

How should we manage dogs?

Did you know the Kaipara District Council is proposing to amend the rules for dogs in the District?

The Council wants to know what you think of these rules which will control:

- Where dogs need to be on leashes
- Where dogs are not allowed
- How many dogs a person can keep in urban areas

Please read this brochure which outlines the main proposals the Council is seeking feedback on or visit: www.kaipara.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Kia ora, I'm Kuri, I've marked the important info with my paw



Where can you walk your dog?

Proposal

Council is proposing amendments to the places where dogs can be walked off leash, on leash and where they are not allowed.

One of the most notable proposed changes is that dogs will be required to be on a leash when in urban streets across the District unless the Policy or Bylaw specifically states otherwise. This is an extension of the existing rules which require dogs to be on a leash in some busy urban streets. Extending this rule to all urban streets is intended to reduce confusion over where the rules apply as well as capturing best practice.

Most dog owners already walk their dogs on a leash in these areas given the danger to dogs from traffic. In addition, walking a dog along a footpath creates the likelihood that the dog may encounter other pedestrians with little space to pass each other. In such situations, even well behaved dogs can be perceived as intimidating by some; particularly children and the elderly.

Proposal

Simplifying when rules apply

Currently there are rules stating when dogs are prohibited, required to be on a leash or allowed to be off a leash. These vary with the time of year and time of day in the Dargaville Central Business District and Mangawhai Heads. This is confusing. To make it easier for everyone, dogs will be allowed in these areas anytime so long as they are on a leash.



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Get more info and have your say

The following information is available on Council's website at www.kaipara.govt.nz/haveyoursay

- The current Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw 2009
- The Draft Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw 2019
- The Statement of Proposal
- Maps showing proposed on-leash, off-leash and prohibited areas for dogs.

Have your say by 10 April 2019. Fill in a feedback form or complete an online submission at <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/haveyoursay>

When you provide feedback, let us know if you would like to speak about your submission at a public hearing. The Mayor and Councillors will consider your feedback before finalising the Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw 2019.

What else is proposed?

Recommended off leash areas

Proposal

While there are many areas in the District where dogs can be walked off a leash, the following will be promoted as good places for off leash activities:

- **Mangawhai** – Mangawhai Community Park.
- **Mangawhai** – the beach north of the Mangawhai Heads Reserve.
- **Kaiwaka** – the reserve on the corner of Settlement Road and State Highway 1.
- **Pahi** – the area of beach north of the area known as Dems Road.
- **Dargaville** – Northern Wairoa Memorial Park (when the fields are not being used for sports).
- **Ripiro Beach** – anywhere as far south as the southern end of lake Wairere other than the on-leash areas adjoining Glinks Gully and Baylys.
- **Te Kopuru** – Te Kopuru Domain.

All areas not shown to be prohibited or on-leash areas are considered to be off-leash areas.

Other key areas include:

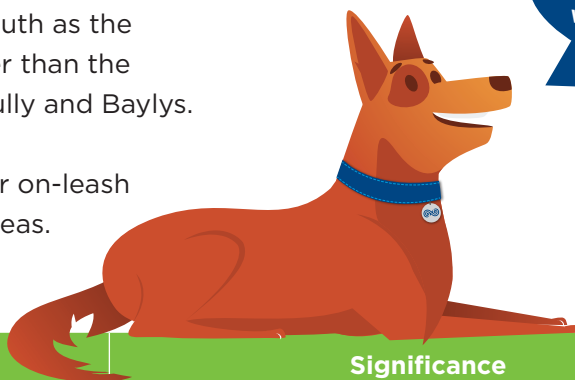
Two dog limit per property

Proposal

No more than two dogs per property will be allowed in urban areas without a permit from the Council.

The current rules allow for more than two dogs if the additional dogs are less than three months old. The proposal is to limit the number of dogs to two, regardless of their age. This closes a loophole that previously allowed people to breed dogs in urban areas.

Where a person wants to have more than two dogs in an urban area, they can apply for a permit. This gives Council the opportunity to inspect the property, talk to neighbours and check that additional dogs can be properly catered for without causing a nuisance.



Remember to have your say at www.kaipara.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Areas when rules apply	Significance	Dog access status
Within 10 metres of all public playgrounds except where there is an approved fence separating the dog from the playground.	Some children can find dogs intimidating, particularly when they rush at them and try to lick their faces.	Prohibited
Mangawhai cliffs track.	The track is narrow in places allowing little space for dogs and people to pass. Dogs may also worry stock.	On-leash
Mangawhai Sand Spit Beach down to Mean Low Water Springs.	This is one of the last breeding sites of the New Zealand fairy tern/tara iti. This is possibly the most endangered bird in New Zealand.	Prohibited
Mangawhai Camp Ground (Alamar Crescent).	This follows numerous complaints about dogs in the camp ground.	Prohibited
The shopping complex on the corner of Wood Street and Fagan Place, Mangawhai.	Dogs are currently prohibited from this area. As Council has not received any requests from the community to change this, no amendment is proposed.	Prohibited
Paparoa – the Village Green.	Dogs are currently prohibited from this area. As Council has not received any requests from the community to change this, no amendment is proposed.	Prohibited
Pou Tu Te Rangi Pa.	This pa is of great significance to local Iwi as it was the home of their tupuna (ancestors). Dogs defecating on this reserve is deeply offensive.	Prohibited
Harding Park and Old Mt Wesley Cemetery.	Pou Tu Te Rangi was an extensive Pa and once covered all of the Harding Park area. Dogs should be minded closely when in this area.	On-leash
Kai Iwi Lakes (Taharoa Domain).	This is a kiwi area.	Prohibited

There is more on the website www.kaipara.govt.nz/haveyoursay – This is just a subset of the dog access areas included in Schedule 1 of the Draft Policy. In addition, all proposed changes and the reasons for them are listed in the Statement of Proposal.