



Ranger Services Information Sheet RS1

Dog Behaviour in a Public Space and Dog Exercise Areas

For the enjoyment and safety of everyone, when walking your dog in a public space such as along the street or in a park or reserve, you must keep it under effective control. This means keeping your dog securely tethered or close to you and not allowing it to wander or bother other people, animals or wildlife.

Even though your dog is being playful, others may feel uneasy with its behaviour. Remember, some people do not like to be approached by unrestrained dogs.

Dogs are not under effective control if they:

- Chase or disturb any person or wildlife
- Act in a threatening or aggressive manner
- Cause damage to flora

EXERCISE AREAS - DOGS MAY BE OFF THE LEAD IN THE FOLLOWING RESERVES:

Council has identified the following Dog Exercise areas:

Bassendean - Carman Way Reserve, Anzac Terrace Reserve, Ireland Way Reserve, Palmerston Square Reserve, May Holman Reserve, Pickering Park, Troy Street Reserve, Parmelia Way Reserve

Eden Hill - Freeland Way Reserve, Mary Crescent Reserve, Padbury Court Reserve

Ashfield - Gary Blanch Park, Ashfield Reserve between Guildford Road and the line of the fire track on the reserve.

Please note that in regards to Ashfield Flats Reserve, the majority of this land is managed by the Department of Planning. Ashfield Flats Reserve is listed as Bush Forever Site and in the Directory of Important Wetlands. To protect wildlife and bird breeding sites, ensure that your dog does not wander and is kept under effective control at all times.

Please note, dogs must be kept on a leash on land that has been set apart as a children's playground, a car park or an area being used for sport or other activities, as permitted by Council, during the times of such use.

DOG PROHIBITED RESERVES:

Council has resolved that dogs are not permitted at any time on Point Reserve, Bassendean.

Picking Up After Your Pet

To be considerate of others the Town of Bassendean request that you pick up your dog's faeces and dispose of the waste in a bin

To assist you achieve this, the Town employs a number of techniques to reduce the impact of dog litter on the amenity of public open space, safety and the environment. These measures include public education, enforcement, dog litterbins and pooch pouches strategically placed throughout the Town.

Picking up after your pet - POOCH pouches are a great way of always ensuring that you have the means to clean up after your dog and keep our environment and waterways healthy and safe.

Dog faeces contain many pollutants such as phosphorus that cause the spread of toxic blue/green algae, so harmful to marine life. It also has toxins that are contained in some zoonotic diseases one of which can lead to blindness in children.

Dog Litter Bins

Throughout the Town, you will find litter bins strategically placed to ensure dog owners are able to dispose of the used pooch pouches on their walk.

Having these bins available throughout the Town with stands that have pooch pouches readily available close-by has ensured reserves, popular walking routes and dog exercise areas are free from faeces on the ground and further preventing this from entering our waterways and harming our environment.

Whilst the Town encourages dog owners to take their dog on daily walks, pet owners are required, in accordance with legislation, to clean up after their dogs by collecting the faeces and placing it into a waste bin when they get home or in a public litterbin.

Council has undertaken a number of initiatives and concerted education campaigns to help reduce the amount of uncollected faeces. These educational initiatives are at all times coupled with enforcement of the legislation.