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Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2024 03:42 p.m.
To: fyi-request-26882-1c3f96cb@requests.fyi.org.nz
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Request
Attachments: Social media comments - early engagement.pdf; Other councils - summary at June 2023.xlsx

Kia Ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your e-mail below.

Our responses to your questions are written below each question.

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Sent: Monday, 20 May 2024 8:26 a.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information request - Information about documents in the agenda for meeting 21 May 2024

Dear Dunedin City Council,

These requests arise from the parts of the agenda for the Customer and Regulatory meeting 21 May 2024 that deal with the review of the dog policy and bylaw.

This information is required to consider the information in that agenda, allow informed discussions amongst interested parties, and provide informed submissions in the upcoming review. The absence of the information will prevent that occurring, and that will negatively impact the upcoming consultation. Therefore please provide the information with urgency to prevent repeating the same disadvantage caused by failing to comply with the LGOIMA requirements in relation to requests for the Annual Plan consultation. Noting the LGOIMA allows information to be released as it becomes available, and doing so would comply with the request for urgency.

1. Paragraph 22 of the Report refers to topics discussed on social media, but unlike the surveys referred to no information is provided. Please provide the information supporting that analysis.

The information is attached.

2. The next paragraph is also numbered 22. It states the approach of other Councils was researched. Please name the other Councils researched, and provide all materials obtained from those Councils, and all materials produced during and as a result of the research and analysis of the information. Note that will include, but is not limited to, notes, materials recording the analysis, summaries, and records of conclusions drawn.

The Policy Analyst viewed information contained on their websites. Attached is a summary of the Council's webpages reviewed and a summary of the information obtained.

3. Paragraph 29 identifies the requirement for reasons to impose restrictions. That requires actual evidence of an actual risk. Please provide the evidence relied on to prove the actual risks claimed to exist, that the restrictions are a proportionate response to the actual risk, and imposing the restrictions will remove or reduce the risk to such low levels the restriction is justified. That will include, but not be limited to, the potential danger, distress and nuisance relating to locations listed in paragraph 25.

The table in paragraph 25 shows 3 sites for increasing restrictions and also includes limiting the number of dogs that can be walked at any one time. Feedback received via early engagement has informed the proposed restrictions for the 3 areas. Please find attached link to the early engagement information received

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/dogs/dog-control-bylaw-and-policy-review/dog-control-bylaw-and-policy-early-engagement>

A document showing actual evidence does not exist and is therefore declined pursuant to section 17(e) of LGOIMA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

4. Paragraph 4 states the proposed changes seek to improve recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners. Please provide the evidence relied on to identify the recreational needs of Dunedin dogs and owners, then identify how the proposed changes will improve opportunities for those recreational needs, including by reference to obligations pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act. That will include, but will not be limited to, the proposed changes in paragraph 25.

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The Council contracted Simpson Grierson to undertake a review of the proposed Policy and Bylaw.

Pursuant to sections 7(g) to maintain legal professional privilege and 7(f) (i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to member or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty, your request for a copy of the review is declined.

As we have declined to provide some information you are advised that you have the right to seek a review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Kā mihi

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Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Cher Forgeson Kia ora Cher, apologies for that. The email address should have read AnimalRules@dcc.govt.nz (i.e. no dot in the middle). This has now been fixed.
	Dogs aren't the worst problem in the CBD.It's not the dogs that vandalise or break glass or vomit in shop doorways or sit and drink alcohol in restricted areas.. You can trip over anybody or anything at anytime. And yes I've seen council contractors pick up after humans. Dunedin is so slow coming forward....
Graham Tamati, 190860239258528	
Clint Dane, 2422299167781325	Tania Forgie good luck, the west harbour doesn't exist according to the council. If it was anywhere on the other side of the harbour then yea we'd have a chance.
Nicky Jeffries, 2205030889554164	Jayden Wiparata feedback time!!
Allie Phipps, 5418480581582417	We need more bins. I go to several beach spots that are popular for dog walking and there are no bins. I went to black head beach last week and counted 7 poops just on the walk to down the beach. There is no bin there so people are leaving it. I drive with it in the car and drop off at the bin but it's not ideal. Smails is another beach without a bin in the carpark
Allie Phipps, 5418480581582417	Definitely no dogs in the cbd other than service dogs.
Julie Rodgers, 1956755621113374	You know what I would love: A dog Pool ! Like a dog community pool. All responsible dog owner conditions would apply of course. It doesn't have to be fancy but has a deep and shallow end (I saw a community dog pool on tik tok) it was so wonderful to see them having such fun being able to swim .
Desi Liversage, 1904335503010102	Dunedin City Council It should be cat control you're talking about. When do submissions close for that?
Tania Forgie, 2561466480611202	Clint Dane sad aye but there is no harm trying
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	There definitely needs to be some modern updates to the rules. Well behaved dogs on leads should be allowed in more public spaces and on public transport etc as seen overseas - they add to good communities vibes !ðŸ¶ Dunedin City Council
Claudia UM, 2476617849034718	Yvette Pauley
	Yuri Templeton-Wierda not sure if this still happens but a few times I have found a wandering dog and ran the council they provided me with the dog's address so I could return it , which I didn't mind in a first instance as I believe everyone gets a chance to sort things out. If it happened a lot that would be a different matter.
Karen Sortehaug, 26670637466692	
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	Can you put more signs up where dogs have to be on leads. For example there is a new walking track in Fairfield where I would love to take my dog on a regular basis but everyone let's there dogs off to run freely and I shouldn't have to go really early in the morning to avoid dogs off leashes. It makes it hard when you have your dog on a lead and he's very reactive to dogs that just run over to him.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	
	Karen Sortehaug I came across a dog running up the road in Sunnysvale one Sunday morning and they refused to give me details on where he lived or let them know there dog was in danger. After argueing with them for about 10 mins they reluctantly told me where he lived. There was no way I could leave him. I get the privacy laws but seriously they need to help us get dogs back to there homes more easily.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	
Liz Rox, 2728350657205282	Please monitor where dogs are already PROHIBITED. Like Arthur St Reserve. The playground is used by kids, families and tourists... and DOGS++ (before people arrive).
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Tania Wilson, 2108668705913947	A dog water fountain at the top of JWD would be much appreciated
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Rachel Mary Bernadette, 22526882	Claudia UM
	Karen Sortehaug no that no longer happens. That is why I brought it up.
	Some dog control functions have been contracted out to Armour guard. They may contact the owner if they can get hold of them the first time but
Yuri Templeton-Wierda, 224772656	if a dog has been found wandering for a second time it is mandatory impoundment.

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Nomi, 2541503835922166	Julie Rodgers even better yet. A map of places you can take your dog for a swim would be better and wouldn't add to the rates. Sadly pools even for dogs are expensive to build and maintain and would be a long wait for it to be built in the first place. Where is a map of good places for dogs to swim wouldn't cost the council much other than someone to spend a bit of time outlining on a map the best beaches and rivers to take your dog for a swim. :)
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Leigh Edwards, 2217790431614076	Julie Rodgers Yes definitely !! I've seen overseas that some pools let dogs in just before it's time for them to drain the pool and clean it anyway.
Tracey Sanders, 2689896907745684	Tania Wilson and a rubbish bin would be handy up there.
Wolf Snow, 8343644599010333	I'm not sure if anyone else is noticing but at McMillan park on highgate a lot of people are blatantly disregarding the rules for this being a child only playground I have seen a handful of different dogs at this park now, as I often visit family there, I don't know the nature of someone else's dog I can only go off what I see in front of me and dog owners will know better than anybody how quickly a safe situation can turn into something dangerous in a matter of seconds. I don't want my toddler to have his face ripped off because he's caught in the middle of a dog park environment right in the middle of a clearly signed no dog zone. Am I being to harsh here or am I being fair? Should I start taking my huskies along with me too if that's what everybody else is up to? I'm confused and upset ! I don't want my children around other people pets, if I did I'd take them where I could find dogs?!
Dicksin Gravy, 6356298914457771	Clint Dane take it up with your community board, that's what they are there for!!
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Blair Harrison, 5454272057986202	Please allow dogs on leashes in inner city streets. Shops/malls can have their own rules.

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Graham Tamati, 190860239258528	Dogs aren't the worst problem in the CBD.It's not the dogs that vandalise or break glass or vomit in shop doorways or sit and drink alcohol in restricted areas.. You can trip over anybody or anything at anytime. And yes I've seen council contractors pick up after humans. Dunedin is so slow coming forward...
Clint Dane, 2422299167781325	Tania Forgie good luck, the west harbour doesn't exist according to the council. If it was anywhere on the other side of the harbour then yea we'd have a chance.
Nicky Jeffries, 2205030889554164	Jayden Wiparata feedback time!!

Allie Phipps, 5418480581582417	We need more bins. I go to several beach spots that are popular for dog walking and there are no bins. I went to black head beach last week and counted 7 poops just on the walk to down the beach. There is no bin there so people are leaving it. I drive with it in the car and drop off at the bin but it's not ideal. Smails is another beach without a bin in the carpark
Allie Phipps, 5418480581582417	Definitely no dogs in the cbd other than service dogs.
Julie Rodgers, 1956755621113374	You know what I would love: A dog Pool ! Like a dog community pool. All responsible dog owner conditions would apply of course. It doesn't have to be fancy but has a deep and shallow end (I saw a community dog pool on tik tok) it was so wonderful to see them having such fun being able to swim .
Desi Liversage, 1904335503010102	Dunedin City Council It should be cat control you're talking about. When do submissions close for that?
Tania Forgie, 2561466480611202	Clint Dane sad aye but there is no harm trying
Tania Forgie, 2561466480611202	Julie Rodgers what a great idea!
Julie Rodgers, 1956755621113374	Tania Forgie do you think so? I thought everyone would think I was being weird. Thank you ðŸ™,
Claudia UM, 2476617849034718	There definitely needs to be some modern updates to the rules. Well behaved dogs on leads should be allowed in more public spaces and on public transport etc as seen overseas - they add to good communities vibes !ðŸ¶ Dunedin City Council Yvette Pauley
Karen Sortehaug, 26670637466692	Yuri Templeton-Wierda not sure if this still happens but a few times I have found a wandering dog and ran the council they provided me with the dog's address so I could return it , which I didn't mind in a first instance as I believe everyone gets a chance to sort things out. If it happened a lot that would be a different matter.
Karen Sortehaug, 26670637466692	Used to be able to walk dogs in the city . I understand why it could be a problem in the day time ,but wonder if no dog hours could be introduced as I can't see a problem with walking a dog through town in the evening.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Can you put more signs up where dogs have to be on leads. For example there is a new walking track in Fairfield where I would love to take my dog on a regular basis but everyone let's there dogs off to run freely and I shouldn't have to go really early in the morning to avoid dogs off leashes. It makes it hard when you have your dog on a lead and he's very reactive to dogs that just run over to him.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Karen Sortehaug I came across a dog running up the road in Sunnyside one Sunday morning and they refused to give me details on where he lived or let them know there dog was in danger. After arguing with them for about 10 mins they reluctantly told me where he lived. There was no way I could leave him. I get the privacy laws but seriously they need to help us get dogs back to their homes more easily.
Liz Rox, 2728350657205282	Please monitor where dogs are already PROHIBITED. Like Arthur St Reserve. The playground is used by kids, families and tourists... and DOGS++ (before people arrive).
Tania Wilson, 2108668705913947	A dog water fountain at the top of JWD would be much appreciated
Tania Wilson, 2108668705913947	Julie yesss! Fabulous idea
Rachel Mary Bernadette, 22526882	Claudia UM
Yuri Templeton-Wierda, 224772656	Karen Sortehaug no that no longer happens. That is why I brought it up. Some dog control functions have been contracted out to Armour guard. They may contact the owner if they can get hold of them the first time but if a dog has been found wandering for a second time it is mandatory impoundment.
Jaz Hunter, 2185096024859030	Allie Phipps some people live within the central city, so need to get about with their dog on those inner city footpaths.
Jaz Hunter, 2185096024859030	I don't have an issue with dogs being in the city or anywhere, but just as long as the owner picks up any mess ðŸ’©ðŸ’©ðŸ’©
Claudia UM, 2476617849034718	Desi Liversage more offers of free or partially funded spay & neutering for cats,
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Jaz Hunter, 2185096024859030	Jaz Hunter that would be a good start
Nomi, 2541503835922166	Julie Rodgers even better yet. A map of places you can take your dog for a swim would be better and wouldn't add to the rates. Sadly pools even for dogs are expensive to build and maintain and would be a long wait for it to be built in the first place. Where is a map of good places for dogs to swim wouldn't cost the council much other than someone to spend a bit of time outlining on a map the best beaches and rivers to take your dog for a swim. :)
Julie Rodgers, 1956755621113374	Nomi fantastic idea ðŸˆ€ðŸ’ðŸ¼
Leigh Edwards, 2217790431614076	Julie Rodgers Yes definitely !! I've seen overseas that some pools let dogs in just before it's time for them to drain the pool and clean it anyway.
Tracey Sanders, 268989690774568	Tania Wilson and a rubbish bin would be handy up there.
Wolf Snow, 8343644599010333	I'm not sure if anyone else is noticing but at McMillan park on highgate a lot of people are blatantly disregarding the rules for this being a child only playground I have seen a handful of different dogs at this park now, as I often visit family there, I don't know the nature of someone else's dog I can only go off what I see in front of me and dog owners will know better than anybody how quickly a safe situation can turn into something dangerous in a matter of seconds. I don't want my toddler to have his face ripped off because he's caught in the middle of a dog park environment right in the middle of a clearly signed no dog zone. Am I being too harsh here or am I being fair? Should I start taking my huskies along with me too if that's what everybody else is up to? I'm confused and upset ! I don't want my children around other people's pets, if I did I'd take them where I could find dogs?!
Dicksin Gravy, 6356298914457771	Clint Dane take it up with your community board, that's what they are there for!!
Clint Dane, 2422299167781325	Dicksin Gravy ok!
Blair Harrison, 5454272057986202	Please allow dogs on leashes in inner city streets. Shops/malls can have their own rules.

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Joy Woodford, 2255038301229079	They should always be on a leash.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	No they don't work. So many people walk their dogs off lead which makes my walk with my dog hard. He doesn't react well to other dogs and this happens all the time. The new Fairfield track for example needs a sign saying dogs need to be on leads. All dogs need to be on leads. Full stop!
Deborah Gillam, 217155498622427	Tracey Mains is it a designated on lead track?
Deborah Gillam, 217155498622427	Joy Woodford why?
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Deborah Gillam I thought all dogs had to be on lead unless stated. It doesn't say but it puts me off walking and enjoying it with my dog.

Fiona Forde, 2296130810493219	Deborah Gillam I think it states that dogs have to be under control at all times which means it can be off lead but under voice control. I find it frustrating too as a guide Dog user especially those long line leads It gets no control.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Tracey Mains no, not all dogs. Many need more exercise than a walk on a lead and if the owners have put time into training their dogs who obey why should they be punished. Not their fault your dog doesn't like other dogs.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Joy Woodford your reason for this being??
Clint Dane, 2422299167781325	No they don't. And while we're at it how about the DCC supply's breakdown of whete all the money we pay for registering our dogs goes.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	"Shared" walking/bike tracks should have dogs on leads as I've had uncontrolled dogs run in front of me. Dangerous...
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son I never said it was. It's not my fault my dog dosnt like dogs rushing up to him All the time either when they should be on a leash
Melissa Gawn, 2043915628996787	Dogs shouldn't be allowed in the swimming area (flagged area) of the beaches. I have one child whom was knocked over into the surf by a dog running around crazy. The owner didn't even apologise.
Wayne Winder, 2304463319597785	Tracey Mains According to the DCC dog map, there's plenty of places where dogs are allowed off lead, and this is fair. My 2 year old Bichon x Shih-tzu has heaps of energy. He loves running around St Kilda Beach and Rotary Park for example. There's no way he'd get that much exercise on lead. It's good for dogs to have places where they can run free. Depends on training of course. My dog comes when called 95% of the time, and a treat held in the air works otherwise.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Wayne Winder that's good that yours is under control but there are so many that arnt. It's when they come rushing up to us is my problem. A lot of owners have Absolutly no control over there dogs. And I'm pleased that there are many places that you can let your dog run off lead but there are many places you can't hense my problem.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Julie Coward pretty sure dogs are supposed to be on lead in these places which is fair. Shame so many ppl think the rules don't apply to them ðŹ•
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Melissa Gawn they ate supposed to be on lead between the flags but I expect many ppl don't know that or maybe don't care?
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	The map seriously needs updated and to match with signage. It should be easy to look online to see where to walk your dog. For example it states dogs are not allowed between Outram Glen and Lee Stream. But wait that's not DCC land. It's DOC land and they allow dogs there. No signage there either saying no dogs. Just one example of many.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Tracey Mains if you have a reactive dog there are plenty of on lead only areas to walk. If this area is off lead then you will always have encounters your dog doesn't like. Sad but true ðŹª
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers if you had bothered to read this properly then you will realise I'm walking my dog on lead in on lead places. He's reactive to all the bloody dogs who should be on lead but arnt and that is my problem. He's only reactive cos these dogs rush to him with no leads or owner control in on lead areas
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son omg read it properly before you comment. I'm in on lead places and he reacts because these dogs rush him when they are under no control So they are not being punished as you say because we walk on on lead places.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers the problem is that people don't observe the on-leash requirement in those places, so those with reactive dogs or dogs in training end up having to deal with off lead dogs anyway. There needs to be more education and enforcement so everyone can enjoy the spaces they need.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers they don't care. That's the problem, alot of dog owners just don't care.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Tracey Mains I did read properly. You just say all dogs should be on leads not that it's a designated on lead area.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Diana O'Kane I agree about enforcement and education but also to sort out the signage which is hit and miss at best. Half the time people don't know the rules and the signs don't match the online map which is very frustrating eh?
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers unless if it's an off lead area then yes they should all be on leads.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers absolutely - it's a total mess! Contradictory, confusing, illegal, and downright wrong. In addition, hardly anyone has actually read the bylaw or the Dog Control Act, so the number of owners who are clueless about the rules, their rights, and their responsibilities is ridiculous. Education and enforcement, along with sorting out the signage/maps/conflicting info, would go a long way to making everyone happier.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Julie Coward a lot of those dogs belong to the people on the bikes ðŹ„. I agree that the lack of off-leash control is a serious problem, but it would also be helpful if cyclists would give some warning when they are whizzing up from behind so you can get everyone out of the way in time, leash or no leash. The idea of "shared" requires patience and consideration on both sides, for everyone's safety.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Aleisha David-son if owners have their dog under control, as required by law, then there is no reason why those dogs should be running up to other dogs, as part of being "under control" includes not causing a nuisance. And it is basic dog walking etiquette to keep your dog to yourself, whether the area is off leash or not. Ironically, it IS the fault of owners with uncontrolled loose dogs that someone else's dog is reactive, because most of the time the problem has been caused by negative experiences with that very scenario.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Diana O'Kane or some people don't know how to train their dogs OR isolate them from being social with other dogs when pups or infrequent interactions by only occasionally exercise. If a dog is under full voice command control, ie heels at his owners feet when walking or recalled then why should it have to be on leash? Because Princess Chardonnay the Second has small dog syndrome and attacks any other dog walking by? In that case, it's poor training.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Diana O'Kane yes agree hence we have bells, and use them. It would also be helpful if walkers didn't have headphones on so they could hear Said bells.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son wow! You just don't get it. I like to walk my dog every day on our 6km walk in peace. When I see owners walking there dogs towards me and they are not on a lead I try to cross the road if possible. They should be on a lead in the suburbs even if they are perfect on voice command. My dog was attacked in Sunnyvale earlier in the year by a dog not under control. His owner even admitted he couldn't control his dog when it decided to attack mine. It was horrific and didn't need to happen had the dog been under proper control. And before you put down small dogs mines a rather large golden retriever who is the gentlest of dogs in his every day life but dogs who rush at him when they should be on a lead he dosnt like. And who can blame him!
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Are there any cat control rules? If not, are there likely to be? THANKYOU
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	My biggest problem is how quickly the âœpoundâœ let Dunedin Dog Rescue in on the game! All too often a dog is up for adoption before an owner even has the opportunity to get their baby back!
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Dogs registered and microchipped are not the concern! Put your energy into those dogs roaming and causing real trouble!
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Ask the SPCA.
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Julie Moyle Pound wouldn't have the dog if it weren't roaming.
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	Gretel Newman-Sugrue not debating that anywhere!
Megan Burbery, 266291114378015	Julie Moyle 100% with you! It's horrific!
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Richard Roberts Kia ora Richard, we don't have any current plans to introduce a cat control policy. However, we do work with the SPCA to support their snip and chip programme and encourage cat owners to get their cats microchipped and neutered.
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Melissa Gawn Kia ora Melissa, we encourage and welcome feedback about on and off leash areas for dogs. All dogs should be kept under control, even in off-leash areas.

Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Sharon Chambers Kia ora Sharon, as part of the Policy and Bylaw review, we will be reviewing signage to ensure it reflects the map schedule of areas with specific on or off leash rules. We have also asked for feedback from the Department of Conservation around their recommendations for reserves, beaches and the new marine conservation area.
Viv Baskerville, 2025378140906944	Dunedin City Council it's great that you're updating dog control policy, but PLEASE do plan to introduce cat control measures which are way overdue. The problems that neighborhood/ roaming cats create are huge and needs to be addressed.
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Clint Dane Kia ora Clint, the fees charged for dog registration contribute to the services provided by our Animal Services team. During the last registration year these services included responding to over 2500 requests for service involving dog attacks and incidents of aggression, roaming or contained dogs, investigating barking complaints and attending to stock on the roads. We also maintain records for the more than 18,000 registered dogs in the Dunedin area, run a neutering scheme for community services card holders, offer education sessions for schools, community groups or workplaces and maintain dog exercise areas across the city.
Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust, 2261815963849967	Julie Moyle Dog Rescue Dunedin never rescue a dog before its due date is reached. We advertise on our Facebook page, but if you were to read the wording at the top of each post, you would be aware that our primary aim is that a dog go home to its owner. Sadly, when that doesn't happen, we are there to rescue a dog who may, in another council area, be euthanised.
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust I do read itâ€¦. It's just a really really bad look!!!!
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Dunedin City Council microchipping and neutering doesn't seem to stop neighbourhood cats damaging my garden. If it were a dog I guess I'd simply call the DCC and they would come and take care of the dog? So why are cats treated differently? I am happy to have this discussion offline. THANKYOU
Laufrin Marie, 2114037555352120	Dunedin City Council not exactly a breakdown of the costs there. Just a list of things
NÃ- Mo Ainm FÃ-or, 271703858840	Dunedin City Council so if you have like you said 18,000 registered dogs , if each of those dogs were the "Nonâ€“working Dogs Registration Fee" that is \$109.00 per year, that would be a total of \$1,962,000. out of getting that paid to you each year, how many staff have you got in the dog control sector? as that would equate to 37.73 staff if they each were paid each \$52,000 per year or \$1000 per week before tax which would be 38.46 hours on your minimum \$26 per hour rate.
Rod Francis, 7586664798029129	so yes, a breakdown of annual dog registration fee expenditure sounds like its needed. Dogs that are licensed and on leash should be allowed in public places including the Botanical Gardens. You could explore establishing a program of training dogs and their human handlers together for certain trails where the dog could be off leash (see Boulder CO).
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	NÃ- Mo Ainm FÃ-or if you read the info for dog owners booklet for this year DCC suddenly stated dogs increased by 7500. But it has only officially reported 18,000+ so apparently an extra 7000 are not officially recorded. That's over \$700,000 hidden away. DCA breached the LGOIMA to ignore a request for a statement of just how many dogs there are in Dunedin (off to the Ombudsman *again*) *On top of* the Ombudsman already investigating almost all of Dunedin dog management. Until the decision the investigation is confidential. But accounting for expenditure is one of the things complained about.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	So yes, you are correct to raise issues about financial accounting because what the DCC says does not stack up.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Dunedin City Council and you have been told many times the Dog Control Act does not allow dog revenue to be expended on neutering schemes and education (except education for dog owners). More confirmation the DCC is charging fees to fund activities in direct breach of the Act. Also dog fees do not *contribute* to running Animal Services. If you read the actual Council documents we pay for 100% of animal services. That means we also pay for non-dog services. That is another breach of the Dog Control Act - but at least get the information you provide correct.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Sharon Chambers no they are not required to be on leash in most of those places.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	And it would not be fair: Cyclists cannot expect to get priority over pedestrians in shared spaces just because they are cyclists.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Julie Coward and every pedestrian has had cyclists charge them down at speeds too fast when using shared spaces. Cyclists have plenty of cyclist-only spaces, so if you don't want to accommodate other users, then got to a cyclist-only area instead of expecting everyone else to work around you.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Karen Anderson wow. Never said they had too. No point getting precious as everyone has had someone around them making things difficult. You sound like You want everyone to work around You....You have a nice night.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Dunedin City Council the marine conservation area is off-shore so does not affect the Policy/Bylaw. DoC has also already stated it does not so please save public money by not asking for answers you already know. You do not control most beaches so asking DoC about them is irrelevant, and nor do you deal with reserves controlled by DoC. But thanks for confirming the intention to redo 2016 in this regard: Despite the Ombudsman currently investigating the illegality of that. Also noting signage has been a problem since 2016. I hold written docs stating the signage is correct. So it shouldn't need updating. But thanks again for confirming that after dog owners complained to the Ombudsman you now accept it needs to be reviewed. (Also consider reviewing the maps as they contradict each other *and* the bylaw as well. And dog access is legally required to be in the Policy. (Quite a lot of reviewing to do.)
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Julie Coward Not what I said. But I acknowledge you have gone from expecting everyone to work around you, to accusing others of having that expectation when you are called out.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Richard Roberts because there is a Dog Control act, but no Cat Control Act. Also dog owners are charged fees to fund that service - cat owners are not. Hence the difference in treatment.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	So if you want more legislation for cats, then consider talking to Parliament (start with your local member) - not the Council.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Karen Anderson maybe you need to read my post again, instead of being so aggressive. There are alot more footpaths than cycle tracks if you want to go down that road
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Julie Coward which would be even more irrelevant. So no, I won't be allowing you to drag me down *that* rabbit hole either.

Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Diana O'Kane which is why a group of us have gone to he Ombudsman. Who is currently conducting a very extensive investigation that captures many of the issues you identify.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	My nation-wide research confirms dog control in Dunedin is amongst the worst. yet we have one of the most compliant and better behaved populations in NZ. No need for any of the mess.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Karen Anderson I agree except perhaps the designated shared cycle walkways down the harbour which is where I thought she is referring to.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Aleisha David-son precisely. And get so annoyed by anti-dog people who refuse to accept the majority of dog owners comply with the law, and instead fixate on *the one* law-breaker. We don't ban driving because some drive dangerously, we don't ban males because some are violent, we don't ban parents because some kill their children. . Yet the anti-dog brigade considers it acceptable to deprive every law-abiding dog owner of their basic legal rights because they know one law-breaker.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Really unbalanced behaviour.
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Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Karen Anderson I'll enjoy the "shared walking/cycle ways they are awesome.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Tracey Mains that is merely your opinion, and the Dog Control Act presumes off leash by default. I am *not* saying all dogs should be off leash *everywhere*.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	But just be clear that your opinion is the opposite of the legal position.
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Karen Anderson THANKYOU Karen. I do hope I haven't frustrated you. I'm unsure whether or not the lack of an act stops such things as local bylaws but I'll take your word for it. It seems the lack of an Act, leaves the DCC powerless.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Thanks again.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Richard Roberts no not at all frustrated. Unless you know the legal framework it does seem odd the DCC makes rules for one species, but not another. Yes, the absence of an Act does prevent local government making bylaws because local government only has the powers granted to it by Parliament (which its does in legislation).
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	A number of groups lobbied the last government for a cat control act, so perhaps one will be enacted eventually.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	The problems in Dunedin are caused by what began in 2016 â€” which is currently being investigated by the Ombudsman. 1) In 2016 the DCC wrote access rules that treated all off leash areas as dog exercise areas. The distinction is important because exercise areas are for exercising dogs so you expect them to be running about quite a bit. By making every off leash area an exercise area we now have a generation of new dog owners who have been educated that if an area is off leash it is also fine for dogs to run around madly. 2) The DCC tried to fix that by defining control to mean on leash. (Copied from a information page on the Irish Government website <sigh>) It can't, but insisting that was the case educated new dog owners that if a dog was off leash it couldn't be controlled: Which predictably lead to dogs running around out of control. 3) The Dog Control Act contains the offence of *rushing* which means running at anything (people, other dogs, etc) Basically it exists because if a dog cannot rush at something it cannot get close enough to interfere with it in undesirable ways. But the DCC would not recognise that. Hence a generation of new owners with out of control dogs running around madly rushing up to everything in sight. 4) The disinformation also affected the dogless. Frequently people will demand dogs on leash when they really only want dogs under control. But they say on leash because the DCC disinformation makes them think a dog has to be on leash to be under control. 5) But blanket on leash rules are unreasonable and unfair, and prevent dog owners meeting their obligation to provide adequate exercise (which is a \$5000 fine). They also make no sense: Why would anyone want well-trained dogs on leash on Swine Spur? What good purpose is achieved by banning obedience training, rally-o, agility, and all the other dog sports that train excellent off leash control and other good behaviours? It makes no sense and creates even more untrained dogs. The fix just requires complying with the Dog Control Act: - Allow controlled dogs off leash and enforce lack of control or rushing. - Designate some areas as exercise areas for dogs do like to run about madly â€” the current dog parks, for example. (Dog owners pay for these from their registration fees so it is quite fair to set them aside in that way.) Integration not segregation and sharing without interfering is what we had before 2016, is consistent with the Dog Control Act, is the best use of public resources, and produces the best behaved dogs (and often people). It also stops this incessant squabbling that has been groomed since 2016 about whether pedestrians ... cyclists, ... skateboarders ... people with prams ... walkers with paws or any other social group should have exclusive use any public space - that we *all* pay for (including walkers with paws)
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Karen Anderson exactly!
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Rod Francis that programme is sort of what the Selected Owner programme used to do - it was quite an intensive. But after 2016 the DCC secretly ditched it and replaced it with a thing called Responsible owner. That really only requires fencing because the questions about the bylaw are really easy. And there is nothing about good dog handling/dog behaviour.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Sadly, just another way the DCC, since 2016, has systematically removed all the dog control practises that created/supported (and rewarded) good dog owner/dog behaviour.
Lydia Simpson, 3637116506358421	NO, they don't work. I actively check walks and tracks for their dog requirements before going. I have encountered off leash dogs not just on lead required tracks but also no dogs at all tracks all over the city. If we have bylaws for this - there needs to be a way to enforce them, and make it work. Kids and other humans going for a walk should not have a risk of an off leash dog rounding the corner in expectedly on a dog free or on lead only track.
Kayla Chiminello-Newton, 2929567	To all the responsible dog owners out there - keep being amazing. I'd love an off leash space for dogs aside from dog parks. I've known dogs that walk better off leash than onâ€™, and looking from their perspective going for a walk is great but you are confining them to walkâ€™, dogs need to run it should be their right!

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Deborah Gillam, 217155498622427	The new Fairfield track for example needs a sign saying dogs need to be on leads.
Deborah Gillam, 217155498622427	All dogs need to be on leads. Full stop!
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Tracey Mains is it a designated on lead track?
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Joy Woodford why?
Fiona Forde, 2296130810493219	Deborah Gillam I thought all dogs had to be on lead unless stated. It dosnt say but it puts me off walking and enjoying it with my dog.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Deborah Gillam I think it states that dogs have to be under control at all times which means it can be off lead but under voice control. I find it frustrating too as a guide Dog user especially those long line leads It gets no control.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Tracey Mains no, not all dogs. Many need more exercise than a walk on a lead and if the owners have put time into training their dogs who obey why should they be punished. Not their fault your dog doesn't like other dogs.
Clint Dane, 2422299167781325	Joy Woodford your reason for this being??
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	No they don't. And while we're at it how about the DCC supply's breakdown of whete all the money we pay for registering our dogs goes.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	"Shared" walking/bike tracks should have dogs on leads as I've had uncontrolled dogs run in front of me. Dangerous...
Melissa Gawn, 2043915628996787	Aleisha David-son I never said it was. It's not my fault my dog dosnt like dogs rushing up to him
Wayne Winder, 230446331959778	All the time either when they should be on a leash
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Dogs shouldn't be allowed in the swimming area (flagged area) of the beaches. I have one child whom was knocked over into the surf by a dog running around crazy. The owner didn't even apologise.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Tracey Mains According to the DCC dog map, there's plenty of places where dogs are allowed off lead, and this is fair. My 2 year old Bichon x Shih-tzu has heaps of energy. He loves running around St Kilda Beach and Rotary Park for example.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	There's no way he'd get that much exercise on lead. It's good for dogs to have places where they can run free. Depends on training of course. My dog comes when called 95% of the time, and a treat held in the air works otherwise.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Wayne Winder that's good that yours is under control but there are so many that arnt. It's when they come rushing up to us is my problem. A lot of owners have Absolutly no control over there dogs.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	And I'm pleased that there are many places that you can let your dog run off lead but there are many places you can't hense my problem.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Julie Coward pretty sure dogs are supposed to be on lead in these places which is fair. Shame so many ppl think the rules don't apply to them ðŸ™•
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Melissa Gawn they ate supposed to be on lead between the flags but I expect many ppl don't know that or maybe don't care?
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	The map seriously needs updated and to match with signage. It should be easy to look online to see where to walk your dog. For example it states dogs are not allowed between Outram Glen and Lee Stream. But wait that's not DCC land. It's DOC land and they allow dogs there. No signage there either saying no dogs. Just one example of many.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Tracey Mains if you have a reactive dog there are plenty of on lead only areas to walk. If this area is off lead then you will always have encounters your dog doesn't like. Sad but true ðŸ™ª
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers if you had bothered to read this properly then you will realise I'm walking my dog on lead in on lead places. He's reactive to all the bloody dogs who should be on lead but arnt and that is my problem. He's only reactive cos these dogs rush to him with no leads or owner control in on lead areas
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son omg read it properly before you comment. I'm in on lead places and he reacts because these dogs rush him when they are under no control
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	So they are not being punished as you say because we walk on on lead places.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers the problem is that people don't observe the on-leash requirement in those places, so those with reactive dogs or dogs in training end up having to deal with off lead dogs anyway. There needs to be more education and enforcement so everyone can enjoy the spaces they need.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Sharon Chambers they don't care. That's the problem, alot of dog owners just don't care.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Tracey Mains I did read properly. You just say all dogs should be on leads not that it's a designated on lead area.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Diana O'Kane I agree about enforcement and education but also to sort out the signage which is hit and miss at best. Half the time people don't know the rules and the signs don't match the online map which is very frustrating eh?
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers unless if it's an off lead area then yes they should all be on leads.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers absolutely - it's a total mess! Contradictory, confusing, illegal, and downright wrong. In addition, hardly anyone has actually read the bylaw or the Dog Control Act, so the number of owners who are clueless about the rules, their rights, and their responsibilities is ridiculous. Education and enforcement, along with sorting out the signage/maps/conflicting info, would go a long way to making everyone happier.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Julie Coward a lot of those dogs belong to the people on the bikes ðŸ™„, I agree that the lack of off-leash control is a serious problem, but it would also be helpful if cyclists would give some warning when they are whizzing up from behind so you can get everyone out of the way in time, leash or no leash. The idea of "shared" requires patience and consideration on both sides, for everyone's safety.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Aleisha David-son if owners have their dog under control, as required by law, then there is no reason why those dogs should be running up to other dogs, as part of being "under control" includes not causing a nuisance. And it is basic dog walking etiquette to keep your dog to yourself, whether the area is off leash or not. Ironically, it IS the fault of owners with uncontrolled loose dogs that someone else's dog is reactive, because most of the time the problem has been caused by negative experiences with that very scenario.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Diana O'Kane or some people don't know how to train their dogs OR isolate them from being social with other dogs when pups or infrequent interactions by only occasionally exercise. If a dog is under full voice command control, ie heels at his owners feet when walking or recalled then why should it have to be on leash? Because Princess Chardonnay the Second has small dog syndrome and attacks any other dog walking by? In that case, it's poor training.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Diana O'Kane yes agree hence we have bells, and use them. It would also be helpful if walkers didn't have headphones on so they could hear Said bells.

	Aleisha David-son wow! You just don't get it. I like to walk my dog every day on our 6km walk in peace. When I see owners walking there dogs towards me and they are not on a lead I try to cross the road if possible. They should be on a lead in the suburbs even if they are perfect on voice command. My dog was attacked in Sunnysvale earlier in the year by a dog not under control. His owner even admitted he couldn't control his dog when it decided to attack mine. It was horrific and didn't need to happen had the dog been under proper control. And before you put down small dogs mines a rather large golden retriever who is the gentlest of dogs in his every day life but dogs who rush at him when they should be on a lead he dosnt like. And who can blame him!
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Are there any cat control rules? If not, are there likely to be? THANKYOU
	My biggest problem is how quickly the "pound" let Dunedin Dog Rescue in on the game! All too often a dog is up for adoption before an owner even has the opportunity to get their baby back!
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	Dogs registered and microchipped are not the concern! Put your energy into those dogs roaming and causing real trouble!
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Ask the SPCA.
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Julie Moyle Pound wouldn't have the dog if it weren't roaming.
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	Gretel Newman-Sugrue not debating that anywhere!
Megan Burbery, 266291114378015	Julie Moyle 100% with you! It's horrific!
	Richard Roberts Kia ora Richard, we don't have any current plans to introduce a cat control policy. However, we do work with the SPCA to support their snip and chip programme and encourage cat owners to get their cats microchipped and
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	neutered.
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Melissa Gawn Kia ora Melissa, we encourage and welcome feedback about on and off leash areas for dogs. All dogs should be kept under control, even in off-leash areas.
	Sharon Chambers Kia ora Sharon, as part of the Policy and Bylaw review, we will be reviewing signage to ensure it reflects the map schedule of areas with specific on or off leash rules. We have also asked for feedback from the Department of
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Conservation around their recommendations for reserves, beaches and the new marine conservation area.
Viv Baskerville, 2025378140906944	Dunedin City Council it's great that you're updating dog control policy, but PLEASE do plan to introduce cat control measures which are way overdue. The problems that neighborhood/ roaming cats create are huge and needs to be addressed.
	Clint Dane Kia ora Clint, the fees charged for dog registration contribute to the services provided by our Animal Services team. During the last registration year these services included responding to over 2500 requests for service involving dog attacks and incidents of aggression, roaming or contained dogs, investigating barking complaints and attending to stock on the roads. We also maintain records for the more than 18,000 registered dogs in the Dunedin area, run a neutering
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	scheme for community services card holders, offer education sessions for schools, community groups or workplaces and maintain dog exercise areas across the city.
Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Tru	Julie Moyle Dog Rescue Dunedin never rescue a dog before its due date is reached. We advertise on our Facebook page, but if you were to read the wording at the top of each post, you would be aware that our primary aim is that a dog go home
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	to its owner. Sadly, when that doesn't happen, we are there to rescue a dog who may, in another council area, be euthanised.
	Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust I do read itâ€¦. It's just a really really bad look!!!!
	Dunedin City Council microchipping and neutering doesn't seem to stop neighbourhood cats damaging my garden. If it were a dog I guess I'd simply call the DCC and they would come and take care of the dog? So why are cats treated differently? I am happy to have this discussion offline.
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	THANKYOU
Laufrin Marie, 2114037555352120	Dunedin City Council not exactly a breakdown of the costs there. Just a list of things
	Dunedin City Council so if you have like you said 18,000 registered dogs , if each of those dogs were the "Nonâ€“working Dogs Registration Fee" that is \$109.00 per year, that would be a total of \$1,962,000. out of getting that paid to you each year, how many staff have you got in the dog control sector? as that would equate to 37.73 staff if they each were paid each \$52,000 per year or \$1000 per week before tax which would be 38.46 hours on your minimum \$26 per hour rate.
NÃ- Mo Ainm FÃ-or, 271703858840	so yes, a breakdown of annual dog registration fee expenditure sounds like its needed.
Rod Francis, 7586664798029129	Dogs that are licensed and on leash should be allowed in public places including the Botanical Gardens. You could explore establishing a program of training dogs and their human handlers together for certain trails where the dog could be off leash (see Boulder CO).
	NÃ- Mo Ainm FÃ-or if you read the info for dog owners booklet for this year DCC suddenly stated dogs increased by 7500. But it has only officially reported 18,000+ so apparently an extra 7000 are not officially recorded. That's over \$700,000 hidden away. DCA breached the LGOIMA to ignore a request for a statement of just how many dogs there are in Dunedin (off to the Ombudsman *again*) *On top of* the Ombudsman already investigating almost all of Dunedin dog management. Until the decision the investigation is confidential. But accounting for expenditure is one of the things complained about.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	So yes, you are correct to raise issues about financial accounting because what the DCC says does not stack up.
	Dunedin City Council and you have been told many times the Dog Control Act does not allow dog revenue to be expended on neutering schemes and education (except education for dog owners). More confirmation the DCC is charging fees to fund activities in direct breach of the Act.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Also dog fees do not *contribute* to running Animal Services. If you read the actual Council documents we pay for 100% of animal services.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	That means we also pay for non-dog services. That is another breach of the Dog Control Act - but at least get the information you provide correct.
	Sharon Chambers no they are not required to be on leash in most of those places.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	And it would not be fair: Cyclists cannot expect to get priority over pedestrians in shared spaces just because they are cyclists.
	Julie Coward and every pedestrian has had cyclists charge them down at speeds too fast when using shared spaces.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Cyclists have plenty of cyclist-only spaces, so if you don't want to accommodate other users, then got to a cyclist-only area instead of expecting everyone else to work around you.

Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Karen Anderson wow. Never said they had too. No point getting precious as everyone has had someone around them making things difficult. You sound like You want everyone to work around You....You have a nice night.
	Dunedin City Council the marine conservation area is off-shore so does not affect the Policy/Bylaw. DoC has also already stated it does not so please save public money by not asking for answers you already know.
	You do not control most beaches so asking DoC about them is irrelevant, and nor do you deal with reserves controlled by DoC.
	But thanks for confirming the intention to redo 2016 in this regard: Despite the Ombudsman currently investigating the illegality of that.
	Also noting signage has been a problem since 2016. I hold written docs stating the signage is correct. So it shouldn't need updating. But thanks again for confirming that after dog owners complained to the Ombudsman you now accept it needs to be reviewed.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	(Also consider reviewing the maps as they contradict each other *and* the bylaw as well. And dog access is legally required to be in the Policy. (Quite a lot of reviewing to do.)
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Julie Coward Not what I said. But I acknowledge you have gone from expecting everyone to work around you, to accusing others of having that expectation when you are called out.
	Richard Roberts because there is a Dog Control act, but no Cat Control Act.
	Also dog owners are charged fees to fund that service - cat owners are not.
	Hence the difference in treatment.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	So if you want more legislation for cats, then consider talking to Parliament (start with your local member) - not the Council.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Karen Anderson maybe you need to read my post again, instead of being so aggressive. There are alot more footpaths than cycle tracks if you want to go down that road
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Julie Coward which would be even more irrelevant. So no, I won't be allowing you to drag me down *that* rabbit hole either.
	Diana O'Kane which is why a group of us have gone to he Ombudsman. Who is currently conducting a very extensive investigation that captures many of the issues you identify.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	My nation-wide research confirms dog control in Dunedin is amongst the worst. yet we have one of the most compliant and better behaved populations in NZ. No need for any of the mess.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Karen Anderson I agree except perhaps the designated shared cycle walkways down the harbour which is where I thought she is referring to.
	Aleisha David-son precisely. And get so annoyed by anti-dog people who refuse to accept the majority of dog owners comply with the law, and instead fixate on *the one* law-breaker.
	We don't ban driving because some drive dangerously, we don't ban males because some are violent, we don't ban parents because some kill their children. .
	Yet the anti-dog brigade considers it acceptable to deprive every law-abiding dog owner of their basic legal rights because they know one law-breaker.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Really unbalanced behaviour.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	I'll enjoy the shared walking/cycle ways they are awesome .
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Karen Anderson I'll enjoy the "shared walking/cycle ways they are awesome.
	Tracey Mains that is merely your opinion, and the Dog Control Act presumes off leash by default.
	I am *not* saying all dogs should be off leash *everywhere*.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	But just be clear that your opinion is the opposite of the legal position.
	Karen Anderson THANKYOU Karen. I do hope I haven't frustrated you.
	I'm unsure whether or not the lack of an act stops such things as local bylaws but I'll take your word for it. It seems the lack of an Act, leaves the DCC powerless.
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Thanks again.
	Richard Roberts no not at all frustrated. Unless you know the legal framework it does seem odd the DCC makes rules for one species, but not another.
	Yes, the absence of an Act does prevent local government making bylaws because local government only has the powers granted to it by Parliament (which its does in legislation).
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	A number of groups lobbied the last government for a cat control act, so perhaps one will be enacted eventually.

	The problems in Dunedin are caused by what began in 2016 – which is currently being investigated by the Ombudsman. 1) In 2016 the DCC wrote access rules that treated all off leash areas as dog exercise areas. The distinction is important because exercise areas are for exercising dogs so you expect them to be running about quite a bit. By making every off leash area an exercise area we now have a generation of new dog owners who have been educated that if an area is off leash it is also fine for dogs to run around madly. 2) The DCC tried to fix that by defining control to mean on leash. (Copied from a information page on the Irish Government website <sigh>) It can't, but insisting that was the case educated new dog owners that if a dog was off leash it couldn't be controlled: Which predictably lead to dogs running around out of control. 3) The Dog Control Act contains the offence of *rushing* which means running at anything (people, other dogs, etc) Basically it exists because if a dog cannot rush at something it cannot get close enough to interfere with it in undesirable ways. But the DCC would not recognise that. Hence a generation of new owners with out of control dogs running around madly rushing up to everything in sight. 4) The disinformation also affected the dogless. Frequently people will demand dogs on leash when they really only want dogs under control. But they say on leash because the DCC disinformation makes them think a dog has to be on leash to be under control. 5) But blanket on leash rules are unreasonable and unfair, and prevent dog owners meeting their obligation to provide adequate exercise (which is a \$5000 fine). They also make no sense: Why would anyone want well-trained dogs on leash on Swine Spur? What good purpose is achieved by banning obedience training, rally-o, agility, and all the other dog sports that train excellent off leash control and other good behaviours? It makes no sense and creates even more untrained dogs. The fix just requires complying with the Dog Control Act: - Allow controlled dogs off leash and enforce lack of control or rushing. - Designate some areas as exercise areas for dogs do like to run about madly – the current dog parks, for example. (Dog owners pay for these from their registration fees so it is quite fair to set them aside in that way.) Integration not segregation and sharing without interfering is what we had before 2016, is consistent with the Dog Control Act, is the best use of public resources, and produces the best behaved dogs (and often people). It also stops this incessant squabbling that has been groomed since 2016 about whether pedestrians ... cyclists, ... skateboarders ... people with prams ... walkers with paws or any other social group should have exclusive use any public space - that we *all* pay for (including walkers with paws)
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Karen Anderson exactly!
	Rod Francis that programme is sort of what the Selected Owner programme used to do - it was quite an intensive. But after 2016 the DCC secretly ditched it and replaced it with a thing called Responsible owner. That really only requires fencing because the questions about the bylaw are really easy. And there is nothing about good dog handling/dog behaviour.
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Sadly, just another way the DCC, since 2016, has systematically removed all the dog control practises that created/supported (and rewarded) good dog owner/dog behaviour.
	NO, they don't work. I actively check walks and tracks for their dog requirements before going. I have encountered off leash dogs not just on lead required tracks but also no dogs at all tracks all over the city. If we have bylaws for this - there needs to be a way to enforce them, and make it work. Kids and other humans going for a walk should not have a risk of an off leash dog rounding the corner in expectedly on a dog free or on lead only track.
Lydia Simpson, 3637116506358421	To all the responsible dog owners out there - keep being amazing.
Kayla Chiminello-Newton, 2929567	I'd love an off leash space for dogs aside from dog parks. I've known dogs that walk better off leash than on – and looking from their perspective going for a walk is great but you are confining them to walk – dogs need to run it should be their right!

COUNCIL	Last reviewed	Where are maps?	Bylaw topics	Policy topics	Dogs in CBD?	Dog parks/exercise areas	Limit numbers e.g. dog walkers/puppy breeders	Sportsground rules	Beaches rules	Cycle trails	Dept of Conservation land	Other
Dunedin		2016 Schedule to bylaw			Prohibited	7 dog exercise areas	Permit for more than 1 dog. No rules for number of walking dogs	Prohibited on marked playing surfaces. On a leash when games being played. Off a leash where not marked.	Various. On a leash some beaches. Prohibited many beaches e.g. DoC.	On leash footpaths & public roads.	Act requires DCC to identify dog access rules determined by DoC on Crown land. Lists DoC areas and rules in bylaw	
Auckland		2019 Schedule to policy			On leash	Several in Local Board areas - criteria for new areas: vehicle & pedestrian access, clearly visible boundaries. Also protection of people, wildlife, flora, stock, property (egs)	Permit for more than 2 dogs. No rules for number of walking dogs.	Prohibited on sportsfields. On leash in the vicinity (unless specified)	Variable. Default is on leash unless specified	On leash council-controlled public places unless specified.	Lists DoC areas and rules at set date. Also link to DoC	Default dog access rules in policy - Sch 1. Council may make temporary changes to schedules in relation to events, training, pest control, etc. see section 10.
Christchurch		2016 interactive map			On leash	6 dog parks, 3 dog exercise areas	Permit for more than 2 dogs. No rules for number of walking dogs.	Not specified.	Variable.	Leashed on footpaths and roads	"DoC has no listed controlled or open dog areas on publi conservation land within CCC boundary.	
Far North District		2018 map photos			On leash - public footpaths & roads	4 specific off leash areas for dog/owner recreation.		On leash when games	Off leash unless specified. Variable	1 prohibited. Walkway off leash.	Lists DoC controlled & open areas and rules at set date (as required by the Act). Also link to DoC	
Hamilton City		Separate register with off leash areas and			?	Multiple off leash areas. Number of off leash parks specified.	Permit for more than 2 dogs. No rules for number of walking dogs.	"Please keep away from sportsgrounds when in use."	N/A	None mentioned	None mentioned	
Hastings District	2021 - Consolidated	2015 prohibited areas.			On leash in all other public areas	Multiple off leash areas identified.	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	One beach prohibited	None mentioned	None mentioned	
Invercargill City		Schedules to bylaw and			On leash footpaths	1 dog park. Other off leash exercise areas - 6 specified.	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	Maps	None mentioned	Awarua wetlands - DoC permit required	
Kapiti Coast District		2022 policy			On leash	Off leash areas specified	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited - on leash on perimeter.	Variable	On leash	Not specified	
		Schedules to bylaw (no policy? Policy search			On leash - ambiguous. No dog permitted in public place and no dog owner shall take	Off leash areas specified - criteria	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	Variable			
Hutt City		2016 brings up bylaw)			On leash	Off leash specified	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	Variable	Other public places on leash	Mentions DoC land under prohibited Ahuriri Estuary	
Napier City		2022 Schedules to bylaw			On leash	Off leash general parks listed.	Permit for more than 2 in urban area (no limits elsewhere)	Prohibited	Variable	1 specified off leash. Variable.	General statement under prohibited	
Nelson City		Schedules to bylaw (maps			On leash	Off leash general parks listed.	Permit for more than 2 in urban area (no limits elsewhere)	Prohibited	Variable	1 specified off leash. Variable.	General statement under prohibited	
		2020 with bylaw) & policy			Prohibited central business area - some shopping areas on leash	Off leash any area not specified in prohibited or on leash. No specific dog parks.	Permit for more than 2 in urban area.	On leash	Variable	Cycleparks BMX, velodrome etc - prohibited	Egmont National Park is DoC 'controlled Dog area' = prohibited	
New Plymouth District		Schedules to bylaw & policy (some maps in			On leash	Reserves and walkways listed. No specific dog parks.	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	N/A		Prohibited in Manawatu Gorge Scenic Reserve - refer DoC	
Palmerston North City	2018/19	Schedules to bylaw; link to map in policy			On leash	2 fenced dog exercise areas plus other off leash areas listed.	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	Variable		Refer to DoC etc for info in their areas	
Porirua City		Schedules to bylaw & policy (no maps)			On leash (1.5m)		Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited	Variable			
		Prohibited areas listed within bylaw and within policy. Other areas listed			Prohibited (specified central streets)	Off leash areas listed in schedule to bylaw. Also on leash.	Permit for more than 2.	Not specified.				
Rotorua Lakes		2012 in schedule to bylaw.	2012 bylaw	2016 policy								
		Appendices to bylaw & some listed in policy			On leash	Areas listed including 2 dog exercise areas.	Permit for more than 2	Prohibited			Arthurs Pass National Park prohibited.	
Selwyn District		2012 referred to bylaw.			On leash on footpath.	No specific policy - statement that important to exercise dogs, ok in public places except specified.	Permit for more than 2 dogs. No person may exercise more than 2 dogs off leash in public place; more than 4 dogs at any time in public place.	Not specified	Variable	None mentioned	None specified.	
Tauranga City		Listed in bylaw, also schedule to bylaw (prohibited & on leash			Prohibited within centres etc.							
		2018 only)										
Waimakariri District		Schedule to bylaw (to be			On leash	No specific policy.	Permit for more than 3 dogs	Prohibited	Prohibited between surf patrol flags	None mentioned	None specified.	
		2019 reviewed annually)										
												3.2 Dogs in outdoor dining establishments The Council is supportive of food businesses allowing dogs in their outdoor dining areas (except within places specified in Schedule 1) provided the business complies with all regulatory requirements. As with all public places, dogs must be under control at all times. It is up to each individual business to decide if they want to welcome dogs, and if so, to manage any issues that may arise. Disability assist dogs are allowed in all customer areas of all food businesses in accordance with Section 75(1) of the Act.
Waikato District		Schedule to bylaw and policy. Maps are attached			On leash. Prohibited Huntly CBD	10 off leash areas specified including one 'dog park'.	Permit for more than 2.	Prohibited marked fields	Variable	None mentioned	Says in policy to check if area if controlled e.g. Conservation Act.	
		2022 to policy.										
		Appendix to policy (schedules of public place			Welcome central city on leash	4 fenced dog parks. Criteria: access, sight lines, well bounded, no risk, wildlife.	Permit for more than 3 dogs Professional dog walkers need permit to operate (under trading in public places bylaw)	Prohibited on marked sportsfields and artificial sport surfaces. Access to fields on leash if not in use.	Variable. Some listed off leash, others rules/prohibited.		Doesn't specify if DoC owned land.	Council may "by publicly notified resolution, declare any additional public place to be one of the following classifications amdnd mayimpose prohibitions and restriction in respect of that area".
Wellington City		2016 classifications)										
Whangarei District		Schedules & appendices			Prohibited specified area.	Multiple dog exercise areas listed including 1 specific dog park.	Not specified	Prohibited marked fields			Lists all DoC controlled areas with Note: This is a guide. Access conditions change. Always check with the nearest DOC Office for notices about dog access and track closures before you set out.	
		2023 to bylaw and policy.										
		Bylaw = 9			On leash = 15		Permit more than 2=16	Prohibited = 15			Variable - some list DoC controlled areas, other	
		Policy = 4			Prohibited some		Permit more than 3=2	On leash = 2			list and refer to website for up to date	
		Both policy and bylaw =			CBD areas = 5		Unsure/no permit=2	Not specified = 3			information.	
		7			Unsure = 1			Please keep away = 1				
TOTALS		Separate register = 1				Various specific dog parks, also off leash areas.	Some only certain areas need permit (urban).		Variable	Public places mostly on leash including roads and footpaths		