



## FACT SHEET 2 - DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS

### Why exercise your dogs at an off-leash area?

Dog off leash areas provide wide open spaces that allow your dogs to get physical exercise & mental stimulation.

The off leash areas provide a safe and secure environment to exercise your dog whilst off-leash.

Frequent interactions with other dogs increase social skills, resulting in a decrease level of aggression and a happy healthy pet.

Dog owners are afforded the opportunity to interact with other people, increasing the cohesiveness of our communities.



### What are the benefits for the community?

A visit to the off-leash area provides opportunities for the whole family to be in the outdoors, and it's free.

Responsible pet ownership is encouraged as the community has a wide open space to exercise their dogs without the impacts on others that can occur in other parks and outdoor areas.



### What are the rules?

1. Responsible pet ownership must be exercised at all times.
2. Dangerous, menacing restricted or potentially aggressive dogs are prohibited.
3. All dogs must remain under supervision and be under effective voice command.
4. Dogs are to wear their current registration tags.
5. Noise is to be kept to a minimum.
6. Gates are to be kept closed behind you.
7. Dogs are to be placed back on their leash when leaving the off-leash area.
8. Owners must clean up their dogs faeces.
9. Contact with the fence must be avoided.

### Further advice

You should ensure that your dog has current vaccinations & is routinely treated for worms. Diseases & parasites are able to survive in the environment and the best method of control is prevention

For further information, contact Council:

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