

OTHER CHANGES TO BYLAW

The main changes to the bylaw have focused around the changes to dog exercise areas, as summarised on the previous page. The main changes agreed to were:

- A reduction in the number of areas where dogs are prohibited
- An increase in the number of areas where dogs can be exercised freely
- A reduction in the restrictions imposed on dogs in Exercise Areas
- Clarification of definitions

Other changes agreed as part of the bylaw review process were:

- A new Dog Control Policy (refer Council website for details)
- Temporary Prohibited Public Places – a provision in the bylaw to enable a temporary prohibited public place to be declared for a specified time.
- New Enforcement Protocol — A two-tier infringement protocol to be implemented, as illustrated below:

Written Warning

Where breach of Act/Bylaw has occurred:

Unless incident involves:

- Injury/distress to a person/animal
- Is a health issue (e.g. non-removal of dog faeces)
- Written warning for same offence has already been issued.

Immediate Infringement Notice

Where breach of Act/Bylaw has occurred:

When the incident involves:

- Injury/distress to a person/animal
- Is a health issue (e.g. non-removal of dog faeces)
- Written warning for same offence has already been issued

(Note: Infringement fee for 'an unregistered dog' is waived if rectified within 14 days of date of infringement notice).

To view a complete copy of the 2013 Control of Dogs Bylaw please go to www.timaru.govt.nz

Can't access the web?
Contact Council or phone your
friendly
Animal Control Officer



DOG FOULING AND DOGS WANDERING

These two issues arise every year and cause significant complaints to the Council's elected members and staff. It can also cause unnecessary tension between dog owners and non-dog owners.

When out walking or exercising your dog please remember to take a bag with you and to pick up any mess that your dog makes. This is a legal requirement (with infringements able to be issued) and is also a common courtesy so that other members of the community do not have to deal with it in any way.

Being a responsible dog owner means you need to ensure your dog does not wander off your property as a roaming dog can frighten members of the public especially small children or the elderly. Become a "selected owner". Information on how to achieve this is available on our website.

Enjoy being a dog owner and the friendship and joy that it brings you but keep in mind that many people in our community are not dog owners and their rights and views need to be considered as well.



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K9 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2013 K9 newsletter for dog owners or potential owners in the Timaru District. This edition will focus on educating dog owners on the new Control of Dogs Bylaw 2013.

Don't forget to register me!

Please read this brochure carefully so you understand the changes. Animal Control Officers have been lenient in enforcing the new Bylaw until now so that people have time to familiarize themselves with the changes. Once this newsletter is sent however, officers will be ensuring that dog owners do comply with the new Bylaw.

Dog owners will be pleased to note that dog registration fees have not increased for 2013. However, there are two changes to the fees:

- Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs - \$5 fee has been scrapped. No Fee applies.
- Dog owners with new puppies - \$30 fee applies for puppies 3–12 months. Full fee applies after 12 months.

Please find below a schedule of the 2013 dog fees:

Category	Fee (\$)
Entire Dog	108
Neutered Dog	56
Rural Pet Dog	30
Working Dog	30
Selected Owner	30
Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs	0
New Puppy 3 – 12 months	30

WHERE CAN DOGS GO?

This section summarises where dogs are allowed to be exercised in Timaru District. There are three categories that apply:

- Prohibited Public Places – Dogs are not allowed in these areas
- Dog on Leash Areas – Areas where dogs can be exercised but must be on a leash
- Dog Exercise Areas – Public places, including all walkways and tracks within the exercise area, where dogs may be exercised without being controlled on a leash, providing the dog is still under effective control (i.e. obedient and responsive to its owners commands)

With the adoption of the new bylaw, signage is being updated in these areas. The Council website will also show the available dog exercise areas.

PROHIBITED PUBLIC PLACES (First Schedule Bylaw)

Timaru District Council has identified the following areas where dogs are prohibited:

DISTRICT WIDE

- All children's playgrounds.
- The playing or training surface of any sports ground or sports field owned or controlled by the Council.
- Within 10 metres of any child's play equipment or play area or paddling pool in any park or reserve, or of any aviary in any park or reserve.
- Any swimming pool or other bathing place owned or controlled by the Council, including all areas within the fenced boundary of the swimming pool.
- Public Libraries.
- Premises used for, or in connection with, the manufacture, preparation, packing or storage or sale of food (this includes external eating areas and is a requirement of existing food safety legislation currently under parliamentary review).



NB: Therefore compliance shall be in accordance with food safety legislation current at the time.

TEMUKA

- Temuka Domain - the portion of Temuka Domain between the western boundary of the Temuka Golf Course and the eastern boundary of Fergusson Drive.
- Temuka Motor Camp

GERALDINE

- Geraldine Domain - excluding walking track
- Geraldine Motor Camp
- Raukapuka Reserve playing fields

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- Camping Grounds - Labour Weekend until Easter (inclusive)

TIMARU

- Aorangi Park
- Caroline Bay
- Caroline Bay Beach Tidal Area - 1 October to 31 March inclusive each year
- Stafford Street - from Sefton Street to North Street
- The Royal Arcade
- Otipua Wetlands
- Claremont Bush Reserve

NB: Access to the Beach Tidal Area is via Virtue Avenue to northern carpark and from the loop road to Marine Parade to the Marine Parade carpark.

DOG ON LEASH AREAS (Second Schedule Bylaw)

The following are public places in which dogs are to be kept on a leash:

- (a) All streets, roads, footpaths and berms within the district except those within prohibited areas or dog exercise areas.
- (b) All parks, reserves and walkways within the district except those within prohibited areas or dog exercise areas.
- (c) The non-playing or non-training surface and associated spectator areas of any sports ground or sports field owned or controlled by the Council.
- (d) All cemeteries.
- (e) All airports and associated buildings.
- (f) Temuka CBD area in King Street from Wood Street to Fraser Street and including the Town Square.
- (g) Geraldine CBD area.
- (h) Pleasant Point CBD area.
- (i) Picnic areas: Owners of dogs are permitted to have their dogs with them in picnic areas provided their dog is kept under effective control on a leash and the normal requirements for the immediate removal of dog faeces are observed.



DOG EXERCISE AREAS (Third Schedule Bylaw)

The following areas have been identified as dog exercise areas:

TIMARU

- Ashbury Park
- Marchwiell Park
- Redruth Park
- Scenic Reserve (Centennial Park)
- West End Park
- South Beach
- Waimataitai Beach
- Otipua Beach
- Caroline Bay Beach Tidal Area only - 1 April to 30 September inclusive each year
- Salt Water Creek Walkway



TEMUKA

- River areas (the river bed, ie shingle, streams and berm areas)
- Domain Avenue on the tree walkway between Rayner Street and Murray Street
- Temuka Domain (the area between the southern boundary of the Temuka Holiday Park and continuing along the stormwater channel which follows the southern boundary of the Temuka Golf Course and east of the Torepe Fields carpark, sports field and training area).

GERALDINE

- Reserve opposite Fire Station
- River area (the river bed, ie shingle, stream and berm areas)
- Todd Park

PLEASANT POINT

- River areas (the river bed, ie shingle, stream and berm areas)
- Pleasant Point Domain (Fire Brigade practice area when not in use by Fire Brigade)

NB:

1. Where the walkway in an exercise area borders or passes through a prohibited area (eg play area) and there is no alternative route, owners are allowed to continue along the walkway, providing their dog is controlled by a leash and the owner does not stop in the area.
2. Picnic areas within exercise areas are designated dog on leash areas.