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Albert-Eden Local Board

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**Dog policy, bylaw and
regional park access rules 2025**

WRITTEN FEEDBACK

**Albert-Eden Local Board
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Sub #	Organisation Name
4674	Useful Films Ltd.



Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I support this limit in principle. However I think six is FAR too many dogs. I believe the limits should be 3 on-leash and 1 off-leash.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

I have been rushed by dogs in public places which makes me feel unsafe when they are off leash. If you are dog walking multiple dogs I would prefer only ONE off leash at a time.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I would prefer this widely used area to be on leash only.

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What do you think of this proposed change?**

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

Too many uncontrollable dogs are around Auckland with "walkers" better legislation is needed to protect wildlife and other users

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I don't know

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Enforce fines and take action on unregistered and unleashed dogs in onleash areas like you used to

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Difficulties with handling.

All it needs is one or 2 dogs to misbehave.

Better dog handling training for dog walkers.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

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Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park, Hunua Ranges Regional Park, Shakespear Regional Park, Waitawa Regional Park, Wenderholm Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is already limited areas to walk well-behaved dogs off leash.

You are penalising responsible dog owners to train their animals, pick up dog rubbish who want to walk with their family and dogs.

Dog owners also have families and there are already so many restrictions on access that it is impossible. They are NOT mutually exclusive.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Support dogs being under control at all times (but not necessary on-leash)

Do not support loss of cossey-massey loop walk which goes round dams as we walk it as a family with our dog and is very restrictive for responsible dog owners who have well trained dogs and pick up rubbish.

It is already very restrictive in Auckland to walk/hike with our dog as a family unlike in the South Island

Agree with 2c and 2d

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Just provides more clarity

Wenderholm Regional Park

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

It would be nice to be able to do hikes with family and dogs and have greater accessibility to camp etc. Auckland's regional parks are very restrictive compared with the south island and seems to have the attitude that being a dog owner and hiking/walking are mutually exclusive things.

I do agree about prohibited access during lambing season and during summer months of the year on the beach, but also compulsory dog registration and vaccination, and penalties for poor dog behaviour and littering (owners) are important to target irresponsible dog owners.



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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

This should be actioned on a case by case basis, taking into account any past history.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

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Tell us why

This is a question obviously concerning council processes and extremely difficult to comment on by a member of the public.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

These areas are extremely valuable to dog owners and the public as well as being Tipi a Maunga and are payed for by the public i.e. Auckland's ratepayers. Dog owners are a sizable proportion of Auckland's population and voters. Dog walking is recognised medically as beneficial physically and psychologically and further restrictions should not be placed on it. In fact , council parks, including Maunga, should be made available as off leash areas say from 6 to 9 am each day.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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I do not support the proposed change

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

I care about our Botanic Gardens, and obviously support it's upkeep, and the importance of keeping it available to all. However, I strongly believe that the current rules on dog access are both fair, and respected by all dog owners that attend. Sign are clearly posted and advise on where dogs are expected on-leash and can be off-leash. The proposed change to make dogs only be able to be on-leash in all places will make the Botanic

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Gardens far less visited, populated, or appreciated. It takes away a valuable place in which nature and animals can mix (somewhat) freely. I encourage keeping the policy as it is now.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Mt Albert

What local board area is this location in?

Albert-Eden

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

While there is a large field that can be off-leash, it is not properly fenced, and without this, makes the place useless. The entire mountain should be able to be used for dog walking.

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence



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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

This is better than existing rules, but I firmly believe that six dogs on-leash is still too many and three dogs off leash for one person is far too many. A person cannot look in three directions at once, two would be bad enough but would be a reasonable compromise.

Over Christmas for three weeks I walked solo with three well trained dogs (an ex-guide dog pup, 9yo, a guide dog in training, 2yo, and guide dog pup, 10 months old) and it was very difficult. When one poops, it's very difficult to control the dogs while you pick it up. I know someone who walks three dogs at once, and when one poops she just lets go of all three leads while she picks it up, that's less than ideal in many situations.

I think three on leash at once would be the absolute limit.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

The changes are meaningless without more enforcement. Animal Management needs to be more visible. Meola Reef has been feral for a good five years now, on-leash area rules are widely ignored, and there are still Karaka trees in the off-leash area, but labradors are meant to read the warning sign rather eat the berries and die.

As for educating dog owners, they need to understand that dogs don't require an off leash run every time. At places like Meola Reef they should park 1km away, walk the dog on leash to the off-leash area, let them have ten minutes of off-leash time and then walk them back to the car.

Also, people need to be educated around the fact that how they walk their dog impacts others walking their dogs. In many places outside Auckland, when someone with an off-leash dog approaches on-leash dogs, they will leash theirs up as they get within 100-

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200m, walk past the other dogs, and then let their dogs off-leash at a safe distance. It's quite clear that if someone is walking their dog on-leash it's for a reason, and they don't want their dog approaching other dogs on an unplanned basis. There are numerous reasons why approaching an on-leash dog is a bad idea. The dog may be young and not yet fully vaccinated, it may be a young intact male which is at risk from older intact alphas, it may be post-op, it may have an infectious disease, it may react badly to unfamiliar dogs. The person walking their dog on leash shouldn't have to explain this to every person they come across.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

By definition, intact males can be menacing regardless of breed. I've seen intact labradors that act like they want to tear the throat out of every dog they see, which is very difficult for the person walking the dog, and usually they are smart enough to stay away from off-leash areas.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

I went through this process many years ago, and had to get signatures of six neighbours to achieve it. I did it, but agreement could have easily been withheld by one person. Meanwhile, I live next to someone with a tiny single dog that barks incessantly which seems somewhat inconsistent.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

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Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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 alone 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.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe that dogs should be required to be under control on leash at all times in all regional parks, in areas where dogs are allowed. Off leash in any busy areas like these parks is just asking for trouble.

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What local board area is this location in?

Albert-Eden

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

All of the above. Too many off leash dogs quickly escalates to mayhem.

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

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It's a mistake forcing dog access into limited windows at each end of the day. The beach is busy with swimmers/people over summer until 8pm or later. It's busier (with people) after working hours and yet that's when dogs are suddenly allowed on the beach.

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Hopefully the p roposed changes will deter irresponsible dog owners from public places.

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

It should be 3 for both on and off leash, no person, no matter how well trained, can keep so many dogs under control at once.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I was horrified to read about the penguins being killed at Muriwai recently. The proposed change doesn't go far enough, dogs should be fully banned at Muriwai regional park at all times. The problem with having changing rules is that the irresponsible dog

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Location 1:

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Mt Albert and every park that isn't a dedicated fenced off leash dog exercise area

What local board area is this location in?

Albert-Eden

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

So many dog owners think their dogs are 'under control' off leash but they actually aren't. Easier to say it's on leash for all and please enforce it with fines. There's a fenced off leash area inside the maunga, that should be enough for those wanting th

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Too many dogs not under control, escaping their owners and running loose in the neighbourhood, doing poos that aren't picked up, attacking other leashed dogs

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Too many owners think the rules apply to them, I've seen so many people blatantly take their dogs off leash into areas where there are supposed to be no dogs, or leashed dogs only. Unfortunately the only way to protect wildlife and also keep dangerous dogs away from children/other animals is to have strict rules around dog control and enforce them. Instead of continuing to give irresponsible dog owners the benefit of the doubt, enforce the rules on everyone. Aggressive off leash dogs have become a huge issue in NZ post covid, and stronger action needs to be taken to change this.

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Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

A maximum of 4 or 8 dogs is unreasonable. My dog currently goes on pack walks, where the walker takes 10 plus dogs at one time and has never had a single incident, he has been going for 2 years. It depends on the experience of the walker not the amount of dogs being walked. Someone with 4 dogs can still experience incidents if they are inexperienced.

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

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**What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why**

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, name, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Professional Dog Walkers provide a vital service to owners and dogs. Dogs need supervised off lead and social time for their physical and mental health. Sadly, not all owners are able to spare the time every day so hire someone else to provide this vital enrichment.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Because the current situation is variable and unclear

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

How will 'you' identify such dogs and police the matter?

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

It needs to be consistent and at the City's

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

In my experience, even dog owners don't this requirement currently exists. Perhaps you can work with vets and pet stores to promote

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Engagement by local area is important. There needs to be legal, easy and local access for every dog, every day

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarity removes error

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Dogs need regular and appropriate off lead time. Professional dog walkers provide a vital service and in my experience operate during low demand times. Never on weekends, after 9 and finished by the time school kids and families are using parks

