

# Your Responsibility...

As an owner of a dog you are responsible for ensuring your dog is kept healthy and that it receives regular exercise.

The city's parks and open spaces provide the perfect setting for exercising your dog, and the city welcomes you and your dog into its public spaces.

The Invercargill City Council aims to give dogs reasonable access to public spaces while ensuring that all members of the public are kept safe.

Council has established some simple requirements for dog owners to be aware of when bringing their dogs into public spaces. This leaflet identifies those areas where dogs are **prohibited** and where dogs can be **exercised off the lead**. In all other areas dogs must be controlled **on a lead**.

For more information on Dog Control please contact the Invercargill City Council Animal Control Department.

## Dog Fouling

Dog faeces can carry diseases which can affect both humans and other dogs. When a dog fouls in public the person controlling the dog is responsible for the immediate removal of the faeces.

It is advisable to carry a plastic bag with you at all times while walking your dog. **'Scoop the Poop'** Bags are available free from the Parks Division Queens Park Office and the City Council Help Desk during office hours.

Enjoy your dog but make sure it does not infringe on the freedom of other people.

Remember that while you may love your dog, others may not.



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# Walking your dog in Invercargill.



YOUR GUIDE TO DOGS ON...  
STREETS AND ROADS  
FOOTPATHS AND WALKING TRACKS  
PARKS AND RESERVES  
CEMETERIES  
IN THE INVERCARGILL DISTRICT



## Leash Control Areas.

**Dogs must be on a lead and under control at all times while in Leash Control Areas.**

### **A Leash Control Area includes all:**

- Streets and roads
- Footpaths and walkways
- Parks and reserves
- Cemeteries and the crematorium
- Formed walking tracks on reserves

### **The following exceptions apply:**

- 'No Dog Areas' where dogs are prohibited
- 'Dog Exercise Areas' where dogs can be exercised off the lead

Dog owners must ensure that their dog is kept under control at all times, and when in public places, dogs must be on a lead and held by a person who is capable of controlling the dog.

Leash Control and No Dog Areas do not apply to guide dogs for the blind, hearing ear dogs, police dogs, dogs being used by security guards or dogs confined within a vehicle

The Waihopai Walkway is managed by Environment Southland. All dogs must be kept on a lead and under control at all times while on or within five metres of the walking track.

## No Dog Areas.

Dogs are prohibited from areas where there is a risk of danger or nuisance to other users, possible health or hygiene issues or the potential to disturb wildlife or wildlife habitats.

The owner or person in charge of any dog shall prevent that dog from entering or remaining within any part of the prohibited area.



### **Dogs are prohibited from the following areas:**

**Central Business District** - the area contained within and including Tay to Yarrow Streets; Dee (including Wachner Place) to Deveron Streets, Invercargill.

**Events** that are organised by Council unless otherwise publicised.

**Children's playgrounds** - within ten metres of children's play equipment, skateboard ramps and paddling pools.

**Sports fields** - the designated playing areas of all marked sports fields.

**Ponds and lagoons on reserves** - including the areas around Sandy Point and Donovan Park ponds and lagoons.

## Dog Exercise Areas.

Designated dog exercise areas are areas of public land where dogs can be exercised off the lead while under continuous surveillance and 'effective control'.

Effective control means the person exercising the dog must be able to stop or retrieve the dog immediately with a whistle, call or hand signal.

### **Areas where dogs can be exercised off the lead are:**

**Sandy Point Domain** - excluding playgrounds, marked sports fields and the ponds and lagoons. Dogs must be on a lead while on all formed walking tracks.

**Donovan Park** - excluding marked sports fields and the pond area.

**Elizabeth Park** - excluding playgrounds. Dogs must be on a lead while on all formed walking tracks.

**Turnbull Thomson Park** - excluding playgrounds and marked sports fields. Dogs must be on a lead while on all formed walking tracks.

**Waihopai Walkway** - the river margins along the entire walkway upstream of Stead Street, excluding areas where stock are being grazed. Dogs must be on a lead while on or within five metres of the walking track.

