management, not the irresponsible owners. Every media report has a HUGE picture of a dog with its teeth bared. This is not helpful. Most dog owners are responsible. There is a minority, and it grows, that have deep social problems, who are not being dealt with and continue the unscrupulous breeding cycle, neglect and abuse of animals.
4629	No
4699	Please tighten up the bylaws as I can not go to my local beach = Mellons Bay as it is over run by dogs! It is not relaxing at all. Also Macleans park has too many unleashed dogs around that make walking there unpleasant
5100	I request the decision makers to keep the policy and bylaws for dogs fair as it seems that dogs are always targeted whereas we have a problem with stray cats and nothing is being done. Owners of cats are not held responsible for the nuisance they have become, sadly due to irresponsible owners.
5786	alkers with more than 5 dogs should be treated as a commercial entity. They need to be licensed and should have to display a card with a license number Dog Walkers with more than 5 dogs should be treated as a commercial entity. They need to be licensed and should have to display a card with a license number, to identify them. the Public should be able to report to the council about these license holders .eg Not picking up faeces from the dogs, more than 3 Dog Walkers with more than 5 dogs should be treated as a commercial entity. They need to be licensed and should have to display a card with a license number, to identify them. the Public should be able to report to the council about these license holders .eg Not picking up faeces from the dogs, more than 3 off leash. Aggressive dogs. Applicable Penalties, referring to proposals need to be stated and Signage made available to Boards or Park Rangers when requested. Instructions to refer complaints re people not adhering to bylaws.
5855	Provide better dog walking areas like other councils do. Provide more bins for dog waste and rubbish in general
6328	Please remember there are many responsible dog owners. Dogs are essential part of our community. Healthy Dogs need exercising and stimulation and socializing. Yes there do need to be FAIR clearly defined laws and regulations.
6333	Dogs shoukfnt allow on beaches. Dogs polute beaches, kill birds and native birds For years now dotterel chicks in East and South of coastal Auckland are destroyed by dog and cats. There were no successful dotterel breeding in years on these locations, no matter how many signs and taped of area DOC is implementing!
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31	In Monaco dog droppings are DNA tested and owners of these dogs are fined. Along with microchipping, dogs should have their DNA submitted to a national database and owners fined; especially repeat offenders. It may seem like an overkill, but it would create a lot of jobs and clean up the parks.
70	No
113	My pack walker has been a god send in training my dogs and also providing a service that means my dogs are walked while I got to work. She is qualified and does things correctly and in a safe way. Regulations should help get rid of the people doing things incorrectly.
172	Stop trying to limit dog access. It just make Auckland a horrible place to live
186	Please use common sense and ban menacing dogs ownership... Also a Pitbull or mastiff bite would rip, hold, mame and kill. I cannot understand why dangerous dogs are allowed . Often with menacing owners. Have unfortunately had experience of this.
238	These changes cannot come soon enough. Most dog-owners and dog-walkers are responsible people, but not all of them are. They are the minority who make these rules necessary.
289	Fines should be increased for off-leash/on leash dogs in prohibited area, and not picking up poo. Non compliance is every where. Just this past weekend saw two dogs off leash in a DOC area! You cant tell them - only big fines might bring compliance. Dog walkers should be registered and non compliance lead to loss of license.
337	Work with professional dog walkers association to establish effective and efficient bylaws.
359	At least in our area, I think the changes are pandering to the dog-haters. If I look at the issues in our local parks, usually it's not dogs causing them. Dogs are part of the family, and also provide valuable support to people who depend on them for health/safety reasons. Those residents may want to spend some time in recreational areas but could be precluded from doing so if they can't take their dog. On our daily walks, I see discarded rubbish, cans, food containers, Occasionally dog owners don't pick up after their dogs (and that does annoy me, there's no excuse for that) but generally it's people who leave their rubbish behind and cause issues, including attracting vermin. (not helping is that most, if not all, of the bins have been removed by the Council, contributing to the rubbish issues). In summary, I consider that the Council should stop the administrative focus on changing the dog rules per se, just please get out on the streets/parks and deal with the issues of wandering/menacing/dangerous/neglected dogs. More resource should be put into that area. I see little point in changing rules if there's no compliance. When I read today of two elderly tourists being attacked in a park by three out-of-control dogs, but apparently no ability or willingness on the Council's part to trace the dogs and their owners, and to take effective action to prevent such a recurrence, I find it ridiculous that responsible owners are instead being hamstrung by these proposed changes as to where they can walk their well-behaved dogs.
550	No
705	Make owners more accountable. MUST have them neutered - particularly menacing dogs and where unfenced properties. Very little reason for dogs to continue to breed so offer more free fixing appointments. Do not return some dogs. As the owner of a rescue dog myself, I don't think we can save them all, many should be put to sleep.
804	We need to educate the public that disability assist dog have the right to access any public space and actively participate in our society. Clear welcome signage need to be placed to avoid discrimination against assist dogs.

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	In my experience, it is usually not the dog walkers with multiple dogs that are a problem but irresponsible dog owners with smaller dogs in public spaces with off lead dog. As such, I do not support the change as it will negatively and unfairly impact dog walkers and their business that I consider to be more equipped and trained to handle multiple dogs. I do however support clarification and/or additional restrictions for dogs to be on leads in public places (e.g. public parks and walkways) where they may pose a risk to others.
1199	Why once you get a multi licence to own more than 2 dogs do you have to reapply when passed away if you are getting the same breed. This just seems like a money making scheme. If you've been approved, you've been approved.
1271	There needs to be stricter penalties for dogs that menace or attack both people or other dogs, including faster pathway for destruction of the dog and harsher fines and penalties for the owner (and not requiring multiple offences to trigger harsh penalties). Dangerous breeds should be banned.
1523	I absolutely disagree with the proposed bylaw to reduce dog walking numbers to professional walkers. This is a vast industry that supports many of our beloved pets. By reducing numbers this will push up the price meaning most people will not be able to afford the service. Our walkers will be unable to survive on reduced numbers. I don't believe a couple of unprofessional and tardy individuals should cause the industry at large to be ruined. I most certainly would not want my walker to lose her business.
1679	over the last 30 years of having dogs in Auckland I have only ever seen 1 issue once with a dog. the owner was mortified and apologetic (it was a frazzled mum with a dog and a baby and no spare hands) Your changes by stealth will remove the local "off leash" area that has never had any issues and is not a popular public area or swimming beach. I cannot support any part of your rule changes as it doesn't account for the fact there is no local issue. We are so far behind other countries in this area where dogs are in cafes, restaurants, on buses and planes we are in the dark ages for even considering removing access to local walks.
2008	As a dog owner who pays registration every year I do not want to see any access to parks or beaches (especially off leash) removed. If anything, I would appreciate more off leash areas. There are very few areas that allow dogs off leash at present, and the majority good dog owners should not be penalised for the actions of the few who are bad dog owners.
2013	Nil
2049	You can do as many rules as you changes as you want, but unless you have people to police it , it doesn't matter.
2055	Agree with proposed changes.
2072	Please increase areas where there are fenced-off dog parks similar to what Hamilton has. This way, dog owners have areas they can let their dogs run free without disturbing the public. There are very limited fenced parks in Auckland which results to crowding.

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2208	Due to the amount of dog owners letting their dogs run free that then give our dog a hard time I think there should be strong enforcement and fines to those that aren't following the rules for dogs on leash areas. Also failing to pick up their dogs poop deposits should be looked at too as too many people pleasing them selfs and getting away with it
2420	All dogs on leads and off leash areas kept to an absolute minimum. Parks are for humans to enjoy without disruption, far too many issues with out of control dogs and constant dog mess on walking tracks.
2680	There should be an easier way to report menacing dogs that are repeat offenders and known in community. The call centre takes really long to record already reported information. Repeat offenders should have a file number or a specified list so they can be reported quickly. Most dogs are not of specific breed, explaining this to some call centre employees is very difficult. Call centre employees should have a better training. Also animal control officers should be given more authority to act on irresponsible owners and menacing dogs. Irresponsible owners that threaten other dog owners should also be acted upon. American Akitas , German Shepherds, Malinois, Rottweilers, should also be put under threatening dogs list. If these breeds are aggressive then they are lot more threatening and dangerous than any other dogs. Owners and breeders of dogs like these should go through a test or complete an assessment for bring responsible owner. Training and desensitisation of such dogs should also be imposed strictly.
2718	Limiting natural public spaces ultimately punishes the dog. Poor dog welfare and behaviour is not the dog's fault - it is the human owner's fault. Changes to these dog policies should emphasise adherence to existing rules, including penalties and education. There's no point in changing the rules if they are not enforced as the same people will continue to ignore them. I see people walking their dogs off-leash when they should be on-leash, but there's no well-known mechanism to safely report these people and there doesn't seem to be any repercussions, so people get away with it. Instead, owners who properly care for their dog and properly train them should be rewarded. For example, owners who can provide evidence of attendance of dog training school should be given benefits or discounts. In a similar vein, those who are well known to the Council to be keepers of troublesome dogs due to poor training and lack of accountability by their owner should be penalised by excessive reigstration fees or removal of the animal. Enforcement of rules should be paramount - if there is no enforcement, then there will be no point in having the rules changed.
3286	No
3421	The ever increasing number of owners who dodge the responsibility of registering their dogs should be
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.
4167	It hasn't been easy to understand what some of the clarifications are to provide any comments
4430	Far too many variations to even consider !! HAVE ONE SET OF RULES FOR REGIONAL PARKS, ONE FOR PARKS ONE FOR BEACHES ETC

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4741	Clarity yes but please do not increase the restrictions on dog walking, we are some of the biggest users of our parks, beaches etc. already I find Auckland very restrictive for where you can walk your dog, please don't put more restrictions in place. Dog walking is healthy for humans and animals, gets people out and about and the ripple impact benefits our society (healthier people less health costs, better socialised animals less issues with animal control etc.).
4787	There is one need that has not been provided for in either the bylaw or the amended access rules, and this is more site or habitat specific rules. The entry of dogs to swim in forested streams is causing significant erosion, destabilization of banks and sedimentation of this kind of habitat. This is a regular bugbear of many volunteer groups who are working hard to protect stream fauna and flora. This level of detail isn't likely to be able to be included in either of these two pieces of documentation and so we suggest this is a subject to address as part of your signage and educational component of dog rules. This could be a complementary project for the near future with the roll out of the eventually approved rules.
5363	Dogs are out of control especially menacing dogs attacking children and adults... menacing breeds should be banned... furthermore, the majority of dog owners appear to be irresponsible insofar as picking up dog ***** is concerned
5379	I do not support adding further restrictions only clarification regarding existing where it will not remove access or insinuate that dogs are a nuisance.
5455	If it's not broken you do not need to fix and ps you deserve more paid staff to be dog rangers and you need to educate dog owners to get dogs fixed and train your human and dog
5607	Not necessarily
6092	While clarity and updates to Auckland's dog policy are important, changes should not disadvantage responsible dog owners. Any rule adjustments must be transparent, fairly enforced, and based on evidence rather than assumptions. Consultation with the dog-owning community is essential to ensure balanced outcomes that protect public safety, wildlife, and responsible pet ownership. Policies should provide clear processes for appeals, fair licensing requirements, and flexibility for working and travelling dogs. Additionally, enforcement should focus on education rather than penalties, ensuring dog owners are supported rather than unfairly restricted.
6179	Since about 5 years ago when Covid there was a puppy boom of people wanting puppies while being stuck at home. This has created many problems that have arisen from puppies not being able to be adequately socialised and desensitised to during this time because everybody stayed home. These problems have not gone away and due to the rising prices and inflation it has left many people unable to provide for the dog/ animals they have. Due to these adding costs and big housing with gardens being potentially unaffordable these leaves a lot of families with not many places to let their dogs release energy in a healthy manner. Restricting access to more parks and reserves will narrow down the amount of places people can take their dogs, dogs need space to exercise not all dogs want to be near others
6290	Overall, I want clarification, so that is something I support. Banning legitimate & responsible trained dog-walkers from doing their group walking is ridiculous though, & is a massive overreach. The council's dog regulations should prioritize the genuine problems, such as uncontrolled dogs & irresponsible owners, not penalize the responsible dog owners & carers for no good reason, as the current proposed changes would do!
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178	I think the owner needs to also be looked at, not just the dog

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590	This is very poor consultation process lacking clarity - this should be redrafted and recirculated for consultation
766	I really hope that the policy will enlighten the community more on this subject
1981	I Live in Mangere, It seems that dogs are allowed to roam and not have collars or tags. Calling animal management is a waste of time. So many dangerous dogs roam here that its unsafe to walk a dog on the streets or parks due to risk of dog being attacked and no one can be held responsible due to no registration. No enforcement is seen and can drive around and see dozens of dogs just roaming free as owners act like they are in the islands (No offence intended, Just uneducated about keeping dogs within the property and knowing where they are. Im on Pukaki lagoon farm and atleast once a week we spot dogs roaming in groups of 2 & n ow 3. Have to check before taking our dogs around the farm as they are not fighters and most dogs we see are pit bulls as thats the breed that is most common in this area. Makes the owners feel tough. Animal management should be patrolling & inpounding these animals. Give me a net ill get several a day. Should in force the rules so people learn. Its a joke. Ill drive around and take some photos and send them in.
2059	no
2093	This is all good, but its the eforcement i would like further action on. I have never seen an animal control officer ever and I frequent dog parks a lot with my own dog.
3531	A dog that wanders, attacks any human or other animal is destroyed and the owner fined, ...the owner ca not own another dog
4321	I oppose restrictions proposed to reduced dog access to public areas, I would like there to be improved off lead access across the city and improved facilities for dogs such as, bins, signage, water stations, dog baths etc.
4425	No
4772	Having lost a dog because two off leash dogs ran into her, damaged her knee, she subsequently needed surgery, which led to her anxiety and she consequently escaped from our fenced house and was picked up by someone and not returned,l, I completely understand the need for more structured play spaces for dogs off leash. I only let my current dog off leash in a private park or at home. But on leash areas should remain available for people to enjoy with their companions. P
4872	Hi there, I would like to suggest a by law that exists in many other countries, That is where A class dangerous dogs must wear muzzles in Public spaces. Pitbulls, American mastiff; these dangerous dog types. We have had many encounters with these types of dogs that have nearly resulted in attacks, and just recently a friend's dog died because the owner lost control of their on leash pitbull.
5390	I do not support the changes! I support keeping the status quo. These new changes will add to pent up frustration for dogs that are kept at home all day and need to be let out for a long run. The proposed changes are ill thought out!!
6019	n/a

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6024	This is a classic over reaction to a perceived problem. The pack walking should be addressed through a licensing scheme and a requirement for appropriate training to be evidenced, not just pack sizes. The current proposals are NOT targeted to the problem. But widely indiscriminate to All dog owners
6123	The responsibility for keeping the public safe from dogs (roaming the street freely, barking excessively ...) and their piles should be on the owners. Owners who do not accept this responsibility should be fined and loose the dog if they are repeatedly found non-compliant.
6127	We are responsible dog owners of 2 small dog breeds. It is ABSURD that you are proposing a total ban of dogs in Public places including parks. The Council need to recognise this. LARGE AGGRESSIVE dogs and their owners should be banned.
6685	NZ already have very limited access for dogs to public parks, beaches, etc. Compared to other countries. This is not fair for dog owners and especially for our dogs as they need this for their physical health and socialising with other dogs too. Aucklanders are paying dog registration every year and i believed this is part for rhe access to the public spaces. This is not fair for us who are following these rules. Dogs are important in each family's lives it helps the family's needs.
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45	There is a huge issue re- responsible ownership of companion animals - and abuse in Auckland! It is unsafe generally to walk in public places with our small animals - given the number of stray animals ec. There doesn't seem to be a positive shift in this area, rather a much more negative shift given the cost of living. Are you taking this seriously in these changes or further changes to come? This is much needed!!
144	Limiting dog walkers to 6 or less will not see the change that public and council are seeking. Majority of dog walking companies who already only walk smaller numbers, are usually the problematic companies as they are typically franchise/multi staff and van companies to afford to run smaller packs. By forcing better skilled walkers to cut packs in half you are increasing the use of public local parks, as walkers now do not have the time to drive multiple packs out of the city like they did when they only had one pack to travel with. You are also either going to force walkers to dramatically increase the cost of the adventure which is harmful to clients who need the service OR you will see skilled walkers leave the industry and only the "cowboys" remain. If you force the company to make minimum wage, you will only receive minimum wage skills in what should be a highly skilled industry. Please consider licensing and accountability over restrictions. Dog walking is vital to so many dogs and if the service was to be permanently restricted, it will be much more harmful to everyone involved.
1223	None
1342	Professional Dog Walkers make a POSITIVE difference and I fully support pack life - if the changes go through, our dog walker will have to close down - because her business would no longer be feasible. They walk multiple dogs to help us humans. We need them to stay in business. We love them.

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1424	This is a joke! The focus should be on roaming dogs and people who are owning dogs without being registered. I'm a parent of a child who was bitten by a dog. And not one at a park or off leash area ... an unregistered dog. We frequently walk at the Auckland botanical gardens and never had an issue with off leash dogs. I'm confused at where the focus is. My daughter used to do the paper run and we would not go unless her dad came with us. One time a roaming dog walked up behind him and tried to bite his leg and he had to hit it with a newspaper. On another occasion while delivering papers we had to go into someone's property, behind their fence to get away from another roaming dog. Appalling that this is the focus for changes to dog laws. Targeting responsible owners!
1788	the proposed changes to the parks are not fair and limit dog owners from enjoying public spaces.
2011	I believe these proposed changes fail to address the key issue of roaming dogs caused by negligent owners and instead unfairly target responsible, compliant dog owners. By imposing broad rules, such as limits on dog walking or licensing for multiple dogs, the focus shifts away from holding negligent owners accountable for their actions. The real priority should be stronger enforcement against roaming dogs, progressive penalties for repeat offenders, and education about responsible dog ownership, rather than creating unnecessary restrictions for those who already follow the rules.
2295	Enforce rules you already have. Basic obedience should be law to own a pet. A dog licence is not enough. Nz is in many ways third world. Because any human here can breed. Should not extend to animals in nz. There has to be rules and law officers in the spca like other countries to Enforce them.
2649	Council should not make any changes it's hard walking and keeping dogs happy and healthy as it is. Responsible dog owners who care about animals should not be punished with rules and regulations and blocks
2981	This feedback form could have been better.
3865	I don't have any comments besides a suggestion - maybe a great tool for dog parks could be maybe a scanner that enables owners to put in the registration number of their dogs so we can keep track of the animals that have visited and further keep tabs on ensuring these dogs are licensed.

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3940	Please take the safety of people more seriously than has been necessary in the past when there were fewer dogs and fewer people in public places. Many people, including us, have had bites from strangers' dogs, when walking along the walkway where dogs frequently come running up to people unasked. Even in public campgrounds the safety and health of children and adults is becoming more concerning. Here is yet another child bitten on the face by a stranger's dog. https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360573164/boy-8-scarred-life-after-campground-dog-attack This is such a sad state of affairs for all concerned. If all dogs in public spaces were muzzled, except for authorised dogs of appropriate service providers, or with special permits, such traumatic incidents would be minimised. Public reserves, campgrounds, beaches included. This would also be a great benefit to shore birds which are frequent targets for dogs. Our wildlife deserves better protection. Please make safety a priority over individuals desires. Muzzles are a compromise when I would much prefer dogs banned totally from public spaces except for dog parks.
4063	Thank you for this work you all do on our behalf.
4166	Stop wasting so much taxpayers money. Plain and simple.
4505	Please consider adding to legislation for it to be illegal for dogs to be kept on chains
4792	As long as Auckland Council & Auckland Transport have the same rules & regulations to allow Guide dogs or Service dogs to use your services. It's taken some 3-4 years to finally get all Security guards on your train stations, and wherever they are being employed by local businesses, to know all these regulations.
4843	Every dog must have a registered owner. Council must think about public safety first. It became too dangerous to walk in Auckland parks, where sometimes multiple wandering dogs can be seen. Make rules stricter. Dangerous and menacing dogs must be an exception for responsible and experienced owners. Neutering and microchipping must become a default approach for every dog. Exceptions can be granted only on sufficient grounds. Uncontrolled/accidental breeding of dogs must be prohibited and punished with fines and mandatory dog destructions. Council must conduct proactive measures to seize, neuter and destroy wandering dogs at owner's expense.
5448	Any change that controls the owners of the dogs.

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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	Policy/Bylaw should require owners of off leash dogs to control their dogs, so their dogs don't go closer than two metres of a person not associated with the dog owner. if there are so many people in an area, or the dog owner doesn't have enough control over their dog or dogs to stop them approaching other people closer than two metres they are creating a nuisance to those people. In such situations the dog owners should by law be required to put their dogs on a leash.
6319	Please eliminate the prevalent dog roaming issue as well as dogs not controlling their dogs. I've been attacked by dogs multiple times due to owner neglecting to adequately train their dogs
6659	Targeting irresponsible dog owners - repeat wandering dog offenders, people are getting off too easily and without penalty.
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18	I would like to speak at any hearings on the proposed change, in specific the changes in respect to walking multiple dogs.
235	I think Auckland needs to make laws in more dog friendly housing.
526	How about more dog control officers picking up stray dogs
639	This is a lot of rules discussion that won't solve any dog problems, and will just annoy people and create resentment. Focus on the actual dangerous dogs and bad dog owners.
698	Responsible dog owner/owners should have more freedom in accessing regional parks and local parks.
740	Please look at banning pitbull and dangerous breeds for the future. I have encountered a pitbull wandering the street in Mt Wellington. Although I love dogs and tried to use a calm voice the dog growled at me. And I managed to get to my lockable tall gate before anything happened. But I have no idea where the owners were. I'm worried for children, smaller dogs and everyone when it comes to this breed.
783	Illegal dogs are causing volunteer distress. Please change the rules to increase compliance.

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840	We are all affected buy backyard breeders of large and aggressive dogs, roaming dogs and bad owners. They kill wildlife in beaches, attack pets in city areas and spread fear amongst parents of children. Enough is enough. Image loaded is one of many breeding, and roaming dogs in Onehunga. This one lives and roams on Roosevelt Ave. The owners live in a HNZ property that has no proper fencing. Got her as a puppy from another HNZ tenat and now she has 11 pups. This needs to stop. Thanks
856	No
909	To be honest the bad owners are ruining it for the responsible owners. I feel council don't listen to dog owners.
990	Hidden away in the Table on Page 10 of Appendix C: Comparison Table of existing and Proposed Policy, Bylaw, regional park and local dog access rules- https://hdp-au-prod-app-ak-haveyoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/8117/3688/7874/Appendix_C_Comparison_Table.pdf is the only place I can find in all of your documentation that you are proposing to change Big King (Te Tatura) from off leash to on leash. We live in Mt Wellington and Big King is the only fully contained and safe to use off leash park for our dog. Most dogs cannot be fully exercised unless they are allowed to be off leash and explore at their pace. We have been using Big King for the past 4 years and have never had any issues with the dogs or people that take their dogs there for off leash exercise. Dogs that do not get fully exercised are liable to become agitated and bored and problematic at home. I implore you to not change Big King from off leash to on leash.
2023	Pack dog walkers are needed, they are professionals that take great care of dogs. However those dog walkers need to be certified to be able to have large number of dogs during walk
2335	No - i support these changes.
2492	Have all dog related information on a website. Keep all information accessible by just a search bar. I find information all over the place at this point.
2545	Auckland has far more pressing problems than dog access. Suggest not wasting time on this rubbish and clean up the city.
2599	For me as a very regular user of our parks we the council we just need to make the rules simple well signposted end enforced. It is a safety issue as well as a defiance issue /civil disobedience from dog owners but with clear policy and by laws the dog owners have less excuses
2809	No

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3408	There doesn't appear to be anything in relation to policy regarding the problems that are linked to roaming dogs. In my local area we are constantly seeing roaming dogs, which I believe present more of a risk to my and my dog's health and safety than going after responsible dog walkers. I see nothing in restricting the numbers of dogs one can walk, that will help to ease the numbers of roaming or off leash dogs in my local area. These bylaws will do nothing to stop the one neglected dog roaming my local park, charging at us, but sure restrict the numbers of dogs my incredibly professional and well trained dog walker can walk. At the end of the day it seems like Council are chasing after the responsible, professional dog walkers and restricting them, instead of going after the countless irresponsible backyard breeders and irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs roam. There doesn't seem to be any action being taken to get these dogs off the street. This is not to say that the dog wardens aren't doing an incredibly difficult and thankless job, however Council as a whole need to really take a look at the funding in this area and fund this properly so we can get a hold of this issue. And to echo what I have previously stated, the Council really need to engage with the dog walking community to weed out the bad seeds, and to ensure that any changes are well informed and Council can utilize the knowledge and experience of many wonderful dog walkers.
3559	I think when the council asks for our say, each questionnaire should have the actual law and have the proposed change to make it easier to give feedback. This format makes it hard for rate payers to have our say
3726	I very strongly feel that reducing the number of dogs with a walker is important and the safest option. I am sick of seeing so many strays and the risk it brings to me and my dog and family members. I take my responsibilities seriously and should feel safe that others do too. The walker whose business was responsible for a dog death at porter field road should not be allowed there. It is appalling that they can still do so and continue to bring so much stress to that community. I will not visit that track due to this reason
3760	The comment is in relation to offleash areas. 1) small offleash areas may be suitable for smaller dogs it would be great to see larger areas for larger breeds, for example the fields next to obehunga lagoon by the motorway in onehunga noone ever goes there. 2) I think Cornwall park across the road next to road and racecourse could be fenced off completely for dogs. Noone ever goes there apart from dogs anyway. And last comment is on Policy Focus on the worst people and not on Industry and people are trying to do right by the law and regulations and their dog.
3771	Much more universal rules and more resources for policing rules. Target rate for more resources.
4152	No
4313	Our street has so many un registered roaming dogs some are quite vicious I want to see tougher laws and penalties we can no longer feel safe to go for a walk in our neighbourhood we have been here over 50 years
4470	The quality of questions here are incredibly low. What need for a change here?
4672	All dogs should be kept on leash at all times! if the rules are not being understood... It's the safety of the dog itself and everyone out and about.
4876	Aligning policy and signage would make dog walking so much easier.
4884	stray dogs should be removed promptly. We'd like to see the council putting more resources into advertising to inform neighbourhoods how to report menacing dogs or stray dogs
4915	Maybe cats should be registered by council like dogs have to be
5169	No

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5265	It is my opinion as a dog owner and the operator of a commercial dog walking service that an alternate approach to off leash dog walking spaces needs to be considered. 1. I believe many of the current designated off leash areas are not in fact appropriate for dogs to be off leash. 2. Based on the number of registered dogs in Auckland there are not enough designated off leash areas. 3. As a result of the above, the designated off leash areas are often over populated which creates a higher risk of dog incidents, I believe an approach similar to that taken by Tauranga / BOP to dog access to public parks & reserves would serve the entire of Auckland as a community more sustainably long term. I have long advocated the regulation of commercial dog walking operators / business in Auckland and I attached some of the historical correspondence & efforts I have made to try and initiate regulation. I would like to contribute professionally and personally as a dog owner to improve the future for dogs, in peoples daily lives and in our community. I am aware of a faction of 'professional dog walkers' many of which made submissions when Tauranga / BOP reviewed their bylaws and made changes in 2019, and I have attached the submissions made to Tauranga / BOP in 2019 - which I feel may be helpful for the Auckland team to review. I appreciate the opportunity as a dog owner and professional to contribute to this process and hope that it results in an improved landscape for all Aucklanders and their dogs.
5382	Create more designated off-leash dog areas in parks, beaches, and reserves. Especially beaches—there are only two, Saint Leonards Beach and Kakamatua Inlet, that are fully off-leash. We need stricter rules for wandering dogs, dog attacks, and nuisance behavior, (ie, must be neutered, taken away from the owners and fines) and when these rules are broken, they need to be enforced. There are so many reports that are not followed through by the authorities. If these rules are upheld, there will be less risk to the public, and 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. You will have to spend more money on Animal Control Services but you will be saving money in the Public Health Service

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5472	Please do not reduce dog access at current parks, beaches and public areas. It is getting more and more difficult to take them out due to restrictions which is unfair on responsible owners. Please at minimum keep them on leash rather than prohibiting from public places. They are becoming more important in peoples lives and to reduce their access to public areas affects people's wellbeing, socialise and ability to exercise amongst a range of other things. By restraining where dog owners access, you also affect the economy and business owners. For example during summer beach restrictions I'm much more likely to eat and drink at home rather than while out due to not wanting to leave my dog behind. Instead focus on responsible dog ownership.
5500	Auckland is a very hard city to locate dog friendly parks and areas. Restricting these further makes it hard to live here. I support ideas to create new exercise areas and protecting wildlife and farms however in areas such as the Botanic gardens, widely used by many dog owners, seems unnecessary.
5522	No
6031	Bylaws are useless unless enforced. Sadly, I experience defiant dog owners in all areas where dogs are supposed to be on-leash or not allowed at all. When I try to remind them, I am being abused and feel threatened at times.
6107	I am surprised there is not more on changing anything on city beaches. Dogs are a huge problem on the beaches and there seems to be no effort to make areas where dogs are not allowed or to separate dog areas from people areas or the times of day. Why do families with children have to go at the highest UV ray times to avoid dogs?
6220	Stop punishing dog owners and thier dogs and creating a hostile environment to dogs. The vast majority are responsible dog owners and should be treated as such with more dog friendly spaces not less.
6444	I implore you to support responsible dog owners. In my case, my dog was attacked and the attacking dog (3 months later), returned to its owner (who demonstrated irresponsible ownership of his dog by walking it off leash and often without a collar). Others in my neighborhood are fearful the dog is back. Please protect those who are law abiding in our communities.
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109	I think the dog bylaw is probably one of the policies that get the most emotive feedback! Well done to the team! I am a responsible dog owner, I previously had a responsible dog owner licence. Where the current system fails, is the response from animal management. I know they have a big area to patrol, however my two experiences of making complaints are laughable. The first occasion, I had a large angry dog charge me from an address opposite where I was walking my dog. I didn't manage to get a photo as I was holding my dog and shouting at the errant animal. I phoned animal control immediately. A caller returned the initial call, and took details. Two days later I was sent a text asking if the dog was still there... not really a "response". The second complaint I made was at the same place. An animal control officer called several days after the incident, then asked for a statement. The animal control officer then advised that no dog was seen at the property and the complaint closed. I now had a cell phone number for the officer, and after the date, sent photo's of the offending dog unrestrained in the same area. Animal control needs to be responsive. They need to be out and about when people are walking. They can't be solar powered and always work office hours. The responses I have had mean I no longer report animals wandering (which are regular in my neighbourhood). Any policy like this needs a responsive and actual enforcement approach if its to be effective. A proactive patrol approach could also be worthwhile. My area is littered with roaming dogs, and it really does not seem like there is a proactive (or even reactive) approach to enforcement.
183	There should be more not less off lead and dog friendly areas not less, gp after the bad owners not the 99% of good owners.
244	I fully support further clarity in the definition of dog access areas, and changes in access where absolutely necessary, but strongly push back on reduction in access for non-critical reasons. Ideally, any reduction in access would be considered with the idea of opening access in other areas where possible.
322	I believe all updates to align information should be done but further consultation is required where proposed 'updates' haven't been disclosed eg update to access on ancestral mountains.
365	Limiting dogs freedom is a cruel thing to do. If a dog can be kept under control and not disturb people I don't see why they are not allowed on the beach or in the parks.
412	We need to increase fines for people who do not follow rules especially dogs on beaches and people who let dogs roam free.
480	Concerned that in General the dog lobby has encroached on "non dog people" in the past 20yrs or so. It is now very common to be approached or rushed by a dog in a Public space.
499	Keep it simple.
519	No Entry to dogs in parks, playground, schools, markeys, beaches and any area that is filled with people. I cannot go out to any of these places because people always think they want to show off their dogs and have them there off leash at all times. Se some boundaries fir them. They shouldn't be allowed other than specific times. They shouldn't even be there if you really can do that. Humans can't enjoy or live freely inbtjis country because of dogs now

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535	Keep in mind the welfare of all, the public, tge dog owners and most importantly the dogs
542	Please keep our off leash areas safe and still allow dogs on beaches for the quieter hours.
600	From a medical perspective it is fair to say that we have an epidemic of dog related injuries. Children are disproportionately affected. These preventable injuries often carry lifelong implications. Our current dog off leash rules prioritise dog wellbeing over that of our children. It is unfair to restrict children's ability to roam and explore safely to designated playgrounds only, while we allow dogs unfettered access to all our local parks. Please make more spaces dog free or on lead so that we can allow more spaces for our children. Please also make our cycleways exclusively dog on SHORT leads- weaving free running dogs or dogs on leads stretched across the whole path are a hazard.
610	Please please consider making neutering and microchipping animals (dogs and cats) opt out and not opt in. Have regulations for breeders and make breeders get permits, and agree to welfare checks and health checks for their animals. The amount of backyard breeders and puppy mills is a major problem and if we are not going to ban breeding flat out we need to define what good responsible breeding looks like.
643	I'd like to see policy provided to every dog owner. Council has details of all registered dogs and their owners. I'd like to be consulted on any major changes. The area I live in, like many, has a huge dog population. If we are unable to access our usual parks and reserves then where are we expected to go?
654	Do not support any of the changes
691	NZ is very backward in dog laws and restrictions. We walk the Eastern beach frequently and never see any problems with other dogs. We are more likely to see human problems than canine! In this area dogs are well behaved, well controlled and LOVE the beach. Why should we not be able to take our dogs to the beach at any time of the day or year??dogs are family and should be treated as such. Thank you for making it available for me to have my/our say. We are very responsible dog owners and have been all our lives. And most we see are.. One of the biggest problems is that dogs are denied access to so many places so they get left at home, alone and lonely, so they start barking or whatever and cause a nuisance. And left in hot cars as they are not allowed where their owners need to go. Etc etc1 I say: Relax dog access laws and do more to control owners!
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.
741	Why has the council removed the restricted hours dogs can be off leas on some beaches eg Buckletons beach. Very family orientated beach. Not appropriate to have dogs off leash during busy summer time 9am - 6pm as it used to be. I am a dog owner & will not let my dog off leash at this time even our bay allows it.
751	Please allow dogs which are under control by responsible dog owners to have their dogs off leash at Glover Park. I go there every weekday with my dog and very often the park is either almost absent of any other people or has only other dog walkers in it. Our kids play Soccer there on weekends so we understand those times when sporting games are on and we respect that by not walking our dog then or having her on a lead if there. The park is for the whole Community to use and enjoy. It's a great privilege to be able to walk our dog off leash there and we really respect that. I see that of all the other dog people there as well.

Sub #	Q2 Other feedback
818	The current "Policy on Dogs (including some regional and local dog access rules) and Dog Management Bylaws" review is an affront both to dog owners and ratepayers at large. Aside from the added complication, cost, and the reduced amenity this proposal promises to deliver, the entire review process, let alone the probable final changes, is a classic example of excessive regulation in search of a problem. The premise of the entire exercise is flawed and should never have been authorised or funded in the first place. Further restriction of dog owners' ability to enjoy and exercise their animals is a miserly attitude with virtually no measurable return. We are a country of animals. The outdoors, our enviable public parks and beaches, and our traditional Kiwi freedom of movement and endeavour do not need fine-tuned. Why ***** it up with extra rules and restrictions which only reduce and limit the public's ability to enjoy these spaces? Where is the positive vision of max freedom to make the most of the beautiful natural spaces available? Dogs (and cows, horses, sheep, and so on) are all part of that tradition. Please quit fiddling with things that don't need fixing. We don't have justification, time, money, or patience to put up with such blatant self-justifying bureaucratic meddling. Move on to more important issues. Thank you. Auckland Ratepayer
880	At least 25% of people walking dogs in my neighbourhood regularly have them off lead. They usually carry a lead but erroneously think it's fine to continue to do this. So many do it's become virtually accepted as "normal". You really need to better communicate this!
947	I support clarifying and simplifying dog access rules. I would like to see more enforcement regarding muzzles on vicious dogs and would like to see all pit bull varieties neutered. Our previous dog was attacked by a pit bull derivative
952	Want to understand the update of rules for regional parks
955	It's about keeping our dogs family and friends safe.
962	All dogs should be registered and more awareness of dog needs through positive advertising so everyone not only dog owners know what responsibilities and care our dogs need and not just to be guard dogs or there to greet you when you get home.
1128	Most dog and dog owners are great. And don't cause any issue. Don't punish good dog owners and dog walkers because of a small number of bad ones.
1135	Make sure it is simple and clear and enforced
1144	Stop increasing restrictions on dogs, they are an important part of our community.
1421	I think Auckland generally has policies that are too restrictive and that by default dogs should be allowed most areas as long as they are on lead and in control. There should be more off-leash areas particularly parks and beaches. Restricting dog access should be an exception rather than a rule.
1667	Would like to see stronger enforcement of rules around dog registration.
1809	In general please tighten restrictions on dangerous breeds and create strong penalties for wandering dogs.

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1898	No
1905	clarifications need to increase off leash dog exercise areas. the proposed changes only decrease where they can exercise leading to more problems. the off leash dog exercise areas need to have more leniency for dog owners, more hours to exercise dogs when the areas are not in use, such as sports fields and beaches, when they are empty dogs should be able to exercise off leash on them.
2057	There are so many items to unpick here but the survey does not allow me to see what each clarification is. All I would say is that any changes should not punish responsible dog owners. Instead, it should increase the punishment for irresponsible dog owners.
2160	You need a law degree and a week of dedicated time to do this properly, you should be ashamed of how hard you have made it for normal people to understand and digest this stuff
2291	I support keeping dogs on leash except for specified areas. Dogs kills birds and leave waste on shared spaces. I've also had uncontrolled larger dogs jump and knock me over.
2576	I would like to further understand the changes at hand. Banning dogs, limiting park time and all dog on lead policies are absurd. What happend to democracy and freedom..fur family members included
2627	Maybe there needs to be a variation. In place for when certain suburbs or areas have a problem either dogs. An example was when Conifer Grove had problems either roaming dogs. But other places where there is no problem should not be affected by unnecessary changes and compliance. Many communities self police to make sure dogs rules are working. Example, on Manly beach I saw a man kindly remind some children their dog was on the beach outside of dog walking hours. They said sorry and left the beach. Costs to rate payers and communities are out of control. Only where there is safety, noise and hygiene considerations should changes be made. Fixing what is working well is not necessary.
2657	No
2665	No
2678	I don't agree with loss of access to walk dogs on leads in these areas

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2752	We need to enhance and live with dogs. Be proactive to involve them ,be in alinement with the progressive worlds examples. I believe that when there has been an animal road accident police are supposed to be involved. This is told to me from the first aid course I did in Auckland . Another thing, if you are talking about peramiters then the parks should be suitably fenced off. eg Madills for the road,stream (children can also be able to enter these dangerous areas! Waitataruia - there are private propertys that have no fences what so ever or are fallen. If there are complains then it is the homes responsibly to be fenced off . Moreover having a dog pick up moldy bread from a home that clearly threw it over their back yard . Should have been given rules of their responsiblabilitys living adjacent to parks with wild life and animals. Another example is fireworks at the private residence next to wild life and dog reserves. I was witness to this during the daytime, frightening the dogs I was near,thus promoting fear aggression ,running away ,hiding in " the restricted areas, I find Double standards in animal management whether it be fireworks threatening birds and animals yet you demand a high attention to dogs behaving . Why don't you stop fireworks at parks so the dogs won't eat the discarded ignited canisters (Madills) along with the beer bottles that are falling out of the over fill bins. Advertise how the heat of the footpath and sand can burn their paws at a certain temperature. Where are the proactive health safety for them in our everyday world. Educate that with the licenses . Your definitely not doing enough for the money you are asking of dog owners. Where is your accountability for education. Allowing dogs to live on chains . Subside veterinary clinics so animals are healthy , monitoring to pin down behavior issues due to health or misbehaviour,or owners mistreatment. List goes on about what the "people " are doing that should be your responsibility.
2864	Dog policies need to be updated in general, and owners need to be reminded of changes & general rules when they do their dog rego each year.
3358	Yes, I will be notifying my board - Orakei Local Board - that I want to make a presentation to them on this issue. The specific parks I want to talk about are Madills Farm and Glover Park but on a broader level I have this to say here - This perpetual persecution of dog owners has gone from being tiresome to undemocratic. There are solutions to the roaming and aggressive dogs problem and Council has been offered solutions on this for years but you refuse to engage or listen. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and make sure their dogs are a credit to their family. The minority are being allowed to continue the cycle of abuse, neglect and irresponsibility. When the aforementioned owners have dogs that do worse than roam that is when the headlines explode with a photo of a terrifying looking dog snarling and shouts of keep all dogs on leashes everywhere and never let me off. All while you continue to take our dog registration fees and those fees don't reduce in cost.

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3430	This is a repeat of what occurred five years ago. That resulted in much harm and democratic rates. Stick to that and ENFORCE THEM Glover Park Zoning and Objectives Open Space 1 (Conservation): Located in the northwestern part of the park. Focuses on conservation and protection of scenic, heritage, natural, or habitat value. Open Space 3 (Organised Recreation): Covers the rest of the park, including playing fields. Aims to support organized sports and recreation activities without harming the environment. Dog Walking and Park Usage Dog Walking: Recognized as a positive feature aligning with Council's objectives. No exclusive use by sports activities. Park Conditions: Uneven surfaces caused by various factors, not just dog activity. Parks are community facilities for diverse uses, not just sports. Community Concerns and Recommendations Preservation: Priority to maintain current conditions at Glover Park and Madills Farm. Dog Exercise: Crucial for dog well-being; responsible owners should facilitate this. Park Cleanliness: Issues with rubbish after sports events; more bins suggested. Parking and Congestion: Problems during organized sports events. General Observations Shared Spaces: Parks should be shared by all community members.
3508	I believe there are many threatening dogs out there but it's not the dogs it's their owners. Why doesn't the council crack down on unlicensed dogs and I have heard they don't bother because the owners don't have money to pay fines. As a result I believe certain suburbs are hampered because they can afford the fine. Usually these people take good care of their dogs. And are very responsible.
3520	My concern is the danger dogs pose to young children. As adults we owe it to the children of our community to ensure we take all practical steps to keep them safe. Currently the rules are not followed. Dogs are running around not on a lead in breach of council rules. Needs to be harsher penalties and some enforcement. 3 weeks ago i was out with friends when their 4 year old girl was bitten by a dog. The dog was not on a lead. This is simply not acceptable. This young girl should have been safe. Dogs should always be on a lead. No exceptions.

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3745	There are no other parks in the area for dogs to exercise, yet there are several schools plus the large Barfoot stadium where sports could be conducted. In summer dogs are again limited to leash only on the beaches, yet sports such as volleyball can take place here. Dog owners already pay sufficient fees towards dog rates, as owners in the neighbourhood we also pay hefty rates. This recreational area should be for all, not the entitled sports participants only. Dogs do not cause any damage to the sports field, the sports themselves cause holes in the grass and worn lawn through football, touch rugby and cricket so this reasoning offers a very poor defence. This recreational space is for all in the community and as a rate payer in this community our voices should be heard over those at the football club who are gifted the opportunity to rent this space which is rightfully ours.
3749	The Policy Objective of the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2019 is "To keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders". To my mind "keeping" is a key aspect of this. The region's dog population is growing and we need more dog access to public spaces, not less. Any additional restrictions should be offset by additional dog-friendly spaces, with as much of these off-leash as possible. To do this the Council may need to fence off areas as they do successfully in the UK.

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3753	New Zealand has one of the highest pet ownership rates in the world, with 91% of households owning a dog. Auckland has a unique opportunity to write legislation to build and improve an inclusive community that is safe, responsible, and equitable. In April 2024, our dog was violently mauled by another dog on an early morning beach walk whilst visiting Russell in the Northland. She underwent a 5-hour surgery and four months of intensive care. She is still rehabilitating and will never be the same. The dog was a known offender (but not reported) in the community and came out of a known gang run 'dog rescue'. The vet who did Sammy's surgery and who sees too many dog attack cases, wrote a letter explaining the extent of the attack and the dog's intent to kill our dog and the likelihood it would attack again. Putting the offending dog down was not going to change our dog's outcome, but we wanted to ensure it did not happen to someone else, dog or human. Unfortunately, due to lack of resources and the blanket second chance allowance, the dog was eventually returned to its owner. Although it was marked as a menace and it must be muzzled and on a leash, there is no ability to enforce compliance (admitted by Northland Animal Management). Further, the financial punishments for menacing dogs are not enough. We incurred \$10k in vet bills after the attack, with no financial remuneration from the offenders' owner. The offending dog owner was only given a small fine. Violent offenders should receive significant fines, and be responsible for court fees. Dogs who maul and kill should not be granted a second chance due to a '2nd chance escape' clause or lack of council resources to prosecute. Dog ownership is a responsibility we take very seriously, and we are frustrated when Council laws do not have the levers to prosecute in serious matters. To show the extent of seriousness, I have attached an image of our dog (post-surgery) after she was mauled in April 2024. Lastly, writing tickets to dog owners exercising their dogs in a public space responsibly is infuriating
3796	I am at a loss as to why the status quo is not maintained .
3963	I never see a dog enforcement officer to correct the law breakers. There are more people who abide by the rules and enjoy the walk with their dogs and friends
3990	No further comment
3999	I'm just wondering what adjusting the rules will achieve, when dog owners in my Eastern City beach area are constantly flouting the existing rules with impunity. Who is going to police the new rules when we never see a dog patrol officer in the area.
4002	We have a massive problem with roaming dogs and dogs not controlled. There should be sections of beach where dogs are not allowed. People with small kids generally don't want big dogs bounding upto their kids. All menacing dogs should be euthanized. We need a big shake up with animal control. We need a lot more patrollers. This will generate revenue and keep things safer
4052	Please remove dogs from parks and beaches, they poo everywhere, and the owners don't pick it up. They bark for no reason.

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4117	I do not see a vision behind this policy review with a set of solid guidelines/principles to direct any changes or promote initiatives such as making our community more dog friendly, an economic analysis of the benefits of dog ownership which currently not recognised or are seriously understated. I understand that enforcement love strong rules and authoritarian over powers. This approach is not going in the right direction. Dogs are generally happy animals that desire affection and encouragement. Let us have a happy ,healthy community through initiatives that celebrate man's best friend.
4147	To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Introduction I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization. Concerns 1. Community Impact: Madills Farm serves as a vital recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall
4226	Yes. We are voices of our furbabies and i believe that dogs should have same rights running on fields are kids do. Just cause they can't speak doesn't mean they should be treated badly. Dogs should be allowed to run freely and have fun.
4519	On weekend mornings Kahi Beach has so many dogs using the beach that there is no room for children. I love dogs, but not by the truckload.

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4570	I DO NOT agree with the prohibition of Dogs either on leash or off leash AT ALL TIMES on the sport field areas of Madills Farm where up to 6 fields seasonally utilised for some sport have been marked out on this new by law. Madills Farm is a much utilised. off leash dog Park. To ban ANY dog even on the leash to walk across the large sports field area and be fined \$300 to doing this is an absurd idea. Responsible dog owners and their dogs utilise this area significantly during the times that Sports are not being played or the fields are not in use. They do this responsibly. I think there is a middle ground here, that dogs should be on leash on the sports field zone when not in use. This enables Dog owners and dogs to walk from the carpark across the fields to the dog off leash areas without the risk of a \$300 fine, and to utilise this large space safely and sensibly when not in use.- which is for most of the time during the day, during the week. Managed dog usage of this large area that has been designated to be totally prohibited for all dogs even on the leash, when sports not being played, is a draconian law that would limit the enjoyment of this much used park to many many residents.
4579	Whatever the rules are, they need better policing. I live near the pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Ōrākei Basin which is supposed to be a dogs on-leash area. Up to 50% of owners ignore the rule. I've been attacked twice now on my bicycle by off-leash dogs and it's lucky I'm unharmed. I also see dogs off-leash in no-dog areas for example in the Waitakere Regional Park. Rules without policing them become a joke and potentially have harmful consequences.
4604	I am disappointed with the confusion in the survey regarding dog bylaws. Stricter regulations could limit families' ability to properly care for their pets by exercising them off-leash in public spaces—essential for their physical and mental well-being. While I understand restrictions in place to protect bird populations at some beaches, it's important to note that cats, which are allowed to roam freely, also pose a significant threat to wildlife. Scientific studies show that domestic cats kill millions of birds annually and also urinate on personal property. If we are to consider removing public spaces for dogs, we should also address the issue of roaming cats and consider measures such as capturing and controlling them to protect wildlife and maintain the balance. Responsible pet ownership includes ensuring the safety of both animals and the environment. I urge a fair and balanced approach in regulating all pets. Dogs reduce the stress levels in our lives, by making it harder to exercise them and give the opportunity to live their best lives we are encouraging worse behaviors and further stresses from animals unsocialized with others.
4663	Very pleased to see dog access and walking limit policies being evaluated.

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4762	your dog is your comfort do not impose that on every other park walker because your dog may not be comfortable with others in the park as expected
4799	Take this more seriously - also do something about the number of cats - they kill so many native birds etc
4852	there is a huge difference between a trained dog and an out of control untrained dog. not all dogs are a potential threat to humanity and the wellbeing of children. stop the blanket regulations covering all dogs everywhere. you're lessening the joy of dog ownership.
4863	Please put serious priority on child safety. Too many dog bites occur. We should be able to enjoy our local park/beach without off leash dogs running around causing risk to our toddler.
4881	Bylaws are useless without any compliance / enforcement.
4972	leave the dogs alone you have bigger fish to fry

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5155	It's great that this work is being done to clarify rules but please ensure you also enforce them. Dog owners across the city flagrantly ignore current rules and then plead ignorance despite signs and online information being readily available. This occurs at parks and beaches which already have on-leash rules in place but there is zero enforcement of these rules. Dogs routinely jump up on my kids while we are minding our own business at the park, beach and on shared paths. We have even had a dog urinate in our bags. When this happens owners are either blissfully unaware and / or totally unapologetic. It is an understatement to say that we are totally fed up with it.
5183	this is yet more policing where there is not the need. What you really need to put in place are dog control officers who are not afraid to approach the owners of menacing dogs
5204	Dogs need off leash time on beaches and parks. Dog owners with their dogs are just as entitled to use parks and beaches as any other person. It is essential that there is fair OFF leash policy for access to the local parks and beaches. It is likely that there will be more problems with dogs behaviour and stress on the community if there is too much restriction.
5308	The council should not be changing the rules around existing off-lead areas. The human population of Auckland has grown, as has the number of dogs therefore, reducing the number of off-lead areas doesn't make sense. It penalizes good dog owners
5520	Please be more specific with what you are asking. These statements are vague, only 1 or 2 actually have a real clear statement. The others are very broad. Who wrote these questions? First grader? You should put extra info for each general statement you put in here, so people can give proper feedback.
5619	I appreciate the council's initiative to identify and neuter menacing dogs as a step toward improving public safety. However, I strongly believe that a more proactive approach is needed. A broader free neutering and spaying campaign would help reduce the number of roaming and unwanted dogs, which are often the root cause of dog attacks and overpopulation issues. By addressing the issue at its source, the council could prevent future cases of aggression rather than just reacting to them. Such a program would also ease the burden on shelters, reduce euthanasia rates, and contribute to a safer community for both residents and animals. I encourage the council to consider expanding its efforts to include free or subsidized neutering and spaying programs as a long-term solution.
5725	The council have encouraged infill housing multi, multi houses on sections with no land where on earth are people meant to take their dogs when beaches are hardly accessible to many and those that are close enough are restricted by hours in summer Create more dog parks might help
5826	I feel that there should be more enforcement around cleaning up after your dogs in public spaces. This is the most frustrating part for any person that happens to see in some dogs poo that the owner or walker has not picked up. Singapore managed this really well and had a fine system in place, perhaps you could consider this. In our area this problem has become worse of late.

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6054	The changes don't appear to benefit existing dog owners who are actually following the rules and aren't impacting others. The changes only negatively impact them. You risk alienating the currently compliant owners, and having them join in more actively ignoring the rules. It would be good to see the impact of actually enforcing the existing rules and having them following before extending them.
6067	Don't support the changes
6122	These changes are making it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise our dogs and ourselves, and take away our rights to use outdoor spaces freely. In a country where >66% are overweight or obese and depression rates are so high. The lack of change in registration fees, alongside these restrictive measures, unfairly punishes those of us who cause no issues. I ask for greater transparency regarding registration fees and how they are used, as well as insight into the negative experiences that justify these extra controls. The proposed changes will negatively impact our communities, reducing joy and connection, as I witness daily when my dog and I walk past people who smile or engage with us. These proposals seem more focused on increasing control rather than improving the situation. I urge you to reconsider and open your eyes to the detrimental effects these changes will have on our happiness, health and sense of community.
6185	I highly suggest as Auckland Council moves forward you put these policy changes into the local boards that work for you. Local boards have a much better understanding of what suburbs, communities and professional dogs walkers in their areas need.
6217	please read my doc
6224	No
6229	Reign in you tendency to regulate and control. Leave people be without bylaws and your nonsense as much as possible.
6298	Maddills farm/ the dogs should be allowed full access when sports fields not in use. Owners should be fined if dog poos not picked up.
6379	The increasing restrictions for access to areas for dogs is contributing to behavioral problems in dogs. responsible ownership and training is to be encouraged and control of dogs by owners should be the focus.
6440	No
6456	Auckland is a melting pot of people, cultures and animals. We all need to work together. My suggestion if there needs to be any change to parks and dogs can we at least have the times like at the beach?
6528	Yes. Attached.
6566	Exercise together with good nutrition and a loving home makes for a very content pet. Historically dog owners gather at certain times of the day to socialise and exercise their dogs, this is a harmonious way of tending to the dogs needs. Frustrations can lead to anxiety issues and unpredictable nervousness in dogs (and people). There are decreasing number of places to keep dogs away from continual 'circuits of the footpaths, and it is hoped that the council will be understanding of this.
6700	Madills farm park was donated to the community for our collective enjoyment. The current arrangement works well, I do not see a compelling case to restrict access. Both parties respecting each other. We live on the boarder of Madills and I would suggest that the number of people using the park for recreation with dogs at least matches the number of individuals playing sport.

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6771	Keep the few off-leash Parks like Madills Farm, Glover Park, Tindalls beach and Big Manly for what they are – off-leash!
6772	Update the policy is necessary and being fair and transparent is even more. Listening people and handling the data in appropriate and fair way
6785	Since I can't go back, and don't know what the next page brings, here's my main reason for submitting. This is my submission regarding the Proposed Amended Policy on Dogs 2025 Please keep Maddill's Farm dog access as before: A time and season rule where dogs are NOT allowed on the sportsfields when the sportsfields are in use, but that they ARE allowed on the sportsfields off-leash at other times. Reason: This reserve is popular with dog walkers and it doesn't belong to the sports clubs, it is a public park. Dog owners are rate payers as much as sports club members, so it is not fair that dog owners always have to accept restrictions in favour of other users. Maddill's farm consists mainly of sportsfields and the small strip of land around it is inadequate to exercise dogs if they are not allowed on the fields. If they are confined to just the small strip of land, this is too close to the road, meaning that the rule effectively makes the remaining park on-leash only, as dog owners will worry to have their dog play this close to the road. Please keep Glover Park dog access as before: A time and season rule where dogs are NOT allowed on the sportsfields when the sportsfields are in use, but that they ARE allowed on the sportsfields off-leash at other times. Reason: This reserve is popular with dog walkers and it doesn't belong to the sports clubs, it is a public park. Dog owners are rate payers as much as sports club members, so it is not fair that dog owners always have to accept restrictions in favour of other users. There used to be a rule that for any area that gets restricted to dog owners (ie from off- to on-leash, or from on-leash to prohibited), an equivalent size place nearby must be offered. What has happened to that rule? Finally, I wish to point out that it was rather difficult to "Have your say". If you can't go back on a section and there are no links to documents or explanations, and the questions are deliberately kept vague,

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6787	I believe that what is actually being proposed here are sweeping changes to the core principals and objectives of the policy and to call these 'updates' is incredibly disingenuous. While I strongly disagree with almost all of the proposed changes, 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'. If these changes go through, I see this as the thin end of a wedge that will drive a continuous degradation of how dogs are perceived in the eyes of Policymakers in New Zealand. The current (2019) Policy and by law state one of the key objectives of the policy to “maintain opportunities for owners to take their dogs to public places”. The proposal is to change this wording to a bunch of very negative words about dogs that assume they are a ‘danger and distress, a nuisance, cause damage’ and that there is an expected or “inherent conflict between dog owners” and the rest of society! The proposed changes are completely unacceptable. I am certain council will have a huge amount of feedback that does not support change and very little that does, and quite frankly I find it unfathomable that an elected body that is here to represent its rate paying constituents could have got this so wrong. Responsible dog owners would be fully supportive of simple changes that do genuinely clarify what is currently happening - for example better signage at dog parks and better education and even enforcement of the existing policy and laws... but these proposed changes ARE NOT that. The changes are significant and would have a significant negative impact on dogs and their owners > therefore they do not meet the objectives of the dog policy 2019 > and therefore none of these changes should be adopted.
6821	I believe that Auckland Council should build specific dog park areas that are fully fenced, as they do in New York City. This would allow for dogs be enclosed and safe to be off-leash, and limit the risks of contact with general public. I believe this would be a cost effective and popular solution where proof of concept already exists.
6835	Owners of dogs should be licensed Licensing should involve training in dog control and dogs have to undergo the same All dogs should be leashed in public areas at all times!

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6879	The Auckland City Council's proposed update to the dog policy and bylaws demonstrates a heavy-handed approach that prioritizes ease of implementation over thoughtful consideration of its impacts on dog owners, professional walkers, and dogs themselves. By imposing strict limits on the number of dogs that can be walked and reducing off-leash opportunities, the council risks increasing costs for ratepaying dog owners and disrupting the business models of professional dog walkers, creating dog behavioural issues due to a lack of socialisation. This blunt policy approach could lead to a rise in unqualified dog walkers, thereby putting loved pets at greater risk. Unlike Wellington City Council's practical and skill-based approach—requiring professional dog walkers to complete a course, pass an exam, and operate within capacity limits based on their experience—Auckland's proposal lacks nuance and fails to address the core issue: problem dogs that attack other animals and people. Instead, it unfairly targets responsible dog owners and professionals who invest in their pets' wellbeing. By focusing on easy-to-enforce restrictions rather than meaningful solutions, the council risks harming small businesses, increasing unregulated practices, and diminishing the quality of life for dogs and their owners. With Auckland facing far greater challenges, this poorly conceived policy is a disappointing example of choosing the path of least resistance while failing to apply common sense to solve real problems. Practical suggestions: Restricted dog areas: Dogs must be kept on a lead in certain areas, such as parks or near playgrounds, and are restricted from specific locations entirely. Control Dogs must remain under effective control in off-leash zones, and many areas mandate leashes near roads, wildlife, or playgrounds. Off-leash areas are designated by councils, and dogs must be under control at all times In conclusion, I want to provide feedback on the council's handling of this process. Both sessions where I was scheduled to present my case were rescheduled, with the Ōrākei Local Board changing the venue and time on the day—causing confusion and
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465	There are currently not a lot of dog parks or areas that are stimulating, safe and spacious for dogs. This policy should not disadvantage dogs but rather help them and owners to create safe and controlled spaces. Taking away more dog friendly parks could potentially leave owners and dogs nowhere to go. This might lead to frustration in our pets and an increase in roaming animals. I do hope that this change will be as beneficial for pets as it would for anyone else. Currently our dog parks have strict rules against bicycles or skateboards which people ignore causing a stressfull environment. If we enforce these new rules (however helpful they might be) I would hope that all other rules in these spaces are acted on too. The lack of this might be why dog owners seek alternative spaces.
2529	We need more people random checking spots to ensure the rules are followed. Too many people not following the clearly signed posts.

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2530	This change wont change the fact that dangerous dogs are still roaming around the suburban neighbourhoods harming people and other animals. There needs to be a change on how people are able to aquire dogs and a monitring of people who breed dogs. I live in South Auckland and the amount of dogs that roam around freely is shocking. Its unsafe to walk around as these dogs dont get caught straight away and when they do theres nothing done about them. If the council know the owners have had a history of not taking care of their dogs then they need to be fined and complete;y banned from ever owning a dog as a lot of these dogs are not trained either. Even they say that the dogs on the property so the council can.t do anything but literally i've seen dogs jump over their fence to attack people. While I was walking my dog recenty a unleashed pitbull was with with a group of young children aging around the youngest being about 6 or 7 to the others that were around 8-9 years old. That pit bull straigth away saw my dog which was harnessed and on a leash, and tried to attack my dog whos quite small and is maltese x shih tzu. I protected my dog as much as i could as she was crying from trying to be attacked and i had to shield her between a fence and my legs as the other dog was trying to get to my dog. I then had grab the pitbull and throw it away onto the road and yell at him, then he ran off back to the children taht it was walking with. This is the one of many case around the country, especially in South Auckland where backyard breed pitbull/Staffy terriers are being left to roam around by themselves or roam around with people that dont seem to worry about their dogs behaviour the fact that it needs to on a leash. I mean look at this example. No dog should be ever left with children that young and if it has to be then the dog needs to on a leash. Its a joke honestly the council needs to enforce better laws around roaming dogs in suburban areas before even thinking about putting rules in parks. Nowadays I see people that do walk their dogs in my area, carry sometime of pole or stick with them just in case if they or their dog gets attacked by another roaming dog or a dog that's able to jump the fence and onto the pathway and attack. DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ROAMING DOGS THAT ARE ATTACKIGN OTHER DOGS AND PEOPLE IN SURBURBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AS THIS WILL ONLY GET WORSE AND LEAD TO DEATHS OF MORE PETS AND PEOPLE AS EVEN SO M,ANY ELDERLY PEOPLE WALK AND RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS LIKE ME THAT JUST WANT TO WALK THEIR DOG IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFELY CANT EVEN GET THAT OPPURTUNITY TOO. EITHER NEUTER OR PUT DOWN MENACING DOGS FULLSTOP NO SECOND CHANCE. ONCE THE
2850	I hope more non dog owners give feedback on this. Many people including myself, my wife and my family now refuse to go for walks in fear of dogs...because we have been chased, followed, and attacked once (lucky enough to get to our car in time). Old disabled man was owner and could barely control his own dog....go figure. If you want the street name...I can happily tell you. We've convinced ourselves that dogs are mans best friend...but that best friend doesn't care about others.
2974	NO REGISTRATION FOR OUR ANIMALS LET GO
4740	As per above with animal control with roaming dogs needs huge improvement as well as changes with the payment methods systems for impounded dogs also needs upheaval as far too many dogs are being killed due to your systems not being customer or dog friendly
5663	Just give responsible dog owners a fair go. Step up puppy mill farms & make it easier for people to desex their pets at reasonable cost & not require a bank loan to do it!
6389	With a growing population and dog ownership numbers there needs to be more access to parks and areas for walking dog both on leash and off leash.. I oppose any restrictions on dog walking areas.

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6691	South Auckland: there are not enough parks (fenced off/reserves/beaches for dogs There are only 3: Botanic Gardens, Lloyd Elsmore, Ambury These cover East, South, Mangere: yet suburban population, and dogs reg - there isnt enough available
6826	In the supported document below, it explains my current affairs with Auckland Management, being gaslit that my Civil Rights had no jurisdiction over the Dog Control Act Bylaws and was then dismissed by Auckland Council when pursuing an appeal. I was then harassed for half a year by the AMO because they tried to do their jobs. I have no issues with them, only the policies placed that cause the unnecessary frictions between them and I. These policies are abusive and as a result, the Animal Management Team and their facilities are placed in a high risk position of being assaulted. This speaks volumes about what they endure because of the rules they have to conduct themselves by. Please amend my requests in the same fashion as those you have listed above. In my document it also has added supporting financial schemes that can replace the policies without abusing pet owners. These should also accumulate more than the current income incurred.
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD	
619	Please don't make any more restrictions to tupuna maunga and public parks. Dog owners love their dogs and most are responsible. To restrict access to dogs means restricting a loved family member, and as in our case restricts where our autistic son can go with his support animal.
684	Provide more bins and water fountains for dogs, so that dog owners can enjoy the park with their pets.
956	Make dog walkers responsible for dogs in their care.
1305	I have 2 key points that I wanted to improve on existing policies: 1. Reconsider warning instead of fine immediately for minor offences like dogs running to other dogs only to say hi as this can get abused by other owners especially those small dog owners. Their dogs bark too much and will get the attention of other dogs and they react negatively when other dogs approach their dogs. - Consider warning at 1st & 2nd offence (again minor, dogs saying hi and sniffing) and fine in the 3rd instance. 2. Increase council off leash dog parks which are secured
1414	We need stricter rules and laws on dog ownership and harsher penalties for not adhering to them. It's beginning to be a real issue. We need to address it before it gets out of hand. It's not only beginning to be unsafe for other animals but also for little kids and elderly.
1494	No
1582	Follow up your laws with strict enforcement, otherwise they are not worth the paper they're written on.

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1648	Yes we need strong laws that stop the strays running the streets and threatening and attacking our pets. We need to stop the breeding of them and neuter them all and take them from their owners if this happens repeatedly. We need to breed out pitbulls and other dangerous breeds. Please do something that really helps. Sending out your dog control officers to pick them up does not help as they just run off. And then they end up back with the owners. I am paying my dog fees but cannot exercise my dog safely in our area. We are not safe
2103	Dogs should be allowed to go anywhere controlled and on lead in America they are allowed in stores and shopping malls, public transport , cafes . We need to be a more dog friendly country . We need to keep on top of roaming dogs . By that I don't mean killing all the roaming dogs but maybe welfare checks on repeat offenders for roaming and desexing every roaming dog that gets picked up . I don't believe there is an issue with the amount of dogs being walked at once I think if a space says off lead then dogs can be controlled off lead and if it says on lead then people just need to adhere to the rules . I do believe pack walking dogs can be dangerous but I also believe the a person can know 10 dogs and have full control of them.
2109	I believe that there should not be access restrictions given to dogs seeing as that there are no restrictions or accountabilities for cat owners. The reference to seabirds as a reason for restriction when there are no restrictions for local residents cats is not only biased but also doesn't make sense from a danger to the wildlife perspective. Allowing dogs in all areas but potentially restriction on / off lead would be a lot better than an outright restriction in certain areas. Again if you can publish the numbers of dog interference with wildlife vs domestic / feral cat I think that the focus should be put elsewhere.
3072	I do not believe taking dog friendly areas away will help the many responsible dog owners. Most areas should be changed to on-leash rather than 'no dog areas'. If dogs are on-leash almost all instance of risk to environment, animal or human is removed.
3958	Needs to be enforcement around owners failing to pick up dog mess. It's out of control, disgusting and going into our waterways.
4455	I would again like to support an update of the Animal Welfare Act that is outdated and not for for purpose. We need mandatory desexing of all dogs and regulations around breeding. No one should be breeding dogs for money. Also banning of life chaining of dogs and enforcement for people who abuse, neglect, starve, fight or centrally don't look after dogs. These people should have these animals removed and shouldn't be able to continue to get more. It would also be nice to see registration fees being used to look after and support animals and hold people to account if they don't.
4991	Preferably dogs should not be allowed on public walkways or parks. I have to frequently avoid piles of dog excrement on the Pahurehure Inlet boardwalk
5428	I believe more dog access feilds and such ahoyld be provided Places were peopel may be , should be needing dogs on lead at all times unless dogs have got proof of been through training, perhaps another tag for them to wear to show they are trusted to be off lead . Anything that decreases access for owners to walk their dogs will be a hinderence for dog owners

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6256	The proposed changes do restrict off lead access further in Auckland without any alternative - this will result in people releasing their dogs off lead regardless of the bylaws and resulting in more issues. If public safety/comfort is the priority, fenced areas for offlead exercise MUST be built for each suburb so options are available for all people and their dogs. Clearer and more frequent signage is also needed to clarify what the rules are for parks etc. Access to environmentally sensitive areas needs to be opened to muzzle and on lead dogs as they cannot then be harmful to wildlife.
6461	With the increase in dog ownership in Auckland, it makes no sense to further restrict or decrease dog access areas. This would not foster social connections or allow dogs to be a positive part of the life of Aucklanders. I would like to see dog access areas increased rather than decreased.
6961	clarity would be good but also allowing more feedback from people and less rigidity around sine things just that rather them putting in more restrictions for good dog owners focus on harsher penalties for bad owners who do not contain or control their dogs, ie not responsible maybe if dogs are reported/impounded more owner do course on responsible dog ownership to educate them further
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD	
32	No
674	I am sick and tired of people having their dogs off leash in areas which require them to be on the leash at all times. Make the signs clearer. Have clarity regarding fines if they are found to have dogs off leash and include a way for members of the public to report them.
798	N/A
1057	No
1086	Strict punishment for offenders.
2133	Have fenced off section at dog parks for small dogs
2261	Pack walkers to have licenses. Dog parks should all be fenced in properly - sick of dogs off lead running onto property or roads by dog park areas. They need to be contained.
2327	I agree that dog rule in area/ on parks/ public space need clarifying as current wording and signage is leading to non compliance, which is risking and harming people and wildlife. I agree that sensitive wildlife areas need further restrict on dog access, as there are lots of reports showing irresponsible dog owners causing significant harm to threatened wildlife.
2460	I remain unconvinced that the Council has demonstrated professional competence or genuine alignment with its stated goals and values. The summary materials paint an extremely vague bright future, yet the fine print reveals sweeping restrictions unsupported by clear evidence. This approach appears reliant on fear mongering and fails to support dog owners' mental health and wellbeing, undermining the very aims of responsible dog ownership. Given the disproportionate burden on dog owners, who see only reduced benefits despite continued taxation, the Council should restart the process with transparent, evidence-based proposals that genuinely recognise the positive role dogs play in Auckland's communities.

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2489	I'm extremely disappointed and concerned that the Council has not employed real expertise in reviewing the dog policy and bylaws. The Council has not shown genuine dedication to its own goals and values. The Council says its policy keeps dogs a positive part of life in Auckland, minimises the problems dogs can cause, and ensures dog welfare, but these claims don't match the actual proposals. In reality, these changes punish responsible dog owners, rely on fear rather than solid evidence, and don't demonstrate true concern for dogs' wellbeing. Even though we pay taxes and fees, we end up with fewer benefits. It's not ok for Auckland Council to make dog owners' lives harder just so its staff can do less work. The Council should scrap this proposal and start the process again with clear, honest, kind, and evidence-based ideas that truly recognise the important role dogs play in our communities and in our lives.
2499	Although clarity is needed, neither should it make it impossible to access suitable and proximal dog friendly or off lead areas. A better recourse would be to really determine where residential areas are and prevent loss of parks where infill housing has increased in surrounding areas and parks get redesignated due to people density. Msny will still have fogs in that area or limited access already. Also why is council removing so many rubbish bins at parks and walkways? Very few to use now and even more noticable dumping in parks.
2810	Good that the objectives of this work are clearly and simply stated. Not least because of the surge in ownership during the pandemic, clarity is always useful.
3459	I think all houses with dogs should have a fence so they cannot escape. I have seen so many without 1 and dogs can freely go out of the property. This is the reason I cannot go out for a walk in my own area.
4076	The rules are very straight forward so why change them
4391	You are removing off leash dog areas in central Auckland specifically Monte Ceclia Park and Onehunga Bay Dog Park. We exercise on sports fields because 1. they are flat, there are no holes and our dogs are not going to be injured. 2. They are flat and you can throw the ball for the dog to fetch and get exercise with. 3. They are flat and are easy to access for those of us with mobility issues. There are days when I cannot walk well and need to park close to an exercise area. Why are dog owners treated like second class citizens? Why are you penalizing us and our dogs. They deserve decent land to run on and we deserve easy access and good paths that are not gravel. Onehunga Bay Park is the best for me because it is paved and I will not trip on the pathway. There is flat ground for the dogs to chase each other or play ball. I don't want dog areas that are on sides of mountains, that are rocky, or have holes in the ground or are difficult in general to get at.
4424	There need to be more places you can take your dogs and allow off leash. Dogs should have to be wearing a collar and easy to grab hold of. All dangerous breeds need to be muzzled then allowed off leash to ensure safety for other dogs and people.
4433	I do not support the proposal to restrict off leash access to Waiheke beaches until 10am in the summer. There are always numerous off leash dogs and other people on Oneroa Beach every day and over the last 14 years of walking my dog I have never seen an issue where an aggressive dog has attacked a person as every owner shows respect to others and ensures that every owner picks up after their dog. I also do not agree with removing the off leash area at Monte Cecelia Park as I also walk my dog there and while I have encountered several aggressive dogs there I still think that having an off leash option for the dogs to be able to exercise is very important and beneficial to both owners and dogs.

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4436	It is understandable that there is an increase in conflicts between various users of public places, but dogs need space to run. Where possible it seems some attempt to segregate off-leash areas from other users would limit some of this conflict. This should also involve educating other users to respect that a dog off-leash area is designated to prioritize dogs, so better signage encouraging others to not use such areas for picnics, family get togethers etc. could help reduce conflicts. Dog owners have fewer and fewer options and we have areas designated specifically for playgrounds etc. Why not provide areas where it is made clear that dogs have priority over other users? The current onus is entirely on dog owners to control their dogs, but if families gather in off leash areas to picnic, play ball games etc., then it pretty much means a responsible owner cannot use the area as off leash.
4594	There should be more rules about breeds and leash zones for dogs. My dog was attacked in a leashed park by someone who let their aggressive breed off leash. There needs to be more punishments for people who have aggressive dogs that attack others.
4680	A better education for all the dog owners regarding the need to abide by the leash rules. There are so many instances observed in parks and reserves where, the owner would sit somewhere browsing their phones and the dogs are anxious without care and off the leash sometimes could attack the passerby. A better education is need to the owners when they register/re-register their pets. May be having a bigger indication regarding on-leash/off-leash rules at sites could help and stricter punishments for rule breakers
4725	We want only democratically elected Council members representing us. No unelected Council members please. And no racially or ethnically based payments. No racially or ethnically based regulations or by-laws, advanatges or rights. Thanks.
5452	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
5494	I'd like to add to my submission that I think you all really need to focus on those owners who promote unethical puppy breeding, dog fighting and miss treating dogs in general instead of trying to restrict access to your local communities who want nothing but the best for their dog/s. Why should those doing everything right be punished? And why do those who Miss treat dogs get away with it? I really do think if any changes HAVE to be made it's signage to say "dog friendly place" at the entrance of all CURRENT locations so that those who don't like dogs know where to avoid ... there are so many other places those who wish to be dog free can go, why restrict the vast majority of your people who own dogs further? Can you PLEASE just focus on those who are being unethical in their treatment of animals in general instead of those who see their pooch as part of the Whanau? You'll win so much more public vote this way. And maybe work on getting cats desexed and focus on restricting how many cats can be in a household because that is a lot worse of a problem.
5714	Please consult widely with pack walking industry professionals. They provide an amazing and valuable service to thousands of Aucklanders who have dogs. They need to run multiple dogs off leash to be viable. 0.7 % of all canine complaints are relevant to this professional body. As a dog owner, we need them. The council needs them. Please consult and if necessary, use licensing of the pack walking industry with their knowledge and input.

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6150	No
6201	~~The main issue appears to be roaming dogs that are terrorizing people.~~ Your "2024 Review Findings Report" states (in section 8) "A policy and bylaw on dogs is still the best way to address the problem. There are no other feasible alternatives. " It furthermore states in its section 5 that "unregistered dogs account for approximately 10 per cent of the total dog population are estimated to cause around 40 per cent of roaming and 25 per cent of all dog attacks and aggressions" These two statements are inherently contradictory. We can assume that the owners of that unregistered 10% are not following the bylaw already, so changing the bylaw is an impotent waste of time. I wager much of the remaining dog attacks and "aggressions" are from owners who, likewise, aren't following the rules. I put it to you that further restrictions where people can walk their dogs is not a feasible option as it will not be effective at controlling the majority of incidents. Worse, I believe making it harder for people to walk their dogs 'legitimately' will inure them against bothering to follow any of the rules (why bother?) rendering it impotent. As such, I dispute the assumption that there are 'no other feasible alternatives". One obvious feasible alternative is better enforcement of the existing rules (which seems to be the missing link), and frankly I truly think that "there are no feasible options" is reality. Finally, I also distrust some of the data. While I appreciate anecdotes are not data, recently in the local suburb we had a friendly dog that escaped her (normally secured) property due to a faulty gate in high wind. She approached a stranger looking for attention - who immediately freaked out and posted on Facebook group about this 'menacing' dog. I believe that this "stranger" can't distinguish between a friendly dog and an aggressive one such a report of 'aggression' (which was reported to the council) was, frankly, fiction. I've encountered many people who have been very scared of my own Golden

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6267	Other than the obvious impacts on the health of dogs and their owners (i.e. the well-being both physical and mental of the city of Auckland) 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. As noted above the surveys also don't capture the positive interactions that happen every day across the city. 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! There appears to be a reluctance on the part of Council to avoid its own responsibility and duties to enforce the current Bylaw - what is being put forward here seems to shift that duty/create an extra burden and restriction upon dog-owners - therefore effectively saving Council the costs of what is properly its duty to enforce its current Bylaw.
6381	Better bylaws are only useful if rules are clearly stated on signage and this is not always the case. Nor is it clear what the penalties are in some cases.

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6425	Given below is my submission regarding the proposed changes to the dog access rules applicable to Auckland's Regional Parks and Reserves. We (my wife and me – in our 60s) reside at 2 Haughey Ave, Three Kings, Auckland. The Monte Cecilia Park / Reserve is near our residence and alas, the council only consulted the dog owners and proposed an uncontrolled dog access area in the Natural Bowl section of Monte Cecilia Park about a decade back. It may be noted that no initial feedback was sought from the non-Dog owners regarding the proposal. The lack of inviting feedback from non-dog owners became obvious during the meeting to endorse the proposal chaired by Mr. Michael Wood, who was an elected representative at the Auckland Council. The proposal was rammed through at the meeting. This was done without putting in place some basic safeguards like fencing and demarking clearly the off-leash areas to ensure the dogs and their owners remain within those confines and do not take over the park / reserve. Also, there was no system of monitoring after the proposal was implemented to check whether post implementation the area continues to be safe for the elderly and children. We used to go to the park for our daily walk, to get some fresh air & exercise. But soon after the proposal was implemented using a flawed process that pandered to a selection of the population, we soon started encountering unrestrained dogs and their aggressive owners who showed no civic sense whatsoever. The Dog Owners actively encouraged their dogs to move all over the park, including the walking path unrestrained and doing their job all over, with the dog owners not bothering to pick up the dog poo. What used to be a peaceful walk soon turned into a nightmare. Even a polite reminder to the dog owner that the dogs can be off leash only within the confines of the designated area of the park were met with a snub at the best, and aggressive and threatening behavior at the worst. Feeling unsafe, we stopped visiting the reserve. The dogs and the dog owners have captured the reserve. The place has also become dangerous with all kinds of dogs and their owners taking over the reserve – where humans be aware. It became unimaginable to let young children enjoy some freedom to play in a park environment.
6500	There is a true limiting of freedom to be a responsible dog owner and it is those responsible dog owners that are being regulated further for the consequences of irresponsible dog owners
6618	Please keep monte cecilia areas. Off leash and unleash. This is such a special place.
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD	
68	There is not enough consideration, by the owners of pets, being given to people in our community. I know there are some great pet owners in our community but unfortunately they are now being outnumbered by the owners who get a pet and then don't train it or give it the care and attention it requires, then it becomes everyone else's problem, sadly the only way to resolve that problem is a law that restricts the poor pet owners from ruining the quality of life for the rest of the community trying to enjoy shared public spaces.
137	I think the dog control issues that are important relate to unregistered, roaming dogs and more funding needs to be put towards that. Walkers provide a very valuable service to people. I think it needs to be regulated and a limit imposed like they have done in wellington but the proposed numbers are far too low. I know a large amount of people who have more control of their 4 off leash dogs than a lot of people I encounter in public with just 1 dog. More thought and effort needs to go into this particular part of the bylaw. Consult with Wellington and what has worked for them.
199	Cats should not be allowed to wonder. Same rules for dogs and cats

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1005	No
1252	Just make sure the changes are effective, and staff can manage this.
1370	All businesses that are walking dogs in public should have to register and pay a yearly fee to the council. There registration should be displayed on a lanyard or such at all times when in public. Any issue arising with dog behaviour that is reported while under the control of a dog walker will warrant an investigation and possible suspension of the dog walkers registration.
1516	Dog owners don't care about the rules. I am sick of dogs on beaches, running around off leash and fouling beaches and playgrounds. All dogs should be on leash in public places like Australia. They all think their dogs can do what they like anywhere. More policing at beaches and parks zbx fine the owners who don't beg the rules.
1568	i JUST WISH WE WERE MORE DOG FRIENDLY IN NZ EG DOGS CAN GO ON ALL NATURE WALKING TRACKS AND THE TRACKS THAT ARE AT RISK THEN YOUR DOG HAS TO BE PUT ON A LEAD BUT AT LEAST THEY CAN GO!
1589	Further limiting options for responsible dog owners to walk / take their dogs to just means that other places will see more and more dogs. Much better to have IMPROVED AND INCREASED access but enforce leash requirements etc. It is really sad to see more restrictions imposed, once this happens, access never comes back. I support more enforcement of requirements such as picking up after your dog (albeit harder when rubbish bins are removed in so many places) and requiring dogs on leashes. Signage could be really improved in relation to this "If your dog is not on a leash, it can't be here - \$500 fine applies" "No leash? No entry. No exceptions." there are better ways to make sure dogs are on a leash if that area is not experiencing compliance. But please don't take away places to walk our dogs, this is not a dog friendly city as it is and suggestions in this policy make it worse. there are bad dogs and bad owners, could the focus not be more strongly on people who break the rules???
1646	Please do not make the rules even more restrictive than they already are because of a few anti dog people. Dogs need to run and have fun just like us .
1652	Need to manage dogs everywhere On long leads if necessary Dog owners (have to be responsible at all times) I am a responsible dog owner and expect other owners to have there dog on a lead Except for a dog park and only if dog can mix Be off a lead then
1678	Professional dog walkers are not the problem and should not be punished for others mistakes. The industry needs a regulation but these are way too harsh of rules and will destroy many folks livelihoods
1722	This is not a big issue with dogs, the money spent on this could be better spent elsewhere.
1868	The vast majority of owners who take the time to exercise their dogs and provide them with the enrichment of a visit to a park are responsible in their behaviours. Do not let the failure of a few negatively impact the many.

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1869	Don't limit the spaces where owners can walk dogs if possible. Just be very clear and provide better clarification information on signs and your websites around leach areas and provide dog poo bins. Dogs are a very important part of our lives. Ours was I was so surprised how well dogs are accepted compared to Auckland where at times it feels restricted to only dog parks. I don't believe in a big group of dogs being together at once. Provide reporting hotlines, people will do this if they see that the rules are being broken by others. Massively increase penalties
1955	no
1995	I believe the more access dogs have to areas the fewer issues you will actually have with dog behavior. Dogs that are exercised appropriately or provided with and mental stimulation and are given the opportunity to learn how behave appropriately around people are the dogs that very few people have issues with. The rise of pack walkers is probably testament to owners trying to provide this to their dogs. An issue in our area seems to be an influx of walkers coming from the city. The pressure for suitable space to walk dogs especially off lead is limited. In Helensville with a population of 3400 the only off lead area for dogs I can find is situated on SH16 with no fencing. Our access to the beach via Rimmer Road has been closed. Leaving people to travel to places like Muriwai which is also having issues with the increasing numbers. Or more often exercising dogs off lead in the cemetery or sports park. Auckland Transport as an example seems to have had relatively few issues since introducing dogs onto it system despite many people's fears.
2129	No
2143	Please don't ban dogs from beaches. I have one dog I would never take to a beach because he is not social. However I have taken my friends dog who is social, well behaved and enjoys the beach. Again you will punish all and you do not have the staff to enforce rules
2178	Family dogs are a healthy lifestyle choice. I dislike seeing the seemingly ever increasing limitations being put on responsible dog owners. Please don't punish the vast majority of good dog owners for the sake of the minority bad owners.
2244	Start by reducing all this bureaucracy around keeping dogs and concentrate on how you can reduce rates so people can live better?
2537	Please do not strict further access to beaches and parks. Please do not limit someone's job who is a dog walker or cause them more cost. Most people don't walk dogs in large packs owned by one house hold. It's a job and how someone makes a living. Please do not overstep your boundary and put limitations on dog ownership at someone's house. Focus on making sure the environment is a safe place for multiple dogs and fenced.
2638	The need for service dogs or police dogs must be made clear including the definition of service dogs.
2640	there are already too many policies and bylaws... we pay rates ad taxes back off and leave us alone to live ordinary peaceful lives without all the signage and red tape you enforce upon us!
2668	Nothing needs changing just clarifying and making clearer. Don't take away dogs freedom and make it harder for owners, it's hard enough as it is to find dog friendly places to walk dogs, don't make it even harder causing more issues of not stimulated enough dogs or having to go further away to walk them. Dogs have a right to have access to our parks beaches and reserves the same way they do now with no changes or restrictions

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2682	Consider a ban on e-collars on any public land with a clear definition of public land. Some walkers are hiring land blocks to walk on, which is excellent. However, some are sub-leasing and using Snifspot to allow the public to book access. In this case, there is an argument that these blocks are deemed public. Some supporting info on e-collars: https://www.sPCA.nz/advocacy/position-statements/article/electric-shock-collars-for-dog https://www.sPCA.nz/news-and-events/news-article/shock-collar-petition https://nzva.org.nz/positions-advocacy/position-statements/collars/#:~:text=The%20NZVA%20does%20not%20support,training%20or%20containment%20of%20dogs. https://sPCA.bc.ca/ways-to-help/take-action/animals-in-the-home/the-shocking-truth-about-electronic-collars/5-reasons-not-to-use-a-shock-collar/#:~:text=The%20experts%20advise%20against%20using,strongly%20discourage%20aversive%20training%20methods. https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/blog/using-shock-collars-for-dog-training-is-it-ok/ https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2008-02-15/veterinary-behavior-society-announces-position-punishment https://animalbehaviorok.com/shocking-truth-about-shock-collars/
2828	Please ensure that there is open consultation around any proposed changes before they are implemented, with dog walkers & other users.
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.
3254	no
3414	Keep the policy simple. Only make rules if there is a clear intention to enforce them.
3526	Support of dangerous dogs and consequences. Feel our beaches, campgrounds already have strict rules. Please keep as is. If anything please look at all the issues in nz around welfare of dogs. That would be a better use of resources. Dogs are allowed to live in a chain without consequences.
3538	I would like to see more access for dogs, even if on leash, around the area. It would also be beneficial for dogs going out and about to have passed a Canine Good Citizen (CGC)Assessment at least at the foundation level. What about different levels of access to places for the different levels of qualification. A CGC Gold qualified dog would be able to visit more places than a dog that only had the Bronze level. Also some one that has bothered to train their dog to any level of CGC standard should have a bigger reduction in their registration fees.
3572	We should be making it easier for dog owners to live their lives with their dogs not make them seperate.

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3642	In the Rodney area folk seem to think it is fine to let their dog run free. At Omaha I had my fox terrier on leash and a dog ran out of the sand dunes and attacked the dog. The owner eventually come up called their dog and disappeared not leaving any contact information. My dog needed several vet visits as one injury was close to his eye. I think that the general view that your dog can run off leash if it is under your control needs to be clarified as to distance and that the dog must be within your sight as many times the dog is way behind the walker and therefore not even in view.
3729	Please do not action the rule of 6 dogs with only 3 off lead. As an idea you could make dog walking businesses apply for a licence to be able to walk multiple. However this also affects the general public. Myself and my friend walk 5 dogs together multiple times per week, all off lead and all under control. The new change would mean that even we can no longer walk together or the dogs all need to be on a lead This is impacting more people than you think, it is not fair that you are punishing everybody
3793	No
3834	Who's demanding these changes?
4084	We are ratepayers and have properties in Auckland City and Leigh. In Leigh we strongly oppose having to have our dog on leash the whole way along the Coastal Trail. We support what is going on with the Penguins and support dogs being on leash in the vicinity they nest. We remind all dog walkers about this if we see dogs off leash. However, there is no need to make the whole Coastal Trail between Lax Crescent and Leigh leash only. We walk this trail a couple times a week with our dog - typically we might see a few people and maybe a couple dogs. There is no need to require dogs to be on leash for the whole Coastal Trail and as a ratepayer on both Leigh and Auckland City I strongly oppose this. Auckland must be a city that is dog friendly. The Auckland Council should focus on menacing and roaming dogs, and not penalise responsible dog owners whose dogs are registered and which do not create any problems for other members of the public or wildlife.
4111	Changes are required urgently.
4140	There needs to be far more enforcement of the laws
4307	Anything to help prevent roaming and aggressive dogs I support. But I also wish to mention that dogs need space to exercise so very clear off lead areas, and more enforcement against people with dogs off-lead in non-off-leash spaces (especially around playgrounds etc). Because people who disobey the rules ruin it for everyone else, especially those who also have dogs that may be in training/reactive/old/medical issues and need to keep their dogs on lead so go to designated on-lead areas but still have to deal with off leash dogs rushing them. There was a post recently in an Auckland mums group asking for advice on where to walk a dog where the on leash rules were actually enforced and the only two parks suggested were Cornwall Park (non-council) and Auckland Botanic Gardens. This is not enough. Maybe we could have some more specifically heavily enforced parks, especially out West where we have a lot of dog ownership and need at least one.
4311	As above the transparency is ridiculous could this feedback form be anymore vague??? What a joke

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4314	Any changes which simplify the information and create a consistent and pragmatic approach to managing dog rules including access are supported. The inconsistencies that arise across local board boundaries are a council created issue as most residents are unaware of where the boundaries are and are totally confused by the existing proliferation of signage. We should have clear and transparent default rules, simple signage with old legacy signs removed and Local Boards should have discretion over off leash exercise areas. Where the default rules do not apply signage and promotion needs to be clear to the users who may or may not live in the local board area concerned. Responsible dog owners travel to different places to exercise their dogs and should not be penalised by the actions of those who do not follow the rules. Those people will carry on regardless of any changes unless there is sufficient enforcement. I would urge caution in creating community expectations that rule breakers will be punished via enforcement as I believe it is unrealistic given budget constraints and the limitations of the current animal control department.
4350	Its not clear what you are updating exactly, from what to what?
4361	You cannot ask for feedback on something that gives you no information. There is no specifics about what the changes involve and how it might impact or restrict dog walkers. It would be nice if Auckland took inspiration from the rest of the cities in the world who understand the importance of dogs in the community and have almost full accessibility for dogs under control. There is no need to limit access to the general population because a few people don't look after their pets well. The form stopped working halfway through so I was unable to answer them all.
4380	I would like to see maybe volunteer groups to help patrol public areas to ensure dog owners are aware of the rules
4588	I would like to see more publicity on dog control. I have been bitten twice by dogs not on a leash while being walked on public footpaths. As an older person, it is important to keep walking for fitness. Unfortunately, I am becoming to afraid to walk daily, as a minority believe it is their right to run with dogs off leash in public areas.
4602	None
4640	By identifying properties with registered dog owners stray and unregistered dogs would be more easily identified by neighbours and Council officers.
4747	only a suggestion that i have specified earlier regarding expanding the rules around dog walkers becoming licensed
4821	There is no description of what any of these changes will do.
4899	Yes please stop that Tara iti development that's what's bulldozing the wildlife, not the dogs
5013	More advocate and campaigning for animal traning would help all of these issues and more
5035	We live in the Huapai Triangle and there's a lot of trouble with dogs being walked without being on a leash. People have been attacked and bitten. Surely there should be a lot more enforcement on this type of problem as it is not only dangerous to humans but also dangerous for native animals and birds.
5260	Enforce the current dogs mist be under control rule that's already in place. Don't punish the good people who are fab with oue dog and well equipped to handle large and sensible size packs. Provide more public education on what owning a dog means, address people walking dogs on pavements in hot sun etc. License professionals to take larger packs. Think outside the square

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5275	The broader issues for me as a dog owner who has invested a significant amount of time and cash into training my dog is one of fairness. The out of control dogs destroy the amenity value of a dog walking area. Secondly the excellent pack dog walkers like Pet Adventures who are exceptionally good will be penalised by a badly designed bylaw, but more importantly the dogs (and owners) who rely on that service for the wellbeing of their pets will also be penalised. I am happy to speak to my submission.
5415	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	Yes! Why do these policies and bylaws need to be meddled with ?? It's squeezing the joy out of dog owners wanting to enjoy exercising their dogs with so many areas being made inaccessible and it's just getting worse! ***** it makes me so mad!!!
5432	Clarifying the existing rules are good. However I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.
5437	Dogs and their owners aren't considered well as they are a minority.
5524	I do not support the proposed change to the overall objective of the policy, from being very supportive of dogs as a part of our society, to dogs being viewed as more of a nuisance to be accommodated. The current (2019) Policy and by law state one of the key objectives of the policy is to "maintain opportunities for owners to take their dogs to public places". The proposal is to change this wording and uses language that refers to dogs as a 'danger and distress, a nuisance, cause damage' and that there is an expected or "inherent conflict between dog owners" and members of the public. This is the exact opposite of what I experience as a dog owner and the interactions my dog and I have with members of the public. I feel that the proposed changes are based on the negative actions of a few bad dog owners, rather than the everyday positive impact of dogs experienced by the majority who are responsible dog owners.
5952	Clear rules for owners to pickup dog's poo, and signage must include either council phone number or email address where picture evidence can be sent
6102	I would like to see at least a six-month adjustment period and for very serious consideration to be given to the requirement for a license to operate a commercial dog walking business, rather than a blanket set of rules. It is imperative that any rules changes do not impact on those professional dog walkers as generally they are not the ones breaking the existing rules so it would be unfair to have them negatively impacted by a new blanket set of rules and regulations.

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6387	Restricting Dog Ownership to a Maximum of Two Dogs in Urban Areas Concern: In cities, households should be restricted to owning a maximum of two dogs to reduce nuisances such as excessive barking, attacks, and irresponsible ownership. Supporting Points: - Some cities, such as Brisbane and parts of the US, have implemented two-dog limits in urban areas to control population and prevent excessive noise or aggression. - Larger numbers of dogs increase the risk of pack behavior, making aggression more difficult to control. - Multi-dog households often fail to provide adequate training and socialisation, leading to an increase in nuisance complaints. - Stricter regulations can prevent illegal backyard breeding and reduce the burden on animal shelters. Suggested Action: - Modify the Dog Control Bylaw to limit households in urban areas to two dogs unless they apply for a special permit. - Require inspections and permits for any households wanting to own more than two dogs. - Enforce stricter penalties for households that exceed the limit without approval. Mandatory Euthanasia of Breeds Deemed Dangerous Concern: All breeds classified as dangerous should be euthanised to reduce the risk of attacks on humans and other animals. Supporting Points: - Some breeds have a higher predisposition to aggression and cause the majority of fatal and severe dog attacks. - Breed-specific legislation (BSL) is already in place in some countries, banning or heavily restricting ownership of certain breeds (e.g., pit bulls, Rottweilers, Dogo Argentinos). - The argument that “it’s the owner, not the breed” is often used, but genetics play a significant role in
6429	I feel all dogs should be on a lead when off private property. And it's also time to register cats!
6470	I firmly believe that the changes which need to be made, should be made with breed specific licensing and handling requirements. Owners and handlers need to provide certification which proves they are capable of owning and handling the breed they own. This will improve public safety issues across the board and it would be great if the first city on the planet to apply this solution, was Auckland. Limiting the number of dogs will not solve the problem or even improve matters. Incidents will continue. Limiting access will not solve the problem either. One power breed dog which is poorly trained can and will cause carnage. Poor education is just making matters worse. Aggressive incidents with dogs have gone up by a massive margin since 2010. It’s time to put some requirements on both ownership and handling. People who really want to and are capable of handling the breeds either have or will be prepared to get the necessary training.

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6754	I do not support the proposed limit on walking multiple dogs. The proposed limit will only penalise responsible dog owners and will not stop irresponsible people who do not follow existing laws. I am a dog walker who services Auckland dogs in the CBD and surrounding suburbs. I have been operating since 2020 and currently walk 12 dogs per day, 4 days a week, every week. I do not the proposed limit because: 1. The data does not support that people walking more than three dogs off lead are creating a problem. Incident data presented by Auckland Council showed only 0.7% of complaints related to people walking more than two dogs, meaning those walking more than three must be even less. In addition the data used to support that there is a problem and presented to council in July 2024 was based on a survey of 2,000 civically minded people and its interpretation by Council is seriously flawed and fails to show that over half of respondents had never had an issue with people walking more than two dogs. The survey also doesn't ask how many people had seen more than three dogs being walked at once. There have been more than 2,750 signatures on the Professional Dog Walkers Association petition opposing this proposed limit so more than 2,750 people don't think there is an issue when less than 1,000 respondents to the peoples panel think they saw more than two dogs being walked causing a problem. 2. The change unfairly targets professional dog walkers only. Auckland Council staff have said that they are not targeting professional dog walkers, but this bylaw change will only impact professional dog walkers. Professional dog walkers have not been spoken to about any nuisance issues or how to best address any issues. I think that licensing of some kind rather than a total ban would better address any issues with professional dog walkers. 3. The Bylaw won't be enforced. Auckland dog owners all know that Animal Management staff are stretched, and it takes days for them to respond to serious issues. Animal Management already do not proactively monitor known dog walking hotspots and this bylaw will not change this. The fact that the Waitakere Rangers Local Board had to fund a dedicated ranger to monitor and enforce rules at west coast beaches is proof of this. If Auckland Council won't enforce the bylaw then the only people who will be impacted will be those that already follow all the rules, meaning rule breakers will continue to break the rules and issues will continue.
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD	
138	I am sick of the pitbull type dogs that lunge at me while walking with my assistance dog. Even when they are on leash (which is rarely) there owners have little control and seem to bring them to the most inappropriate places. Disability dogs should be able to do their jobs without threat of attack
179	Need more enforcement on dog control.

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304	These rules have to be discussed in Consultation with the Dog Walkers Association and also need to be represented by All Professional Dog Walkers. This discussion should not just be up to Councillors without full representation to of Dog Owners as well as Professional Dog Walkers putting their cases forward. Also we do have dogs and all owners should be fully informed of their responsibilities and dogs are wonderful pets and save hundreds of people's lives. There has to be places that they are allowed to be walked. By taking away areas which aren't very populated and lovely areas for dogs to be walked you are taking away how our dogs are treated and places that they are able to be walked with virtually no trouble. So why let a few bad owners ruin it for Professional Dog Walkers who are responsible.
466	It would be good to have the contact numbers on signs for dog control should anyone want to report anything.
467	No
664	Only that there should be a happy balance between dogs as loveable pets and those who do not wish to interact with them, not being forced to.
754	The overall tenor of the proposals strike me as reasonable. As a dog owner I mostly exercise my dog on a lead as do many others but unfortunately some owners disregard rules that are there to ensure all users of space are catered for.
925	Next there should be laws for roaming cats also
1035	I do hope the off leash hours at beaches and reserves stay the same as they are now. Would be good to have the rules clear and concise so everyone can understand their obligations.
1046	TALK to Dog pack walkers and how this will effect and affect them before implementing this proposed policy and bylaw and see how this could be alterd to support these business as it will effect not only the dogs (and in turn may cause more issues) but also effect those that work there and will make them not have a job due to this policy and bylaw being unsustainable for the business (ie not enough dogs to be able to walk, cost per walk will go up in price that some people won't be able to afford, then not enough money going towards the business to be sustained)
1140	We need more flexibility to bring our well behaved dogs where we want so that we can enjoy the city like all other people.
1166	I don't even know what many of your proposed changes are as you haven't actually stated the changes so it's hard to comment. Dogs should have many more freedoms than they are currently allowed. If they are well trained and under control they should be allowed off leash anywhere as dogs are often more aggressive and uncontrollable when they are on leash. Dogs shouldn't be restricted to small, muddy pits that pass as dog parks. They need to run and walk and play freely. I'm tired if government limiting and controlling everything we do. We pay more than enough for registration of our dogs and all we get in return is rules and restrictions.
1218	Bring the cats regulations!!! The cats must be registered, chipped, not allowed to wonder around without owners. Example: a cat came to our property, attacked 2 our dogs. One dog almost died, we paid over \$2000 of excess insurance costs for surgery and hospitalisation. No way to even find whose the cat was, why it was in our enclosed backyard.
1637	No

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1642	Dogs these days are too many in public parks with many of them running off leash which is causing too much inconvenience to the general public.. especially to small kids and those who are scared of dogs. Some dogs also randomly charge on other dogs. Public parks should be meant for the people not for Keeping people from it.
1924	Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.
2662	no
3652	Please update your website to make it clear where dogs are able to walk unleashed at Long Bay beach
3976	i think this is a joke, there is already WAY to many places we can't have our dogs - and its the responsible owners like myself that are getting the short end of the stick because to many people in South Auckland, abuse neglect and don't care for their dogs - they don't desex, the dumpo puppies or they uise dogs to make money - FOCUS on who and where needs help, and stop trying to take away things from the ones that want to give their dogs their best lives.
4146	Enough with targeting all dog owners. Dogs are family, we pay REGO and we deserve better treatment. If you want to stop dog attacks, punish owners instead of dogs.
4172	Stricter rules around undesexed dogs. Owners must apply for a licence to have a dog that is not desexed. More funding for desexing programs at discounted rates. Harsher penalties for chaining up dogs and tougher regulations.
5447	Leave the dogs alone! They are not the problem
5696	No additional comments. I think all these proposed changes are more than reasonable and will be very good for Aucklanders.
5749	I'm very interested to know when Auckland Council will be publishing a policy and bylaws that create realistic control over the ownership of cats, which currently roam freely - and collectively arguably cause greater environmental damage than dogs.
5873	Instead of trying to fix problems as they arise, why don't you actually go to the root of the problem.
6386	If the council is going to impose strict dog rules then they need to provide more dog parks for walking dogs and letting them run Most dog owners are responsible and it is the few that are letting down the majority If these continual dog owners are the problem then there should be tighter rules for them but not for everyone Dogs are part of a family and go out with families if you bring in stricter rules then dogs will become unsociable and therefore cause more issues than the majority of dogs do now
6662	Please support dog owners and make Auckland more dog friendly. It's already too restrictive. Professional dog walkers should be supported and not restricted. Stop limiting where we can walk our dogs
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD	
420	Keeping people safe and their dogs safe should be first and clear second priority.
1459	No, all make sense and clearer information/education is needed.
2644	clarity and consistency of information are both important

Sub #	Q2 Other feedback
2771	We need to discourage people from owning dogs and traveling with them - after a boom during Covid. NZ needs fewer dogs to protect wildlife. In Waiheke Island we are flooded with tourist dogs because the island is promoted as dog-friendly. Dogs spoil our beaches and parks and kill birds. Dogs should stay at home, not going on holidays. Please prohibit dogs' access to Waiheke beaches - just like Rotoroa island. Or at least have only 2 beaches for dogs and always on leash. We have a biodiversity crisis and as a person who doesn't want to share a beach with a dog, I have no choice. All main accessible beaches are off leash - onetangi, oneroa, palm beach. Several websites and tourism organisations and businesses promote Waiheke as a dog friendly place. One example https://www.waihekeholidayhomes.co.nz/about-waiheke/dog-friendly-accommodation/
4404	It would be good to have more on lead under control areas on council and doc land
4484	Yes restraining all dogs to on leash prevents problems with dog feaces being left behind because they did not notice. Also preventing dogs off leash from approaching unleashed dogs because owners say their dogs is friendly.
4734	I am strongly in favour of allowing dog access to certain beaches on Waiheke all year round. As a dog owner and frequent beach goer I rarely see an issues when dogs are allowed on beaches
4784	Dogs and their owners already have a lot of freedom. I'm keen to reduce this so that people who are frightened of dogs can enjoy the natural environment.
4893	3) Medlands Beach: from the beach access beach access at The Lane walkway to the south, stopping 100 metres north of the creek. On a leash from beach access at The Lane walkway north and from 100 metres north of the creek THIS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO ALL OF THE BEACH - AS CHILDREN SWIM IN THE CREEKS WITH THEIR FAMILY DOGS. PEOPLE LAUNCH BOATS WITH DOGS HAVING TO GET INTO THE BOATS AND CARS. NO CLARIFICATION WHY THIS RULE WAS MADE ANYWAY. AS IF BIRDS, BIRDS MOVE THEIR NESTING GROUNDS ALL THE TIME. AS PAR AS DOTTERALS ARE CONCERNED MOST DOGS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THEM OR OYSTER CATCHERS.
6282	No, other than effective enforcement of the rules is vital
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD	

Sub #	Q2 Other feedback
82	I want to express my opposition to the proposed restrictions on dog access to public spaces as outlined in the Auckland Council's review of the Dog Policy and Management Bylaw. While I understand the need to balance the interests of all park and beach users, restricting access for dogs and their owners imposes unnecessary limitations that do not reflect the needs of a significant portion of the community. My concerns are as follows: 1 - Community and Well-being Impact: Dog-friendly spaces play a vital role in fostering community connections and supporting the physical and mental well-being of both dogs and their owners. Limiting access will reduce opportunities for social interaction, exercise, and mental health benefits. 2 - Disproportionate Restrictions: Many responsible dog owners adhere to leash and control rules. Broad restrictions penalize these individuals without addressing the root cause of any specific issues, such as poor compliance by a minority. 3 - Environmental and Safety Concerns: Restricting dog access to certain areas may lead to overcrowding in other locations, increasing the potential for safety issues and environmental degradation in those spaces. Some dogs are overwhelmed at 'dog parks' and this would severely restrict their park access. 4 - Balanced Solutions Are Available: Rather than implementing outright restrictions, the Council should consider alternatives, such as: - Enhanced public education about responsible dog ownership. - Clear signage to guide appropriate dog behavior in shared spaces. The current proposal risks alienating responsible dog owners, limiting their ability to enjoy Auckland's natural spaces, and detracting from the inclusive community spirit that these areas should foster. I urge the Council to reconsider these changes and focus on balanced, evidence-based solutions that allow fair access for all.
433	Other than saying there needs to be more clarity about some of these questions then I have no further comments as even now I'm still not 100% sure the changes are
506	Yesterday a stranger drove me home because a roaming pitbull was up ahead on the street and I got scared. The last time I called in about a roaming pitbull, it took your animal team 3 weeks to deal with the case. Literally not enough is being done to prevent dog attacks and to prevent terrible dog owners keeping such violent dogs. Ban pitbull and pitbull mutts. Neuter and slowly eliminate the breed over the next few years. You'll have enough pitbull hating NZers if you need to start a GoFundMe as I'm sure the council can't afford such a radical plan. Do more to punish owners too. My neighbours never registered their pitbull, I know because I had to complain about them. Nothing happened.
523	Dogs should be allowed under control in all public spaces except for those areas restricted for conservation reasons. This will remove all confusion caused by any previous bylaws signage anything of thst nature, policy schedules, access to mountains, policy schedules etc

Sub #	Q2 Other feedback
634	The new rules limit the already small dog access especially on off leash areas. For example monte cecilia is one of the safest off leash areas where you can take your dog out without having aggressive dogs around. There are already plenty of parks where you cannot take your dogs for those who hate dogs! None of these changes proposed are to make the city any more safer and again is only punishment for those who are responsible. The emphasis must be taken on roaming dogs and unwanted litters and leave/increase the dog accessibility across the city. I am highly against the limitations proposed to the parks and beaches.
700	There is no information provided on the change to menacing dogs and a number of other changes. No local consultation in the West. Dogs off lead in Ecologically Sensitive areas should be immediately confiscated and fined before return to owner.
1079	No
1148	It's good to clarify the access status
1168	No
1211	Not sure what current definition of "under control" is, but off leash dogs are rarely in their owners control from my observation. If a dog does not respond easily to recall and runs to approach other dogs or people they are not under control, so many dog owners just ignore the rules for off leash vs on leash and those who let them off leash if they can't call them back should be limited to fenced dog parks or fined. Can this be added to or clarified in policy
1220	Auckland needs to be more friendly for dogs. At a minimum you should be able to take them on leash to places, with designated off leash parts for animals under control. With the reduction of places people can take dogs the ability to train and socialise them is decreasing significantly.
1322	I pay for a dog license and while i dont object, i maintain as much as i like dogs, ANY dog detained by animal management must NOT be returned unless the dog is not only registered but also microchipped, desexed and a penalty implemented as its far to easy to simply "own" a dog and keep it tethered to a chain in a yard for its life. This is disgraceful and deterrents should be in place for people that seek to disregard a dog's existence.
1325	Dogs not under appropriate control must be taken from public places. We need to improve enforcement to improve public safety. Roaming dogs must be immediately collected by animal control. Uncontrolled dogs must be removed from their owners.
1600	No
1680	Enforcement is still an issue. I.e pipeline walk and parr's park. People still walk off lead and it's unsafe for on lead dogs and people.
1930	It is about time dog owners were treated more fairly. Most dog owners are responsible and just want what is best for our dogs. We are constantly being restricted on where we can exercise our dogs off leash. Walking your dog on the lead is not sufficient exercise for most dogs.
2176	These are mostly things that should be happening anyway - if there is inconsistent and outdated information available to the public and rules are unclear....

Sub #	Q2 Other feedback
3639	Things to consider for professional dog walkers ○ Licensing professionals to walk larger groups ○ Having different limits for the public versus professionals ○ A license for anyone wanting to walk more than 2 dogs ○ Having different limits based on the density of the population in an area ○ 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.
3802	Any changes that limit access for dog owners, I do not agree with.
3980	I think dogs should be on a leash in any public area. Off leash dogs are unpredictable. Even nice ones. Even good ones. Even friendly ones. I have been bitten by an off leash dog. A pack of on leash dogs is intimidating. 6 max in the pack. Walkers need a licence.
4001	Overall i think Council is overreaching authority and will not take public with them. Provide more areas for off and on leash walking- you are failing to provide both general public recreational areas and dog areas. How can we socialise and encourage good behaviour and integration if you wont provide the space. For a start open huge areas of the Waitakere ranges for dog walking. Provide a 10km loop and a 20 km loop for example. You have a very poorly thought out policy and quite obviously want to stamp out dog ownership. They need exercising and off leash or you will get poor behaviours which is what you have caused. I fully endorse owners behaving well and i think they should be fined for obviously poor behaviour but i have been training dogs for 50 years and it's getting 'anti' here and oppressive. I need to continually teach children how to behave arround dogs - they dont know! They dont know because Council is reducing the contact and instilling fear. Don't you have enough to do stopping millions of gallons of pollution on the beaches before this nonsense.
4067	Please make sure we are a dog friendly country. At present, there are other countries and cities which are far more dog accessible. Being able to take a well-behaved dog inside a venue would be preferred rather than having to sit outside a cafe in the cold weather. Dog owners have money to spend but want to go out with their dogs. Many will prefer not to visit somewhere at all because it may not be dog friendly rather than leave their dogs at home.
4571	I realise this is mainly for dogs in public places, however residents living next to owners with dogs in Auckland seem to have very little rights to complain about dogs who are left at home all day alone, never walked, and have multiple dogs in one residence and breed them as they wish!!! Tighten up the dog laws, I feel so sorry for so many dogs in Auckland. Its disgraceful. As and for the number of dogs not on a lead in our Waitakere Ranges National Park its also a disgrace for our wildlife. Some supervision and fines need to go out ofr those that dont follow the rules. I walk Exhibition drive regularly and basically there is never a day that goes by where people do not have their dogs on leads here!! and they run off into the bush disturbing our wildlife and up to walkers. There are signs and no one follows them. so the dog owners need to be given some well needed education.
4732	Have prepared a paper which will be sent by email
4813	no

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5480	NZ is the most unfriendly dog environment I have ever lived in. Dog walking businesses are not regulated enough or effectively Dog owners that constantly have dogs in the pound or roaming the streets are not effectively managed More management of animals behaviour or treatment goes by with little to no consequences. Cats on The other hand. Are free to roam They can kill our native birds. Yet our dogs can't go anywhere
5579	No
5582	Stop restricting dog access more and more each year. People want to take their dogs tramping and hiking and the majority don't mind if it's on leash. Dogs under control and on leash are not a threat.
5652	Dogs need leash free areas to run that are accessible for a wide range of people. I strongly disagree with making all of Monte Cecelia on leash - the large green areas should stay as leash free because they are safe spaces for dogs to be properly exercised without being near a road. Dogs in these areas cause no problems, the area is left clean and I have never seen an issue with an unleashed dog there. People have plenty of other spaces - right around the area on the paths to walk. Leave some area for dogs to be able to run free. My dog is an older dog and she enjoys wandering off at her own pace sniffing trees, foliage etc. If she was on a leash her enjoyment of the area would be very negatively affected. Monte Cecelia is a wonderful place for us to be able to exercise our dogs.
6038	Clarifying rules and management of menacing dogs is sensible.
6117	Off lead areas are so important to allow dogs to socialise freely and safely
6447	It's a cheap vote grab with menacing motives hiding under mendacious words
6449	The Waitakere Ranges is an area of significance for Auckland. As such it needs to be protected. Rules around dogs and dog walking for urban areas don't necessarily translate to an area where there is critically endangered wildlife, and there should be special recognition of this within the dog bylaws. The current dog rules are not adequate for our area and need to be urgently updated to address the threat that dogs (and cats) pose.
6934	see attached Summary of attachment: Policy and Bylaw Effectiveness: Suggests expanding the bylaw to include detailed obligations for dog owners. Recommends promoting dog training and offering incentives for trained dogs. Examples from Other Jurisdictions: Suggests Auckland Council adopt standards from other regions to improve dog control policies
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101	I support the tightening up of these regulations.
162	My most frequent walking areas are Auckland Domain and Monte Cecilia Park. On any day I can guarantee I will meet owners and dogs with the dogs off leash in non designated areas. I point out that there are many children or older folk in these parks, mostly they don't care. I have never seen a ranger in either of these parks. I would LOVE Auckland Council to monitor the dog by-laws in public parks.
366	I think I've missed some information. The Summary I read was only one page long, and I didn't see anything else regarding the proposed change and locations, etc. I want to read and submit again.
454	If we compare statistics between Australia and New Zealand, Australia is managing the issue far more effectively. Last year alone, ACC claims related to dog incidents amounted to \$16 million, highlighting the severity of the problem in New Zealand. Many dog owners exhibit a strong sense of entitlement and disregard public safety, particularly when it comes to young children. It's common to see dogs running off-leash near playgrounds, creating unnecessary risks. Stronger measures are needed, including a comprehensive public awareness campaign about the impact of dogs on children, especially autistic children. New Zealand should introduce a dog licensing system similar to Germany, with significant penalties for non-compliance. Fines for dog attacks should be a minimum of \$2,000 to ensure accountability. Currently, New Zealand prioritizes animal rights over human safety, which is deeply concerning. The safety of young children must be the number one priority.
560	Yes, I did not support the removal of any off lead dog area. By having these areas my daughter and I, my friends, my family have a space for joy, laughter, togetherness with the community, mental wellbeing time in nature, the joy of truly seeing a happy dog. We are the ones who chose to go there. If a person doesn't want to be at that part they don't go. I support you saying the owner should have a leash should the animal need it but most definitely I think this is the best use of our rates and I'm so happy to have these spaces. The dogs in return get the type of exercise they could not get on a lead. They are social and socialized which in turn enables them to be content and not build up any bad behaviors.
803	Dog owners should be and generally are, very responsible. You should focus on those that aren't instead of a blanket approach that is aimed at responsible owners and dog-walkers.
1048	Dogs are fantastic. Unfortunately many humans are not. Dogs need to be protected from: - Over breeding - Abuse - Neglect Humans should be fined and jailed for abusing dogs. And huge limits and rules need to be implemented for dog breeding.
1235	Where can I find the changes proposed?

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1404	Focus needs to be on unregistered dogs and their owners as opposed to penalising, financially or otherwise, law-abiding dog owners and their dogs.
1441	Statement: Strengthening Dog Management Rules in Public Areas This is not a request to amend the existing regulations but rather a call to ensure their stricter and more consistent enforcement. As a resident of Parnell, I have frequently observed dog waste left on pedestrian pathways in the area. This issue often arises when dogs are off-leash, making it challenging for owners to monitor and clean up after their pets. Consequently, pedestrians may inadvertently step on the waste, further spreading it and creating public hygiene concerns. Although current regulations mandate that dogs must be kept on a leash in public spaces, there are instances where compliance is not upheld. I respectfully urge the authorities to implement more robust enforcement measures to ensure that all dog owners adhere to these rules, thereby promoting public health and safety. Strengthening the enforcement of these regulations will contribute to maintaining clean, hygienic, and accessible public spaces for all community members. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering the concerns raised.
1474	allow dogs to be off lead before and after the daytome hours. allow dogs to swin in the waterways - they rarely interact with others in the water Introduce a restriction on the use of long-leads in protected areas, rather than prohibiting dogs all together. create areas for off-lead use in the proposed areas that currently have this established. don't remove on-lead access
1544	Its a dumbass scheme
2184	This is a fail you need to re write this feedback in what you intend to change from to what you want to change to and be more transparent.
2232	Don't limit the numbers of dog walkers, you will see more dogs roaming and people giving there dogs up, dog walkers are not the answer to fixing this issue with attacks people in general should have to go through some type of training to be a good dog owner and get a dog.
2369	I am deeply concerned by the number and frequency of dog attacks on sheep in south Auckland . Urgent action needs to be taken to rid the community of dangerous roaming dogs .
2418	I know many who have struggled with finding homes because they have a dog, and that's why too many dogs are turning up to shelters where they are now being killed because there is too many for shelters to care for. I am struggling to find a home, I get shortlisted then when I tell them I have a dog they withdraw, I only have 2 weeks to find a home. There should be the allowance of pets or buildings where people with pets, working pet, assistive pet, emotional support pet etc. can freely live & be secure. also, breeding 'pretty' animals for financial gain. There are too many homeless animals, yet people are continuously breeding for financial gain while shelters etc. suffer by looking after the dogs no one wants anymore. I think breeders who breed for money should be limited & more help for the dogs that HUMANS failed to look after & DISREGARDED should be avaiable.

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2611	The cost of registering of a dog is prohibitive. Only responsible owners are likely to do this and they are hit for this cost more than once. First the registration, then the neutering and then the cost of going on a course to prove that you are a responsible owner. Which you have already done, registering your dog. This system of fee taking is not finding menacing dogs, unneutered dogs or irresponsible owners. Dogs that are not menacing, neutered and have responsible owners still cannot access the dog parks or walking tracks because irresponsible owners with menacing dogs (often unneutered) have 'right of way' in the fearful moment. Incentivise registration in the first place make it cheaper to achieve. Connect neutering to access, requiring that unneutered dogs must remain on leads (though hard to prove on the spot) 'professional' dog walkers will have to abide by this. Monitor the dog related businesses advertised to spot check that walkers have requirements of dogs in their care, they are your unofficial 'rangers.' Review the goals of your systems and team in a way that drives the desire to have: - all dogs registered at a quarter the current cost - rangers and animal management visiting regional areas (and areas where there have been sightings) regularly to continue to educate - incentivise registration and education by waiving the first registration for the owner (not the dog) if they attend animal management education (look out for new recruits here) - Certify businesses the likes of Animates and Pet Stock who put their teams through responsible animal management courses and make this a desirable certification for consumers.
3031	Leave it alone
3851	Dog ownership skyrocketed over the pandemic and has continued to increase. This has put public parks like the Auckland Domain under HUGE pressure. It has become unpleasant to walk in this space due to the huge number of dogs running around off-lead. There are HUNDREDS of dogs running around this park every day, at all hours. It doesn't matter if you visit at dawn, lunchtime, dusk or midnight, there are ALWAYS dogs running around here now off leash. These dogs are fouling the sportsgrounds where people play team sports and also informal games with friends and loved ones. It is becoming very unsanitary and needs to be dealt with. We need the rules to be ENFORCED. When dog owners are approached they are rude, aggressive and refuse to listen. Sometimes I do not feel safe around the very large dogs running around this park. The same could be said about other large public parks too. PLEASE do something about this!!! Thank you.
4064	My final comments are that, professional dog walkers like myself should not have to pay the price for the acts of irresponsible dog walking companies (the big ones), who clearly do not have any kind of filter, allowing that dogs with sociability problems to always join pack walks, and mainly by having teenagers with zero experience with dogs, having to deal with a large number of them, sometimes putting at risk not only the safety of the animals, but also of the people in the parks. So even,
4575	No.

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4582	I think i've expressed my main points. Overall, test the humans not the dogs. Let someone from the council experience a walk or 2 with various groups of dogs and see how well they handle the walks. There are walkers who say things like "ah, i love your dog, but i cant take it on my Monday walk as it wont fit with my other dogs that day, but i can walk it on Tuesday and Friday." They are some of the most responsible people in Auckland, which is why we give our precious fur children to them, and blanket changing the rules is just wrong.
4584	There is only a few dog owners with bad behaved dogs that are making it difficult for all dog owners to own dogs and walk in our beautiful beaches and parks. There is enough restrictions already.
4715	People need to be protected from uncontrolled dogs. Too many injuries are serious and life changing. People's safety have to be a priority not the rights of dogs freedoms.
4930	Dogs in Auckland are a huge concern - and they should be on leads at all times
5004	The concerns raised, such as owners not picking up after their dogs or letting them off-leash in restricted areas, stem from a lack of education and enforcement rather than a need for more restrictions. Public awareness campaigns, clearer signage, and better monitoring would be more effective solutions than outright bans.
5011	Responsible dog owners are being denied the opportunity to exercise in areas that are important to them, namely Forestry Beach (Te Ari) In the 9 years we have been taking our dog to Forestry we have never seen or heard of any dog issues, if anything having dogs walking on the beach and being part of the family day has incredible social and mental health benefits not only for the people but for the dogs.
5027	The rule change won't stop bad actors, just penalize everyone.
5125	Bylaws are only as good as the enforcement otherwise all hot air.
5132	No
5596	Please do not reduce the access to our local parks and public areas as dog lovers and walkers. Dogs are not a menace or a nuisance.
5618	Minimize rules
5638	No.

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5812	Concern over increased restrictions in public spaces and regional parks. The proposed changes significantly reduce off-leash access in several regional parks and beaches, including Long Bay Beach, Waitawa Regional Park, and Pākiri Beach. While I acknowledge the need to protect wildlife and ensure public safety, a more balanced approach is required. Key Concerns: Many of the restrictions are disproportionate and do not consider alternative management strategies, such as seasonal or time-based access. The outright prohibition of dogs on Pākiri Beach and Te Ārai Beach appears excessive and does not consider responsible dog ownership and existing conservation measures. Changes to Long Bay Beach (banning dogs during peak hours in summer) unfairly restrict dog owners who wish to exercise their pets responsibly. Requested Amendments: Consider time-based restrictions rather than outright bans, allowing access during low-use hours (e.g., before 10 am and after 5 pm). Conduct a scientific review of the impact of dogs in conservation areas before imposing prohibitions. Ensure any new restrictions are based on robust evidence of risk, rather than a precautionary approach that unnecessarily penalises responsible dog owners. Opposition to Overly Strict Enforcement and Penalties: The proposed increase in fines and enforcement measures raises concerns about fairness and proportionality. While I fully support action against irresponsible dog owners, the emphasis should be on education and guidance rather than punitive measures. A \$300 infringement fine for minor infractions may be excessive, particularly for first-time or unintentional breaches. The council should prioritise education and warnings before issuing fines, ensuring owners are given an
5964	DOGS NEED SPACE TO RUN! Not just walk on a street! I feel more comfortable in a dog park then on road because Of roaming dogs even roaming dogs in a park if they approach me and my dog is on leash they have no chance! DO NOT REMOVE ACCESSSS FOR DOGS TO BE ABLE TO RUN IN BIG SPACES its not good for there mental health, there over all well-being, joints, and social skills! I feel the issue isn't with dog parks it's about dogs that are dangerous and have dangerous temperaments! THE ISSUE IS BACKYARD BREEDING, PEOPLE BREEDING DANGEROUS DOGS, people GETTING DOGS AND NOT EDUCATING THEMSELVES, USING THEM TO FIGHT! Don't punish dogs from having a happy life in the little off leash parks that are available! HUMANS AND CYCLIST HAVE SO MANY PLACES AND RIGHTS TO GO! LEAVE THE DOGS ALONE! Get a park ranger maybe in to keep things in order but getting Rid of off leash BIG dog parks is ridiculous.
6182	Changes to the proposed policy and bylaw should be made clear and provided for separate consultation. This should proceed changes to other dog rules and restrictions. The core of the policy should recognise the wellbeing of dogs, the wellbeing benefits that dogs provide in the community and ways to cohabit well in the Auckland environment.

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6367	1. Having three dogs on a leash and three on is not practical for the person in control of the dogs or fair to the dogs. Dogs are pack animals. 2. The council might consider using certain times of day in parks for pack walking. Professional dogwalkers are generally out between 9am and 2pm on weekdays when most people are at work, or at school. 3. It may be helpful for council to provide group dog training for free for first time owners and those adopting dogs with trauma. This may reduce problems down the track. 4. The July 2024 review Findings Report itself noted that problems related to walking multiple dogs are low to moderate frequency and mostly low impact. However, data shows that multiple dog walkers are over-represented in dog-related problems. This suggests that the problem is not severe and that a more nuanced approach is better. The greatest problems remains the high numbers of unregistered dogs causing roaming and dog attack problems. It would be better if more focus and resource goes towards dealing with these issues. 5. Note that the findings report does not offer "never" as an option, that may indicate that problems are not as bad as they seem. 36% have sometimes witnessed a dog attack people, and 49% have "rarely" witnessed a dog attack people. There is a box for "always" but not "never". 6. The review findings on multiple dogs (p.50) seem to be ambiguous with some suggestion that there are fewer incidents proportionately where multiple dogs. Main concerns about pack walks (10 complaints between 2001 and 2004) seem to be on impact on nature and feeling intimidated by them. the review of where (and when) pack dogs can be walked to mitigate impacts on nature and other people may be a way of resolving the issue without banning packwalking altogether. 7. There is no clear steer to limit numbers of dogs, either from the public (36% against limits, 41% for limits, the rest neutral) or staff "I don't think [number of dogs being walked at one time] should be regulated Council-wide or region-wide" (p.52 findings document) - this is due to the relatively low levels of nuisance they are causing and that there are existing regulations to tackle problems. Other regulatory methods (eg. licensing) would be better. 8. Banning packwalking could lead to unintended consequences if dogs do not get the exercise and socialisation they need, which might manifest as barking, aggression and damage to property. A license system on the other hand is likely to improve outcomes and not cause any additional problems.
6445	Dogs are an important component of many Aucklanders lives. We pay a lot of money in rates and some more in dog license fees. I m not confident there is balanced input into all these proposals and generally it feels like dogs are losing offleash opportunities in their immediate communities (which may be practically all that is achievable after a full day of work and sitting in rush hour traffic both ways). I support an end to life-chaining of dogs. Thank you

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6508	Dog owners regularly and flagrantly ignore the dog rules. On Meola Reef in Pt Chev, there is an area set aside for on-leash dogs and an area for off-leash dogs. Yet dog owners persist in releasing their dogs in the on-leash area. This spoils the enjoyment of Meola Reef for those who want to enjoy the reef free from harassment from dogs; such as OAP's, parents with prams and children who want to fly kites. (It is one of the best places to fly kites in Auckland) They also spoil the quiet enjoyment of people living nearby as the barking and angry shouting of owners echoes between Pt Chev and Westmere. It is also a sensitive ecological area with many native birds that get disturbed by the dogs. At the least, it requires better signage and regular patrols by enforcement officers to remedy the problem.
7120	1. I OPPOSE the end date of 31 March in the proposed 'Time and Season Rule' for dog access to beaches. Reasons: Beaches are almost empty in March and children are at school. The proposed beach restrictions exceed five months of the year. I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that beach restrictions end on 1 March. 2. I OPPOSE the default to ON LEASH Reasons: 1 Approx 80% of Auckland Region currently has 'off leash' as its default rule. Changing the default to 'on leash' would be taking the minority rule and applying it to the majority and dog owners will be disadvantaged ! 2 Communication will not be improved, it will be significantly worsened. I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that the CURRENT OFF LEASH rule is retained as the default rule in those areas in which it currently applies. 3. I OPPOSE a FIXED time and season rule (10 am to 7 pm Labour weekend to 31 March) and SUPPORT THE OPTION to enable local boards to introduce variations to the proposed fixed summer time and season rule. Reasons: Hibiscus & Bays adopted the current 'region wide' time and season rule 10 am to 5pm from Labour Weekend to 1st March many years ago and it works well. Many Local Boards have strongly indicated that they want variations from a fixed time and season rule. Please add your personal comments (attach a separate sheet if necessary): Dogs are a huge and important part of the community. They are part of our families. We do observe and respect the current rules. Why do they need changing. Dogs are peoples 'children'. Several dog people we interact with are single or old. Dogs running off-leash is healthy and goodness. We need more healthy and goodness in this world, not less.
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47	It is often difficult to assess whether a strange dog is 'under control' when you approach it in public place.

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80	Dogs are important companions providing physical and mental health benefits to many aucklanders. Don't let a vocal minority take those benefits away.
460	No
1447	We should allow dogs in all public parks (even on areas with protected wildlife) as long as it's on-leash. We'd like to take our dogs on walks and hikes but there are areas that we can't because of a blanket ban of dogs. This might be the easier solution but it's not the right one.
2544	I believe that dogs should have greater access to all areas. They are part of people's families and yes they need to be under control but they shouldn't be excluded from areas unless there's a threat and then they need to be on a lead. It's that simple.
2819	Dog owners often pay rates (if they are lucky enough to own their own home) and taxes (which Council get a chunk of) plus dog registration (for not a lot as my dog has never roamed) but are limited to access to public places because they own a dog or two. At my local area people set up and have picnics in the small designated dog area and get pissed off if my dog is there being walked on a lead. People who own dogs usually take them out and about for the welfare of the dog, their physical and mental health as well as companionship.
3381	The issue in Auckland is often caused by roaming dogs (i.e dogs who have either escaped or weren't properly fenced in at their property), aggressive dogs and owners who don't have sufficient training to manage their dogs. I say this as the owner of a reactive dog who has invested thousands in professional dog trainers and walkers to support us with our dog. Any updates need to focus on the issue, rather than the limits to dog walking that you're suggesting which are arbitrary and won't solve anything. Dog walkers should be required to have a professional standard/accreditation to ensure that they are adequately trained to profit from dog walking, and owners should have some basic training that is accessible to them as part of their registration
3394	As above. Please consider returning rubbish bins to the parks and implementing cat policy.
3432	Make it simple, clear and obvious.
3549	No off leash dogs should be allowed on beaches. Hours where dogs are permitted on beaches should be further restricted to allow the public to enjoy dog free beaches more often.
4025	Should not Be Influenced by current Committee/ council members Bias against bad experiences, Personal health issues or Cultural bias. there are very few Limited place in City where Dogs can run freely with each other , and it would be sad to restrict them to leads when Dogs provide so much happiness, Support to so many family's & individuals and are part on our families. there are dangerous breeds of dog but More dangerous is owners who are irresponsible of not trained on how to look after and control dogs. Should be dealt with case-by-case basis, rather then blanket rules for all, punishes responsible Dogs & Owners
4157	Preventing injury and trauma to human or animal life caused by a non-cared for, uncontrolled canine or feline should be a priority over the rights of a person owning an animal. Non registered, non chipped canines and felines, should be euthanized and repeated offending owners barred from owning either. Prevent the trauma to both the pet and the potential victim.
4464	More places for dogs to be walked encourages more social dog behaviour, dog roaming need tough laws and dogs that are not looked after need be protected , it's not the dogs that are being walked that is the issue it's the ones that are not walked roaming are the issue
4727	Please provide parks and/ or open space locations that favour dogs and their owners during summer time in each local board area. There should be a haven to easily travel to during summer day hours (10 - 5) that allow dogs to freely excersize.without burning their paws

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4879	Public spaces are not appropriate for dogs period!
4923	No
5023	I think the focus should stay on where the problems are: roaming dogs, overpopulated shelters, not being able to rehome a lot of dogs (and thus put them to sleep), and an unregulated dog-walking industry. I think the signs are clear enough as they are, as long as they match DOC signs and the council website (sometimes that information is not consistent).
5289	STOP MAKING IT HARDER FOR DOGS TO GO ANYWHERE WHEN WE PAY A RIDICULOUS AMOUNT FOR DOG REGISTRATION!!
5294	Would highly support regulation/licencing for commercial dog walkers/trainers. I use a dog walker to help socialize my reactive dog. He takes up to 10 dogs at a time and my dog's behaviour has improved greatly. They will sometimes walk through urban areas as a group (Albany/Westgate) to get used to noises and fast movements eg. Buses, cars, pedestrians. Safety is always the top priority. Would also suggest dogs in walking/training packs to be grouped with similarly sized dogs. Perhaps by weight class, or typical size of breed.
5591	Dear Auckland Council, I am writing to voice my concern and dissatisfaction with the recent decision to remove off-leash dog areas, particularly the changes affecting Monte Cecilia Park. While I understand the importance of shared public spaces, this decision unfairly limits dog owners while providing little benefit to the broader community. Auckland already lacks a sufficient number of off-leash areas for dogs, while there are ample spaces available for people without pets. With the steady rise in dog ownership, cutting back on designated off-leash areas will only cause overcrowding in the remaining spaces, increasing the risk of conflicts and safety concerns. A higher concentration of dogs in limited areas will inevitably lead to more incidents, despite the efforts of responsible owners. Moreover, many dog owners may feel forced to disregard these new restrictions, not out of defiance, but necessity—these spaces are vital for their dogs' well-being. Reducing off-leash areas will likely lead to more non-compliance, making enforcement more challenging and ineffective. Additionally, I am frustrated by the council's focus on revising guidelines for picking up dog feces when a much larger issue remains unaddressed. The removal of rubbish bins from parks has directly contributed to increased waste left behind. Rather than imposing more restrictions on dog owners, a more practical solution would be to reinstate rubbish bins, making it easier for owners to dispose of waste properly. It is also disappointing to see that dogs are facing increased regulation, while cats remain largely unregulated despite contributing to noise pollution, waste, and even abandoned or deceased animals in public areas. Many of these issues stem from unneutered and stray cats, yet little effort is being made to address this growing concern. If the goal is to maintain clean and safe public spaces, regulations should be applied fairly across all pet owners.

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6020	Public Education on Safe Interactions I strongly believe that there needs to be public education on how children can interact safely with dogs in public spaces. Programs and materials should be developed to teach children and caregivers about approaching dogs, understanding dog behavior, and recognizing when a dog may feel threatened or uncomfortable. This education can help foster safer environments for both children and dogs, reducing the likelihood of incidents. 5. Recognizing Dogs as Part of Auckland's Cultural Lifestyle Dogs are an integral part of Auckland's cultural lifestyle, contributing to the well-being of our communities. We believe that responsible dog owners should be supported by dog-centric policies that prioritize safety while fostering an inclusive environment. Clear signage in hospitality venues to allow dogs will not only benefit dog owners but also enhance the vibrancy of local cafes, restaurants, and shops. Promoting dog-friendly spaces encourages social interaction and community engagement. 6. Conclusion In summary, we advocate for dog policies that balance the needs of dog owners with the safety and enjoyment of all Auckland citizens. By implementing responsible regulations, providing clear communication, and promoting public education, we can create a positive environment for both pets and people. Thank you for considering my input on these important proposals. I look forward to the continued development of dog policies that enhance our community while ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all.
6077	The member of the public locates identifies and unregistered and entire dog that may or may not be menacing there should be enforcement to get that animal registered and also those owners. I've seen several cases locally where Normal dogs have been turned into vicious bastards by stupid owners who should never have been allowed a dog that should be clear and simple for these to be removed by animal management Again either the owner and the dog or the owner
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329	It is a time to tighten the rules for health and safety purpose ... apart from possible dogs attack, most owners do not pick up the poops which is very unfair to others who would like to enjoy the walks.
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.
1914	I support more access for dogs and do not support less access for dogs.
2102	Introduce cat registration, rules and accountability for cat owners. Why only dogs?
2235	I strongly support that dogs in urban environments such as city streets must be muzzled or on leash, no exceptions with finds issued for any breach. This is easy to asses and enforce. The bylaw could provide offleash and off muzzle clarity for parks or beaches. But within the road reserve a dog must always be on lead or muzzled.
2584	Stop wasting tax money with this nonsense. Provide educational support for dog owners that you believe are causing the problems for all. It's your administration responsibility and the reason as to why we pay the dog licence!

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2652	After a couple of years knowing the rules applied pretty much everywhere, the changes seem to make it more complicated again. Makes it easier to have a dog if you don't have to check what applies where, every time they leave the house to go somewhere new for a walk! Also note that not everyone can walk a dog during the summer outside of the hours of 10-5pm. If they have to walk during those days - it's important to allow dogs on grass lands not being forced onto hot footpaths. Consistency allows people to comply.
2866	Need an absolute crack down on roaming dogs. That is where the real problem lies. Too many second/third and fourth chances are given to people who don't deserve to have a dog in the first place.
2892	~~This entire proposal is severely flawed at rate payers expense.~~ Who was in on the meeting on these decisions ?? Yet again Council rational around such a thing is totally unbalanced . What is their rational for spending loads of rate payers money on copious closed door meetings discussing plans to put regulations in place for a problem that represents 0.7% and these ridiculous proposals won't stop the rogue ignorant people , just prevent many 100s of dogs getting good exercise, training by many capable educated dog walkers more of them are than not. In these closed door meeting prior to Christmas did they invite people such as eg Mark Vette or major dog group walkers to balance the discussion . and actually come up with a workable proposal ???????? who knows it was closed door meetings. And this is why people don't trust council or respect any proposing when conducted this way without involving the people and professional groups involved , and without input from Animal Control. But what's the point . I would support any legal challenge to this proposal by all interested parties. What I want to know is why are you not putting your efforts into the real problem in this City a proposal together for all the wandering dogs , oozing out of hotspot areas all from State NZ Housing areas . Your own Animal Control people will 100% verify this massive problem which true real massive problem .
2899	I also don't appreciate how this proposal was tucked away in the draft policy and is not available for comment as an option on the feedback form.

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2901	Good dog owners will follow the laws.Bad owners won't. The real issue is unregistered dogs and roaming. Suggestion make dog registration cheap and fines for unregistered dogs high. Atm registration is expensive and prohibitive for poorer families. The reduction requires you to own a dog for a period that means new dog owners go through 2 registration periods before they can apply. Stop believing you can write legislation to fix bad dog owners.
3173	While it may be outside the scope of current proposed changes, I also feel strongly that dogs should not be permitted inside businesses/building unless they are service dogs. This is especially pertinent to food businesses where hygiene can be impaired by the presence of a dog, and often doesn't provide opportunity for those who may be allergic/phobic to avoid.
3174	2. Regarding desexing for menacing dogs. Can you restrict people to having menacing dogs, like some specific breeds rather than desexing them? New research found that desex can cause mental and physical problems in dogs. Please do not lower your annual fee for a desexed dog, you might be encouraging people to do bad things to their dogs. If you really want to control the number of dogs by desexing, you might only need to do that for female dogs, no need to do that for male dogs.
3181	We are living in North park, Auckland and we are facing more troubles of dog poops from irresponsible dog owners nearby. The situation worsens rapidly from 5 weeks ago. We have to clean 8 dungs of dog poops on our and public lawns(our responsibility to mow)in the last 5 weeks. I know some countries have adopted DNA test on dog poops to fine the dog owners who didn't do their business. Is there any possibility Auckland City to implement a similar system to stop the irresponsible dog owners?
3189	I think most dog owners are responsible apart from a handful. I've got two dogs and a very easy going and friendly towards other dogs and people. I do however find that some people probably need a dog lead more then the dogs. Just a thought.

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3190	Hi, I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share some thoughts regarding the recent changes to dog bylaws. While I understand the concerns around dogs roaming freely without their owners, there's another issue I believe needs urgent attention: the use of fireworks. Every year, petitions are signed to ban fireworks, but little progress seems to be made. In 2024, yet again, fireworks were sold freely, and the consequences were devastating. Fireworks are set off unpredictably—at all hours of the day and night, often for weeks on end—causing significant stress and harm to animals. Last year, after 15 consecutive days of fireworks, my dog, like so many other animals, suffered severe trauma. The stress from the loud, relentless noise caused his body to go into shock, and I tragically lost him. The impact isn't limited to pets; for instance, there are stories of horses injuring themselves, such as running into fences, out of fear. This unregulated use of fireworks isn't just a nuisance—it's a form of animal cruelty. Many countries have banned the sale of fireworks to the public and instead limit their use to organized displays on specific occasions, like New Year's Eve, in controlled areas. Can we please advocate for similar regulations here? It's time we prioritize the well-being of animals and take meaningful steps to address this issue. Thank you for considering this matter.
3191	Leave responsible dog owners alone. They are doing a necessary service
3192	Thank you for the email. I am happy that there are certain rules in place such as how many dogs can someone walk at once and protection of wildlife..... However I as a dog owner I find it difficult to find correct information online before I take my dog out and about. For example we visited Long Bay ,dogs were not allowed on grass at all. That was a shock and ruined our day. Similar happened to us in Coromandel nearly none beaches allowed dogs it was heartbreaking we took a long journey to get there,paid parking just to read big red sign No dogs. In my opinion there should be part of the beach we're dogs are allowed on or off leash. It is very difficult to know where we can or can not go. Thank you for your time.

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3193	I 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. Council should enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules. As a job looking after the SEA areas in Campbells Bay and in Centennial Park, North shore, we have had ongoing problems with dog walkers not adhering to the on leash dog rule. Dogs are constantly accessing the stream affecting the riparian plants that exist. Banks are eroding and Kokopu that exist in the stream cannot lay eggs in the Carex when there is no vegetation available. We must keep dogs out. We have fenced large areas of the stream to keep dogs out – this is very time consuming, ruins the aesthetics and costs money.
3207	Dogs fees, too high & desex dogs are too high as well Desex dogs to high
4231	Hello I want to Reject the proposed amendments to the bylaw and policy because they don't make sufficient efforts to protect nature from the impacts of dogs esp. beaches & forests & all natural areas Council should enforce instant fines for anyone breaching dog walking rules. All dogs should be muzzled & harnessed & on a lead unless it's in a dog park. As a dog owner I am willing to harness my dog, lead walk my dog, muzzle my dog, pick up after my dog, microchip my dog, register my dog, neuter my dog, feed, exercise & enclose my dog, train & socialise my dog, vaccinate my dog & generally be totally responsible for the behaviour of my dog. Owing a dog is a privilege & responsibility & not a right.
4329	No....stop making excessive rules on dogs n owners, most homes in NZ have a dog make more place available to walk them, you the council are making general life difficult to walk dogs
4330	I don't agree with some of the changes outlined and the move from off leash / on leash to prohibited

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4895	Many of new Zealand's birds nest on the ground in scrapes and are very vulnerable to dogs. I hope that this review, prioritises citizens to keep their dogs, at the very least, on leashes when roaming beaches or nesting locations because they are endangering wildlife. I believe there should be a prohibition of dogs from areas of public land with high biodiversity value, particularly where there are species present that are vulnerable to dogs. I am also in favour of 'dog parks' and 'non-dog parks' so that each group have their own space. Those that are bothered by dogs can find space that is peaceful without being on alert for dogs, and dogs can also have their space to run free.
5436	I agree with clarification and updating.
5466	Stop stereotyping dogs and breeds and stop limiting access for where dogs can go! They are a massive part of our life and people who decide on these laws probably have no clue what it's like to own a dog and how hard it is just to take your dog out and the limiting places they can go
5777	The following is an extract from online info. Aucklanders told council that owners not picking-up after their dog, dogs wandering off-leash in on-leash areas and packs of dogs taking up pathways were of concern to them. The view of this Ponsonby non dog owning resident is, spend money on policing existing rules/regulations/legislation, rather than creating further rules/regulations/legislation that will similarly, go unpoliced and making residents feel more disenfranchised than what they already are. - Ø Acknowledge that some people may want to own a dog - Ø Some people are afraid of dogs - Ø Some people are allergic to dog hair - Ø Dogs' behaviour reflects their owners' attitudes regarding their dog's behaviour, sometimes, out of control, anti-social, entitled - Ø Behaviours continue, as, in most cases there are no consequences due to lack of 'casual' monitoring of existing rules/regulations/legislation - Ø All dogs have a degree of unpredictability in behaviour, even the "friendly, won't bite" ones
5884	Families should be allowed to have their pets at the park to watch football/rugby/netball games.
6178	No
6435	It'd be nice if you could add similar new by laws like Rotorua recently did. Have dna on the system for dog bites and attacks and problem dogs. And desexing problem dogs

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6890	See attachment We would like to see: Any signage prohibiting dog access should have a blurb that affirms the rights of disability assist dogs to access the area under the Human Rights Act, and the Dog Control Act. Our clients and their guide dogs are constantly confronted and refused access to places they have the right to access. Adding a blurb about the rights of disability assist dogs would help spread awareness and ensure that blind and low vision New Zealanders can live their lives independently.
6913	See attachment Summary of Attachment: Key Recommendations: Equitable Dog-Free Zones: Establish dog-free buffer zones around tamariki-priority areas. Dog Walking Limit: Reduce the maximum number of dogs walked per person in public spaces from six to two. Equity Impact Assessments: Conduct assessments on the distribution of dog-free and off-leash zones. Clear Enforcement Guidelines: Define ‘under control’ for off-leash dogs with clear guidelines. Community-Led Safety Committees: Introduce committees in high-risk areas. Culturally Responsive Policies: Ensure dog policy rules are translated into Te Reo Māori and Pacific languages, reflecting cultural nuances. Data and Evidence: Injury Statistics: Tamariki Māori and Pacific children face higher risks of dog-related injuries, with significant disparities in injury rates. Geographical Concentration: High injury rates in areas like Manukau highlight the need for targeted interventions. Cultural Perspectives: Māori and Pacific Views: Policies must incorporate Māori and Pacific perspectives on dog ownership and safety, ensuring culturally safe and effective interventions. Strengthened Recommendations: Tamariki-Centred Safety: Co-design policies with tamariki and whānau, focusing on structured protective environments and community-led safety models. Equitable Public Spaces: Ensure equitable distribution of dog-free and off-leash zones, with clear guidance and enforcement.

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6917	I ask why Auckland Council feel the need to make the proposed changes? What is the hoped for outcome? I would rather my tax/rate payer money is put towards finding & controlling unregistered, uncontrolled roaming dogs & their owners. These dogs will probably never be in a park or on a beach on lead or be walked by a dog walker. My 8 yrs old gentle rescue dog was being walked up Mt Wellington on a lead at the end of Nov '24. She was wearing a harness with the lead attached. She was registered and micro-chipped. She was abiding within all Council Bylaws She was attacked by a dog, also on a lead, so viciously she had to be euthanized. Please see attached photos. Had my dog not been restrained by a harness & lead she might have stood a chance to get away from the unprovoked attacked.

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6931	I agree with the Council promoting responsible dog ownership. Under 2.1 bullet point 10, I would prefer to see the wording as follows: “Respect other people’s personal space - public spaces are for everyone’s enjoyment, and not all people are comfortable around dogs; they may become anxious if a dog comes too near, and/or may not know how to relate to a dog.” It’s not necessarily a question of people not being fond of dogs, but feeling anxious or frightened as they do not know how best to help assist to defuse a situation. It could be helpful to include some information for members of the public on how to respond to off lead dogs at the edge of effective control; I would hope that this is what 3.2 is about. At 3.5 the focus is on services that reduce and respond to problems caused by dogs. I consider that the heading should be more accurate, and so read "Provide services that reduce and respond to problems caused by poor dog control, and so problems with dogs. The onus and focus should be on the individuals who do not have effective control, and/or do not take enough care, particularly around other dogs and people. I support 3.6.3 and 3.6.4, though with the latter at (c) I consider that dog owners should be able to use their local parks, rather than be required to drive to another area. Dogs as well as human beings are prone to arthritis, particularly if most walking is done on surfaces such as concrete. 3.6.5 appears to require the “ideal situation” in the consideration of dog exercise areas. But a smaller area may simply mean that owners or walkers exercise their dogs differently, eg, doing circuits, or throwing a ball, etc.
6935	I am in agreement that dogs need to be controlled for public safety and this includes extending the number of banned dog breeds if need be.

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6940	See attached Summary of attachment: Rising Dog-Related Injuries: Increasing number of dog-related injuries in Auckland, especially among children. Statistics show a significant rise in ACC claims for dog bites and other injuries over the past five years. Policy Change Suggestions: Prioritize child protection over dog welfare. Implement stricter leash and muzzle laws for all dogs, not just specific breeds. Designate specific small off-leash areas in parks and beaches, at least 100 meters away from busy areas. Legislation and Enforcement: Improve enforcement of leash policies and provide funding for patrolling recreational spaces. Introduce mandatory sterilization of all dogs by six months of age, with exceptions for registered breeders. Education and Awareness: Increase public awareness about the risks of dog bites through campaigns. Encourage responsible dog ownership and reduce stigma around muzzle use. Equity and Focus on Vulnerable Areas: Focus on South Auckland, where dog-related injuries are more prevalent. Ensure that dog-access policies are inclusive and consider the needs of all communities.
6950	see attached Summary of Attachment: Importance of Safety: Emphasizes the need for evidence-based policies to prevent unintentional injuries. Highlights the disproportionate impact of dog-related injuries on Māori, Pacific, and low socio-economic communities. Dog-Related Injury Statistics: High-deprivation areas see more dog bite claims and hospital admissions. Tamariki (children) are particularly vulnerable, with many injuries occurring in the head and neck region. Concerns About Roaming Dogs: Increase in dog attacks and roaming incidents noted in recent reports. Calls for better control measures to ensure public safety. Recommendations for Policy Improvements: Advocates for leashing dogs in public places and creating dedicated off-leash areas. Suggests clearer definitions and enforcement of “under control” for dogs. Recommends subsidized dog training and desexing programs, especially in high-risk communities. Focus on Vulnerable Populations: Stresses the need to protect tamariki, the elderly, and those with disabilities. Calls for collaboration with Māori and community groups to develop effective dog control strategies.

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6954	See attached Summary of attachment: Dog Bite Prevention: Supports evidence-based strategies to reduce dog bites.
6955	Requesting the uniformed paper road between Rodney Rd and Tomahunga summit be designated 'controlled dog area - no access' due to the presence of protected wildlife- kiwi
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND	
710	I am a dog owner and I support education of dog owners. However, I also appeal to you to include education for non-dog owners, particularly those parents who take their young children to play in off-leash dog areas. It is not fair to the responsible dog owners who concentrate on controlling their dogs to have to deal with young 'out of control' children running up to their dogs or screaming excitedly around dogs when we are trying to keep the dogs calm. (By the way, well done and thank you for all your own on the policy and bylaws)
795	I believe creating licensing for those who can walk dogs professionally and ensuring appropriate levels of training/ education in this sector would be more beneficial for the dog community as a whole. Dog walkers play a very important role in reducing the amount of barking and roaming complaints as dogs are looked after and stimulated while owners are busy/ working. Dog walkers have a very positive impact in this way. The issues occur when there are people who are untrained in this industry doing the job. I do agree with limiting the amount of dogs to a single dog walker, but this needs to be separate from the proposed general rules you are looking at enforcing.
1671	I think licenses should need to be obtained now to have a dog, property checks etc. Breeders should only be allowed to sell to an approved person. This would cut down on dog numbers, litters being excessively bred and roaming dogs
5426	The 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'. If these changes go through, I see this as the thin end of a wedge that will drive a continuous degradation of how dogs are perceived in the eyes of Policymakers in New Zealand. The current (2019) Policy and by law state one of the key objectives of the policy to "maintain opportunities for owners to take their dogs to public places". The proposal is to change this wording to a bunch of very negative words about dogs that assumes they are a 'danger and distress, a nuisance, cause damage' and that there is an expected or "inherent conflict between dog owners" and the rest of society!
5842	You are making too many changes all at once. Deal more effectively with the minority of offenders, and leave animals alone. I want to say go pick on someone who can defend themselves, not the poor dogs.
6837	No
REGIONAL ORGANISATION	

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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 instead.