

Introduction

This Policy on dogs is prepared in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) which requires Council to have a Dog Control Policy. In adopting a policy, Council must have regard to:

- (a) The need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally;
- (b) The need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have unimpeded access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults;
- (c) The importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and
- (d) The exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

Council recognises that the majority of dog owners are responsible and that most interaction between dogs and the public is positive. It is also recognised that dogs can play a positive role in society and provide enjoyment and health benefits for individuals and families. This Policy seeks to achieve a balance between the control of dogs and recognition of the community benefits of responsible dog ownership.

Our Objective

Council's objective is to encourage responsible dog ownership that allows owners to enjoy their dogs without infringing on the enjoyment and safety of others. Responsible dog owners should:

- (a) Register their dogs and make sure they wear a current registration tag;
- (b) Keep their dogs under control;
- (c) Provide their dogs with proper and sufficient food, water, shelter and exercise;
- (d) Provide their dogs with care and attention (including veterinary care);
- (e) Not let their dogs be a nuisance to others;
- (f) Make sure their dogs do not injure, endanger, intimidate or distress any person or other animal or damage property;
- (g) Comply with the Act, any regulations and the Marlborough District Council Dog Control Bylaw (the Bylaw).

Our Policy

1. Access to Public Places

This Policy identifies public places in Marlborough where dogs are prohibited or must be controlled on a leash. It also identifies areas where dogs are allowed to be exercised off-leash. The Bylaw will provide for such areas.

Criteria for determining levels of access for dogs in public places

Access should be restricted where:	Access could be less restricted where:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is intense public use• Another predominant use exists• Significant wildlife or habitats exist• There is significant risk to other users	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The area is not used extensively by other users• It is of significant size• There are sufficient sight lines• The area is well-bounded from adjacent areas

1.1 Dog Prohibited Areas

Dogs are prohibited from Dog Prohibited Areas at all times.

Dog Prohibited Areas are:

- Those areas identified as the **Dog Prohibited Areas** in the attached **Schedule 1** and as confirmed in the Bylaw.

Note paragraph 1.6 regarding land administered by the Department of Conservation.

Where a children's playground is established in a public place after this Policy and the Bylaw is promulgated, dogs will be prohibited within 3 metres of the playground, notwithstanding that the place may be designated a Dog On-Leash or a Dog Off-Leash Area.

1.2 Dog On-Leash Areas

Dogs are permitted in Dog On-Leash Areas but must be controlled on a leash. For the purpose of this Policy on-leash means an adequate restraint not exceeding 2 metres in length and held by a person physically capable of restraining the dog. All dog faeces must be removed immediately by the owner or person responsible for the dog. At all times the owner or person responsible for the dog must carry on their person bag(s) to remove their dog's faeces.

Dog On-Leash Areas are:

- Those areas identified as **Dog On-Leash Areas** in the attached **Schedule 2** and as confirmed in the Bylaw; and
- With the exception of Dog Prohibited Areas and Dog Off-Leash Areas, dogs are permitted in all public places provided the dog is on a leash.

1.3 Dog Off-Leash Areas

Dogs are permitted off-leash in Dog Exercise Areas. At all times dogs must be kept under control. All dog faeces must be removed immediately by the owner or person responsible for the dog. At all times the owner or person responsible for the dog must carry on their person a leash and bag(s) to remove their dog's faeces.

Dog Off-Leash Areas are:

- Those areas identified as **Dog Off-Leash Areas** in the attached **Schedule 3** and as confirmed in the Bylaw.

1.4 Exceptions to 1.1 and 1.2

Dogs are permitted in Dog Prohibited Areas and are permitted off-leash in Dog On-Leash Areas (provided that the dog is kept under control at all times) in the following situations:

- (a) Where the owner has express written permission from the Council for the dog to be in a Dog Prohibited Area or to be off-leash in a Dog On-Leash Area; or
- (b) Where the dog is a working dog as defined in the Act carrying out its duty; or
- (c) Where the dog is confined completely within a cage or vehicle.

Note: Nothing in this policy permits dogs to enter public places that are under the control of another organisation unless authorised by this Bylaw the relevant organisation (for example areas under the control of the Department of Conservation).

1.5 Temporary changes to dog access

The Council may make temporary changes to Schedule 1, 2 and 3 of the Marlborough District Council Dog Control Policy in relation to –

- (a) leisure and cultural events (including dog friendly events);
- (b) dog training
- (c) protected wildlife that are vulnerable to dogs;
- (d) flora that are vulnerable to dogs;
- (e) pest control in any park, reserve and /or beach; and
- (f) other circumstance of a comparative nature to subclause 1.5 (a) to (e) inclusive.

In making or removing a temporary change to Schedule 1, 2 and 3 of the Marlborough District Council Dog Control Policy, the Council must –

- (a) have regard to section 1 of the Access to Public Places in the Marlborough District Council Dog Control Policy 2020;
- (b) specify in writing the reasons, location and timeframe that the temporary change is to apply to;
- (c) give public notice of the temporary change in a manner that the Council considers appropriate given the circumstances; and
- (d) Clearly indicate the area subject to the temporary change by 1 or more clearly legible notices affixed in 1 or more conspicuous places, on, or adjacent to, the place to which the notice relates, unless it is impractical or unreasonable to do so.

1.6 Controlled or Open Dog Areas under the Conservation Act 1987 and national parks under the National Parks Act 1980

No controlled or open dog areas, on lands administered by the Department of Conservation, have been declared under Part 5C of the Conservation Act 1987. There is a small portion of Nelson Lakes National Park in the Marlborough District where dogs are prohibited.

Further information on dog access on conservation land can be found via the following link www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/dog-access/where-can-i-take-my-dog/marlborough-dog-access/.

Permits may be sought from the local Department of Conservation office.

1.7 Disability Assist Dogs

Disability assist dogs have a special status in the Dog Control Act 1996 and are allowed in all public places, even those declared to be prohibited under Council's bylaws. They are also permitted in premises registered under the Health Act 1956, such as restaurants.

A disability assist dog is a dog certified by one of the following organisations as being a dog trained to assist (or as being a dog in training to assist) a person with a disability:

- (a) Hearing dogs for Deaf People New Zealand;
- (b) Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust;
- (c) New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust;
- (d) Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind;
- (e) K9 Medical Detection New Zealand;
- (f) Assistance Dogs New Zealand; and
- (g) Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust.

2. Education

Council recognises the importance of education to promote responsible dog ownership and dog safety awareness:

- (a) In owners, of their responsibilities and obligations as dog owners; and

- (b) In the public, of safety awareness around dogs.

Council will:

- Provide education to preschool, primary and intermediate school children on dog safety awareness;
- Offer dog safety awareness training to employees who regularly enter private properties;
- Promote responsible dog ownership and obligations when undertaking patrols;
- Promote dog obedience and dog owner education courses; and
- Educate dog owners on the risk to stock from sheep measles (taenia ovis) posed by dogs.

Information and education will be provided through brochures, websites, social media, newspapers and school education programmes.

3. Dog Fees and Charges

The Council sets dog registration and pound fees. These fees will be set and publicly notified annually before the beginning of each registration year.

Categories for which fees will be charged

Registration	Impounding	Miscellaneous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible dog owner • Standard dogs • Old dogs • Working dogs • Dangerous dogs • Late payment fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impounding • Second impounding • Third and subsequent impounding • Daily sustenance and care • Veterinarian costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Dog Licence • Destruction • Surrender • Replacement tags • Microchipping

The criteria for the various registration categories are detailed below.

Responsible Dog Owners (Category 1) includes all non-working dogs that meet all of the criteria below:

- (a) The dog has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; and
- (b) The dog has been neutered; and
- (c) The dog has not been classified as dangerous or menacing; and
- (d) The owner has not within the previous seven years been classified as probationary or been disqualified from owning a dog; and
- (e) The owner of the dog has not within the previous seven years been convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996; and
- (f) The owner of the dog has not, within the previous two years, committed any infringement offence under the Dog Control Act 1996.

Standard Dogs (Category 2) are all non-working dogs that do not meet all of the criteria of a Category 1 dog, a dangerous dog, or an old dog.

Old Dogs include any dog that means the criteria below:

- (a) The dog will be over 12 years old as of 1 July for the new registration year;
- (b) The dog does not have to be desexed;
- (c) The dog only has to be microchipped if registered for the first time on or after 1 July 2006 (as per section 36A of the Dog Control Act 1996);

- (d) There is no infringement under the Dog Control Act 1996 in the two previous registration years relating to the dog owned by the person applying for the registration; and
- (e) Dangerous dogs and working dogs are excluded from the old dog category status.

Working Dogs are defined in the Dog Control Act 1996. In brief, they include:

- (a) Disability assist dogs;
- (b) Various dogs used by government agencies (such as Police, Prisons, Department of Conservation and Customs) in the course of their duties;
- (c) Farm dogs (used solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock);
- (d) Dogs used to destroy pests or pest agents under pest management strategies made under the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
- (e) Dogs approved by Council to be a working dog.

Dangerous Dog category is required to pay 150 percent of the Standard Dog registration fee.

Note: a late penalty fee is charged (50% of the applicable registration fee) for any payments made on or after 1 August.

4. Classification of Dogs and Owners

4.1 Menacing Dogs

In accordance with section 33C of the Dog Control Act 1996 Council must classify any dogs belonging to the breed or type listed in Schedule 4 as menacing dogs. This includes the following breeds:

- American Pit Bull Terrier;
- Brazilian Fila;
- Dogo Argentino;
- Japanese Tosa; and
- Perro de Presa Canario.

As per section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996 Council may classify any other individual dog as menacing if the dog poses a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife because of the observed or reported behaviour of that dog.

As per section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996 menacing dogs must wear a muzzle when in public (except when confined completely in a vehicle or cage).

The classification of a dog as menacing is in force throughout New Zealand. The classification is noted in the National Dog Database which is accessible to all territorial authorities with dog control responsibilities.

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to state whether dogs classified as menacing are required to be neutered and, if so, whether the requirement applies to all such dogs. Council must also state whether dogs classified as menacing by another territorial authority and registered in Marlborough must be neutered.

Council's policy is that all dogs classified as menacing will be required to be neutered within one month of the notice of classification.

This applies to:

- All dogs classified as menacing by Council; and
- If a dog has been classified in another district, where it was not required to be neutered, but moves to the Marlborough District, it will be a requirement for the dog to be neutered within one month of residing in the Marlborough District.

In accordance with section 33D of the Dog Control Act 1996 the owner may within 14 days of receiving the notice of classification object in writing to the Council and has the right to be heard in support of the objection. If an owner objects to the classification, they must provide evidence that the dog is not of a breed or type listed in Schedule 4.

The Council Enforcement and Prosecution Committee will hear any objection and may either uphold or rescind the classification. The Committee in making its determination must consider:

- (a) The evidence which formed the basis for the classification; and
- (b) The matters relied on in support of the objection; and
- (c) Any other relevant matters.

The Committee, as soon as practicable, will give written notice to the owner of:

- (a) Its determination of the objection; and
- (b) The reasons for its determination.

4.2 Dangerous Dogs

In accordance with section 31 of the Dog Control Act 1996 Council must classify any dog as dangerous if:

- (a) The owner of the dog has been convicted of an offence in relation to the dog under section 57A(2); or
- (b) The Council has, on the basis of sworn evidence attesting to aggressive behaviour by the dog on one or more occasions, reasonable grounds to believe that the dog constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife; or
- (c) The owner of the dog admits in writing that the dog constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife.

Dogs classified as dangerous in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 are required to be neutered within one month of the notice of classification, have fencing requirements applied, and wear a muzzle and be on-leash in public.

The owner may within 14 days of receiving the notice of classification object in writing to the Council and has the right to be heard in support of the objection.

The Council's Enforcement and Prosecution Committee will hear any objection and may uphold or rescind the classification. The Committee in making its determination must consider;

- (a) The evidence which formed the basis for the classification; and
- (b) Any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons and animals; and
- (c) The matters relied on in support of the objection; and
- (d) Any other relevant matters.

The Committee as soon as practicable, will give written notice to the owner of:

- (a) Its determination of the objection; and
- (b) The reasons for its determination.

4.3 Probationary Owner Classification

In accordance with section 21 of the Dog Control Act 1996 Council may classify certain persons as a probationary owner.

This classification may be considered for any person who has received three or more infringement notices (not relating to a single incident or occasion) within a continuous 24 month period or any

person convicted of an offence under the Act (or other specified offences against the Animal Welfare Act 1999, the Conservation Act 1987 or the National Parks Act 1980).

Council will consider:

- In all situations classifying such persons as probationary owners.

Probationary classification has the following effects:

- The owner is not allowed to own any dogs other than dogs that were owned at the date of the relevant offence or date of the third infringement offence;
- The owner must dispose of any unregistered dogs; and
- Probation lasts for up to 24 months.

The Council may require a person that is classified as a probationary owner to undertake, at their own expense, a dog owner education programme or a dog obedience course (or both) that is approved by the Council.

Any owner classified as probationary may object to the classification in writing to the Council and has the right to be heard in support of the objection. An objection may be lodged at any time during the period of classification but no objection can be lodged within 12 months of hearing any previous objection to the classification.

The Council's Enforcement and Prosecution Committee will hear the objection and may uphold or rescind the classification. The Committee in making its determination must consider:

- (a) The circumstances and nature of the offence or offences in respect of which the classification was made; and
- (b) The competency of the person objecting in terms of responsible dog ownership; and
- (c) Any steps taken by the owner to prevent further offences including, but not limited to, the disposal of any dog or dogs or the fencing of the property on which the dog is kept; and
- (d) The matters advanced on in support of the objection; and
- (e) Any other relevant matters.

The Committee, as soon as practicable, will give written notice to the objector of:

- (a) Its determination of the objection; and
- (b) The reasons for its determination.

4.4 Disqualification

In accordance with section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996 Council must disqualify certain persons from being a dog owner, but not where Council considers disqualification is not warranted or where Council will instead classify the person as a Probationary Owner.

The Council must disqualify any person from owning a dog if they have committed three or more infringement offences (not relating to a single incident or occasion) within a continuous 24 month period or disqualify any person convicted of an offence under the Act (or other specified offences against the Animal Welfare Act 1999, the Conservation Act 1987 or the National Parks Act 1980).

Council will consider:

- In all situations disqualifying such persons.

Disqualification has the following effects:

- The owner must dispose of all dogs they own;
- The owner cannot own any more dogs; and

- Disqualification lasts for up to five years.

Any person who is disqualified from owning a dog may object to the disqualification in writing to the Council and has the right to be heard in support of the objection. An objection may be lodged at any time during the period of classification but no objection can be lodged within 12 months of hearing any previous objection to the classification.

The Council's Enforcement and Prosecution Committee will hear the objection and may uphold the disqualification, bring forward the date of termination or immediately terminate the disqualification. The Committee in making its determination must consider;

- (a) The circumstances and nature of the offence or offences in respect of which the person was disqualified; and
- (b) The competency of the person objecting in terms of responsible dog ownership; and
- (c) Any steps taken by the owner to prevent further offences; and
- (d) The matters advanced in support of the objection; and
- (e) Any other relevant matters.

The Committee is required to give the objector written notice of its decision, the reasons for it and inform them of the right of appeal under section 27 of the Act (which provides a right of further appeal to the District Court for if the objector is dissatisfied with the Council's decision on the objection to their disqualification).

5. Bylaws

Council must create bylaws to give effect to this Policy. The Council Dog Control Bylaw has been enacted and it is intended that the Bylaw will reflect this Policy.

The Act lists the matters for which bylaws may be made. Council's Bylaw applies to all dog owners and will be enforced using the range of enforcement mechanisms available to Council, such as infringement notices and prosecutions open to Council. Specific enforcement mechanisms are also provided for in the Bylaw.

Council has identified the following issues for which the Dog Control Bylaw will be created:

- Dogs are required to wear current registration tags;
- Dog owners are required to dispose of dog faeces deposited in public places;
- Female dogs in season and diseased dogs must be contained and are prohibited from public places;
- Dog owners keeping more than two dogs require a multiple dog property licence in most circumstances;
- Dog owners must meet minimum standards for keeping and caring for dogs;
- Dogs in or on vehicles must be adequately restrained and cared for;
- Council may require neutering of dogs not kept under control on multiple occasions;
- Impounded dogs will not be released until the dog is registered and all fees and costs paid;
- Dogs must be sufficiently contained within its owner's property;
- Dog owners must comply with the restrictions on dog access in public places;
- Dogs that are classified as menacing or dangerous must be neutered within one month;
- Temporary changes to dog access; and
- Non-walkers exercising dogs.

6. Offences and Penalties

Every person who commits a breach of any of the Dog Control Act 1996 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or be issued with an infringement notice of \$300.

Dog Control Officers can issue infringement notices for particular offences under the Dog Control Act 1996. The infringement offences and fees are set in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Dog Control Act 1996. Infringement notice fines range from \$100 to \$750 and the Council has no discretion to change these.

Council will:

- Use the infringement notice process for breaches;
- Consider probationary owner classification or disqualification for repeat offenders; and
- Consider prosecution for more serious breaches.

Schedule 1 - Dog Prohibited Areas

District Wide Dogs are prohibited in the following areas except where the dog is in or on a vehicle in accordance with Clause 10 of the Bylaw:

- (a) At all sports grounds or parks including the playing fields and their immediate surrounds and car parks.
Note: there are some exceptions where dogs are allowed on-leash on parts of grounds which have conditions specified in relation to a particular sports ground; and
- (b) At all cemeteries including their car parks; and
- (c) At any children's playground dogs must be 3 metres away from the outside edge safety surfacing (external to the playground) irrespective of the area being a dog on-leash or dog off-leash area
Note: where this is not physically possible dogs must be on-leash on the formed pathway or footpath (except in dog prohibited areas); and
- (d) At all museums and halls including their grounds and car parks; and
- (e) At all war memorials including their grounds and car parks; and
- (f) On any public conservation land including the foreshore unless authorised by this Bylaw, by the Department of Conservation, or where the owner has a permit from the Department of Conservation.

The following table identifies areas of the Marlborough District where dogs are prohibited at all times. The maps should be viewed in order to determine the exact location of restrictions.

Dog Prohibited Areas - Blenheim

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
<p>Athletic Park</p> <p>Including the grounds that surround the enclosed oval except that dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway when taking a direct route solely to access the Taylor riverbank from Brewer and Stratford Streets.</p> <p>Note: dogs are allowed on-leash in the arboretum area south west of the oval.</p>	Brewer Street and Stratford Street
<p>A & P Park</p> <p>The whole of the park including the car parks except that dogs are allowed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual A & P Show; • Any authorised dog obedience courses; • Any other activities as authorised in writing by Council. 	Maxwell Road and Alabama Road
Awarua Park	Rapaura Road
Beacon Road Reserve	Beacon Road
Blackmore Reserve – southern end	Blackmore Place
Blenheim Skate Park	Horton Street
Brayshaw Museum Park	Arthur Baker Place
<p>Churchward Park</p> <p>Except that dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway and solely to access the riverbank from Maxwell Road. A direct route must be taken.</p>	Taylor Pass Road
College Park	Stephenson Street
Covent Gardens Reserve	Brandon Mews and Covent Gardens

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Harling Park Fenced Japanese Garden Note: dogs are allowed off-leash in the balance of the park.	Howick Road and Solway Drive
Horton Park	Redwood Street and Stephenson Street
Lansdowne Park	Lansdowne Street
Mark Smith Reserve	Turnbull Drive
Oliver Park	Weld, Cleghorn and Bythell Streets
Omaka Landing	Spitfire Drive and Kittyhawk Road
Pollard Park, Churchill Glade and Waterlea Gardens – Baden Powell corner grassed area, BBQ picnic areas and the children's playground. Note dogs are allowed on-leash on the balance of Pollard Park, Churchill Glade and Waterlea Gardens.	Parker Street
Pollard Park Golf Course	Parker Street and McLaughlan Street
Railway Station Reserve	Railway Station
Rewi Murray Polo Park Except that dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway on the eastern boundary and solely to access the Sutherland Stream walkway. A direct route must be taken.	Redwood Street and Alabama Road
Riverlands Reserve	State Highway 1
Stadium 2000 Pocket Park	Kinross Street
Seymour Square	Bounded by Seymour, Alfred, Henry and High Streets
Whitehead Park From the sports fields (being croquet and bowling greens). Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on the balance of the park and on the formed pathway on the eastern boundary and to access the Sutherland Stream walkway.	Brooklyn Drive
Wither Hills Farm Park Including the Mountain Bike Tracks and Taylor Pass Road car park but does not include the Redwood Street car park or the Sutherland Stream Reserve.	Taylor Pass Road, Rifle Range Place, Forest Park Drive, Grigg Drive, Rifle Range car park, Quail Stream car park, Solway Drive, Weld Street, Redwood Street, Fyffe Street, Dry Hills Lane and Cob Cottage Road.

Dog Prohibited Areas - Picton, Waikawa and Koromiko

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Collins Memorial Reserve and Koromiko Forest Reserve	Freeths Road off State Highway 1, Koromiko
Endeavour Park Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on the Joseph Sullivan Drive footpath to access various tracks.	Waikawa Road
Memorial Park Entranceway Except that dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway.	Waikawa Road and Picton Marina

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Parklands Reserve	Tui Drive and Fantail Heights
Picton Foreshore Reserve Including the car park and the beach adjacent to the Reserve. Note: dogs are permitted on-leash only to access jetties and boat berthing facilities.	London Quay
Picton Skate Park	Wairau Street and Auckland Street
Queen Charlotte Drive Lookout Except dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway.	Queen Charlotte Drive
Shelly Beach Reserve – on the grassed picnic area. Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on the beach and on the road leading to the Bob's Bay Track.	Access from Picton Marina entrance, Waikawa Road
Victoria Domain Reserves Including on the designated mountain biking tracks. Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on the roadways and formed walking tracks, shared walking and biking tracks. Note: dogs are allowed off-leash on the lower Picton to Waikawa Track (but not on Endeavour Park).	Surrey, Sussex and Leicester Streets, Waikawa Road, Shelly Beach and Picton Marina
Waikawa Bay Foreshore Reserve the grassed area, playground and adjacent beach. Note: dogs are permitted on-leash in the balance of the reserve only to access jetties and boat launching facilities.	Waikawa Bay

Dog Prohibited Areas - Marlborough Sounds and Havelock

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Canvastown Hall Grounds and Playground	State Highway 6, Canvastown
Havelock Domain/Memorial Park	Neil Street, Havelock
Havelock Wetland	State Highway 6, Havelock (on the left of the long straight heading west out of Havelock)
Oyster Bay Reserve	Oyster Bay, Port Underwood

Dog Prohibited Areas - Rai Valley

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Rai Valley Arboretum and Memorial	State Highway 6, Rai Valley

Dog Prohibited Areas - Renwick

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Hammond Reserve	River Terrace
Renwick Domain	Uxbridge Street
Vorbach Reserve	Vorbach Place

Dog Prohibited Areas - Seddon, Ward and Awatere Valley

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Seddon Domain	Redwood, Seymour and Foster Streets
Mill Street Reserves	Mill Street and Wakefield Street, Seddon
<p>Ward Beach</p> <p>North beyond Chancet Rocks to Marfells Beach and south beyond Needles Point to the Marlborough District Council boundary.</p> <p>Note: Dogs are allowed on-leash in the car park and on Ward Beach, north of the boat launching area to Chancet Rocks and south of the boat launching area to Needles Point.</p> <p>Note: Dogs are allowed off-leash on the Ward Beach boat launching area.</p>	Ward Beach Road

Dog Prohibited Areas - Tua Marina, Spring Creek and Rapaura

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Rapaura Recreation and Memorial Reserve	Rapaura Road
Wairau Affray - Tua Marina	Pioneer Place, State Highway 1

Schedule 2 - Dog On-Leash Areas

Dogs are allowed in the following areas, provided they are kept under continuous control by means of a leash which is secured or held by a person physically capable of restraining the dog so that the dog cannot break loose.

District Wide

Note: At any children's playground dogs must be 3 metres away from the outside edge safety surfacing (external to the playground) irrespective of the area being a dog on leash area. Where this is not physically possible dogs must be on-leash on the formed pathway or footpath (except in dog prohibited playgrounds).

The following table identifies areas of the Marlborough District where dogs are allowed on-leash. The maps should be viewed in order to determine the exact location of restrictions.

Dog On-Leash Areas - Blenheim

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Athletic Park In the arboretum area south west of the oval and on the formed pathway when taking a direct route solely to access the Taylor riverbank from Brewer and Stratford Streets. Note: dogs are prohibited on the grounds that surround the enclosed oval.	Brewer Street and Stratford Street.
Ballinger Park	Ballinger Drive
Blackmore Reserve grassed area Note: dogs are prohibited from the southern end.	Blackmore Place
Blenheim Central Business District including the Quays	
Brian Soper Reserve	Taylor Pass Road, Maeburn Street and Turnbull Drive
Burleigh Park	Burleigh Road
Camborne Green Camborne Street Link and eastern end of Camborne Street.	Tremorne Avenue
Cedar Grove Reserve	Cedar Grove, Manatu Place and Faulkland Drive
Clearwater Place Reserve	Clearwater Place
Dalton Reserve	Elizabeth Street
Eltham Road Reserve (Girl Guide Hut site)	Eltham Road
Elmwood Avenue Reserve	Elmwood Avenue
Eric Young Reserve	Robalan Place and Westhaven Place
Faulkland Drive Reserve	Faulkland Drive (opposite Rata Place)
George Powell Reserve	Regent Place and Fyffe Street
George Young Reserve	Harwood Place and Elmwood Avenue
Glenhill Heights Reserve	Kim Crescent and Elisha Drive
Henderson Street Reserve Except that dogs may be off-leash past the children's playground and over the stop bank to the Ōpaoa River Walkway.	Henderson Street

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Hitaua Place Reserve	Hitaua Place and Harakeke Place
Holdaway Street Reserve	Holdaway Street and Merlot Place
Kensington Reserve	Windsor Close and Kensington Place
Leafmere Reserve	Wither Road and Hope Drive
Manor Place Reserve	Redwood Street (opposite Nikau Drive)
Marlborough Ridge Reserve	Marlborough Ridge Reserve
McKendry Park	Orchard Lane and Aston Street
Morrington Terrace Reserve	Weld Street
Omaka Reserve	Lancaster Avenue
Pollard Park, Churchill Glade and Waterlea Gardens Note: dogs are prohibited from the Baden Powell corner grassed area, BBQ picnic areas and the children's playground.	Parker Street
Rata Park	Taylor Pass and Wither Road
Rema Reserve	Hope Drive and Lester Place
Rose Manor Reserve	Rembrandt Drive
Rutledge Reserve	Rutledge Drive and Magnolia Drive
Snowden Crescent Reserve	Snowden Crescent
Springlands Green	Middle Renwick and Battys Roads
Sutherland Stream Between Hospital Road and Alabama Road alongside the eastern boundary of Rewi Murray Polo Park and Whitehead Park.	Alabama Road, Brooklyn Drive and Hospital Road
Note: dogs are allowed off-leash between Hospital Road and Wither Hills, Redwood Street car park.	
Taylor River and Riverside Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along the true right bank of the river (Blenheim town centre side), from the Henry Street Bridge to the Sinclair Street rail bridge; and • Along the true left bank of the river from the Alfred Street Bridge (Leeds Quay) to the Sinclair Street rail bridge. • Note: dogs are allowed off-leash along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) of the Taylor River from the Taylor Dam to the Henry Street Bridge. • Note: dogs are allowed off-leash from the Sinclair Street rail bridge (Blenheim town centre side) to Stuart Street. • Note: dogs are allowed off-leash along the true left bank (west side) of the Taylor River from Meadow Bank Road to the Alfred Street Bridge. • Note: dogs are allowed off-leash from the Sinclair Street rail bridge (west side) to the formed pathway that connects to Snowden Crescent 	Taylor Pass Road, Meadowbank Road, Turnbull Drive, George Conroy Drive, Wither Road, Rosina Corlett Lane, Richardson Avenue, Spitfire Drive, New Renwick Road, Burleigh Road, Leitrim Street, Rogers Street, Brewer Street, Stratford Street, Monro Street, Purkiss Street, Brook Street, Boyce Street, Beaver Road, White Street, Henry Street, Hutcheson Street, Nelson Street, Stuart Street, Opawa Street, Auckland Street, Park Terrace, Snowden Crescent, Horton Street, High Street, Symon Street, John Street, Seymour Street, Sinclair Street, Leeds Quay and Alfred Street
Taylor Dam Including the forest area south of the locked gates.	Taylor Pass Road

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Whitehead Park Note: dogs are prohibited from the sports fields (being croquet and bowling greens) and on-leash for the balance of the park and on the formed pathway on the eastern boundary and solely to access Sutherland Stream walkway.	Brooklyn Drive
Yee Reserve	Hutcheson Street over the road from Lansdowne Park

Dog On-Leash Areas - Picton, Waikawa and Koromiko

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Bob's Bay Reserve	Beach and Waikawa Roads
Memorial Park Entranceway On the formed pathway only and a direct route through must be taken. Note: dogs are prohibited from the grassed area.	Waikawa Road and Picton Marina
Nelson Square	Nelson Square
Picton Central Business District, Town Basin and Fisherman's Reserve - includes car parks	Multiple access points including Picton Marina (Coathanger Bridge), Waikawa Road and surrounding streets
Queen Charlotte Drive Lookout Only on the formed pathway.	Queen Charlotte Drive
Scotland Street Reserve	Scotland Street
Shelly Beach Reserve On the beach and on the formed road to access the Bob's Bay Track. Note: dogs are prohibited on the grassed picnic area at Shelly Beach.	Access from Picton Marina entrance, Waikawa Road
Victoria Domain Reserves On roadways and formed walking tracks, shared walking and biking tracks. Note: dogs are prohibited from the mountain bike tracks and the balance of the domain. Note: dogs are allowed off-leash on the lower Picton to Waikawa track (but not on Endeavour Park).	Surrey Street, Sussex Street, Waikawa Road, Leicester Street, Shelly Beach, Picton Marina, Snout Track and Bob's Bay
Waikawa Bay Foreshore Reserve Only to access jetties and boat launching facilities. Note: dogs are prohibited in the grassed area, playground and adjacent beach.	Waikawa Road
Waikawa Stream Picnic Area	Waikawa and Boons Valley Roads

Dog On-Leash Areas - Marlborough Sounds and Havelock

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Bay of Many Coves Reserve	Arthurs Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound
Cissy Bay Reserve	Cissy Bay Road, Cissy Bay, Pelorus Sound
Double Bay Reserve From Moetapu Road to the beach	Moetapu Road, Double Bay, Kenepuru Sound
Havelock Camping Ground	24 Inglis Street, Havelock
Havelock Quay Picnic Area	Havelock Quay, Havelock
Kenepuru Head Reserve	Kenepuru Road, Kenepuru Sound
Log Wharf Reserve	State Highway 6, Havelock (opposite Old Coach Road)
Maraetai Bay Esplanade Reserve	Maraetai Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound
Moetapu Bay Reserve	Moetapu Bay Road, Moetapu Bay, Mahau Sound
Motuweka/Havelock Pathway	Havelock Quay, Mahakipawa Road and Inglis Street, Havelock
Ohingaroa Bay Reserve	Kenepuru Road, Kenepuru Sound
Okiwi Bay Esplanade Reserves	Okiwi Bay, Croiselles Harbour
Sandy Bay Reserve	Sandy Bay, Kenepuru Sound
Tunnickliffe Reserve	Okiwi Bay, Croiselles Harbour
Waterfall Track	Havelock
Whatanihi Bay Reserve	Whatanihi Bay, Mahau Sound
Whangataura Bay Esplanade Reserve	Whangataura Bay, Port Underwood
Whenuanui Bay Esplanade Reserve	Whenuanui Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound

Dog On-Leash Areas - Rai Valley

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Alfred Stream Reserve	State Highway 6
Brown River Reserve	State Highway 6 and French Pass Road
Rai Stream Reserve	Bryants Road

Dog On-Leash Areas - Renwick

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Kowhai Drive Reserve	Kowhai Drive and Chante Crescent
Rousehill Reserve	Kirk Street, Rushleigh Crescent and Alison Crescent

Dog On-Leash Areas - Seddon, Ward and Awatere Valley

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Fearon Reserve	Fearon Street, Seddon
Mills Street Reserve	State Highway 1, Seddon
Newcombe Street Berm	Newcombe Street and Marama Road, Seddon
Ward Domain	State Highway 1, Ward
<p>Ward Beach</p> <p>In the car park and on the Ward Beach, north of the boat launching area to Chancet Rocks and south of the boat launching area to Needles Point.</p> <p>Note: Dogs are allowed off-leash on the Ward Beach boat launching area</p> <p>Note: Dogs are prohibited on the Ward Beach north beyond Chancet Rocks to Marfells Beach and south beyond Needles Point to the Marlborough District Council boundary.</p>	Ward Beach Road

Dog On-Leash Areas - Spring Creek, Grovetown and Rapaura

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Ferry Bridge Picnic Area	Wairau Bar Road and Bothams Bend Road, Spring Creek
Grovetown Lagoon Reserves	Steam Wharf Road, Grovetown
Grovetown Reserve	Vickerman Street, Grovetown
Kahikatea Reserve	State Highway 1, Spring Creek
Marlborough Equestrian Park	Bothams Bend, Spring Creek
Upper Spring Creek Lions Reserve	Rapaura Road, Spring Creek (the grassed area alongside Rapaura Road, beside Spring Creek from State Highway 1 to Spring Creek Camping Ground)

Dog On-Leash Areas - Wairau Valley

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Wairau Valley Golf Course and Recreation Reserve	Morse Street, Wairau Valley Township
Wairau Valley Loop Track	State Highway 63, Church Lane, Keith Coleman Lane and Morse Street

Schedule 3 - Dog Off-Leash Areas

Dogs are permitted off-leash in the following areas, provided they are under control at all times, and the person responsible for the dog has a bag to immediately remove fouling and a leash with them.

District Wide

All beaches with the exception of those areas specifically identified as Dog Prohibited or Dog On-Leash Areas, as well as the foreshore of Maud Island and Stephens Island (Takapourewa) any land prohibited under the Conservation Act 1987 from being an “open dog” area, any National Park, or any area otherwise prohibited by the Department of Conservation.

All river berms owned or administered by Council except those areas specifically identified as Dog Prohibited Areas or Dog On-Leash areas.

Note: At any children’s playground dogs must be 3 metres away from the outside edge safety surfacing (external to the playground) irrespective of the area being a dog off-leash area. Where this is not physically possible dogs must be on-leash on the formed pathway or footpath (except in dog prohibited playgrounds).

The following table identifies exercise areas of the Marlborough District where dogs are allowed off-leash. The maps should be viewed in order to determine the exact location of restrictions.

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Blenheim

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Ching Park	Endeavour Street
Dillons Point River Reserve	Dillons Point Road, behind the Nelson Street roundabout
Fultons Creek Reserve	Kingwell Drive
Harling Park and walkway to Elmwood Avenue. Note: dogs are prohibited from the fenced Japanese Gardens.	Howick Road
Marshall Place Reserve including the riverside area	Marshall Place
Murphys Reserve	Horne Place and Kingwell Drive
Henderson Street Reserve Except that dogs must be on-leash in the area going past the children’s playground	Henderson Street and Harakeke Place
Ōpaoa Walkway Reserve	Access from Ching Park and Henderson Street Reserve
Sheps Park	Severne Street
Sutherland Stream Reserve Between Hospital Road and the Wither Hills Redwood Street car park. Note: dogs are allowed on-leash between Hospital Road and Alabama Road alongside the eastern boundary of Rewi Murray Polo Park and Whitehead Park.	Elisha and Glenhill Drives, Hospital Road and Wither Road, Brilyn Crescent and Redwood Street

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
<p>Taylor River:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) of the Taylor River from the Taylor Dam to the Henry Street Bridge. • From the Sinclair Street rail bridge (Blenheim town centre side) to Stuart Street. • Along the true left bank (west side) of the Taylor River from Meadow Bank Road to the Alfred Street Bridge. • From the Sinclair Street rail bridge (west side) to the formed pathway that connected to Snowden Crescent. • Note: Dogs are allowed on-leash along the true right bank of the river (Blenheim town centre side), from the Henry Street Bridge to the Sinclair Street rail bridge; and • Note: Dogs are allowed on-leash along the true left bank of the river from the Alfred Street Bridge (Leeds Quay) to the Sinclair Street rail bridge. 	<p>Taylor Pass Road, Meadowbank Road, Turnbull Drive, George Conroy Drive, Wither Road, Rosina Corlett Lane, Richardson Avenue, Spitfire Drive, New Renwick Road, Burleigh Road, Leitrim Street, Rogers Street, Brewer Street, Stratford Street, Monro Street, Purkiss Street, Brook Street, Boyce Street, Beaver Road, White Street, Henry Street, Hutcheson Street, Nelson Street, Stuart Street, Opawa Street, Auckland Street, Park Terrace, Snowden Crescent, Horton Street, High Street, Symon Street, John Street, Seymour Street, Sinclair Street, Leeds Quay and Alfred Street</p>

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Picton, Waikawa and Koromiko

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
<p>Auckland Street Reserve Except dogs are prohibited on the Picton Skate Park.</p>	<p>Auckland and Scotland Streets, Wairau Road and Heather Place</p>
<p>Beach Road Reserve</p>	<p>Beach and Waikawa Roads</p>
<p>Endeavour Heights Reserve</p>	<p>Ranui Street, Rohe Drive, Glentui and Admiralty Places</p>
<p>Esson's Valley Tracks - Humphries Dam and Barnes Dam Tracks</p>	<p>Garden Terrace</p>
<p>Memorial Park - entrance via Surrey Street</p>	<p>Waikawa Road, Hampden Street and the Picton to Waikawa Walkway, Picton Marina</p>
<p>Moana View Reserve</p>	<p>Moana View Terrace and Boons Valley Road</p>
<p>Rimu Terrace Reserve</p>	<p>Rimu Terrace</p>
<p>Tirohanga Track</p>	<p>Newgate Street and Garden Terrace</p>
<p>Victoria Domain Reserves - On the lower Picton to Waikawa track (but not on Endeavour Park). Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on roadways and formed shared walking and biking tracks. Note: dogs are prohibited from the mountain bikes racks and the balance of the domain.</p>	
<p>Waitohi Domain</p>	<p>Dublin Street</p>

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Marlborough Sounds and Havelock

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Hakahaka Bay Esplanade Reserve	Port Underwood
Kaimiko Stream Reserve	Okiwi Bay
Ruataniwha Place Reserve	Okiwi Bay
Tirimoana Reserve	Tirimoana, Anakiwa

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Renwick

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Renwick Dog Park	State Highway 6 and Foxes Island Road
Lions Reserve	Hawkesbury Road

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Riverlands

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Simonsen Reserve	Malthouse Road, off State Highway 1

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Seddon and Awatere Valley

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Blairich Reserve	Awatere Valley Road
Flemings Road Esplanade Reserve	Seaview Road, Seddon

Dog Off-Leash Areas - Wairau River

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
Wairau River banks and bed downstream of the confluence with the Waihopai River, including the banks of the Diversion but not leased land where the public is excluded.	

Dog Off-Leash Areas – Ward Beach

Name of Public Place	Location/Access
<p>Ward Beach – on the Ward Beach boat launching area.</p> <p>Note: Dogs are allowed on-leash in the car park and on Ward Beach, north of the boat launching area to Chancet Rocks and south of the boat launching area to Needles Point.</p> <p>Note: Dogs are prohibited on the Ward Beach north beyond Chancet Rocks to Marfells Beach and south beyond Needles Point to the Marlborough District Council boundary.</p>	Ward Beach Road