



# You and *your* dog

How to look after your  
dog responsibly in public



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## Dogs in Public places

Dogs are an important part of many people's lives and can help encourage social interaction and physical exercise.

The City of Parramatta recognises the importance of dog exercise and provides 9 designated off-leash areas.

Under the NSW Companion Animals Act there are strict rules governing the control and behaviour of dogs and dog owners in public. Failure to comply with this Act could result in you receiving a fine. Here are some simple tips to help you be a responsible dog owner.

### City of Parramatta Dog off-leash areas

Barnett Park,  
Winston Hills

Don Moore Reserve,  
North Rocks

Burlington Memorial  
Park, Northmead

George Kendall  
Riverside Park  
(fenced area ONLY),  
Ermington

Cowells Lane  
Reserve, Ermington

Dan Mahoney  
Reserve, North  
Parramatta

McCoy Park,  
(basin area ONLY)  
Toongabbie

Deakin Park,  
Silverwater

Pierre De Coubertin  
Park (South),  
Newington

Please remember that dogs are prohibited in and around childrens' playgrounds and food preparation areas (BBQs). Dogs must be on-leash in ALL public places such as bushland, parks, sporting fields and streets (except designated off-leash areas).

## Do:

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times (unless in an off leash park)
- Maintain effective control of your dog at all times, even when off leash
- Pick up your dog's droppings and dispose of it in a rubbish bin
- Be courteous to other people. Public space is there for everybody
- Microchip your dog and register it with council
- Put a collar and name tag on your dog with a phone number
- Consider de-sexing your dog to stop unwanted breeding and behavioural problems

## Don't:

- Walk more than four dogs at once
- Let your dog swim at the beach or in any other public bathing area
- Let your dog go within 10 metres of a children's playground area or food preparation area like a barbecue

